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## New Directions in Political Economy Workshop



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February 19-21, 2016

Stanford Humanities Center &  
History Corner

## Friday, February 19th

History Corner (Bldg. 200), Room 307

**8:45-9:30 – Breakfast**

**9:30-10:00 – Introductions to New Directions in Political Economy**

*Chair – Ahmad Shokr*

**10:00-12:30 – Panel 1: Capitalism and Agrarian Development**

*Discussant: Toby Jones*

**Max Ajl** – U.S. Food Aid and the Green Revolution

**Mélisande Genat** – Iraqi Kurdish Collective Towns During the Seventies in the Context of Socialist "Villagization"

**Vladimir Hamed-Troyansky** – A Refugee Country: Land, Commerce, and Development of the Amman Region, 1878-1914

**12:30-2:00 – Lunch**

**2:00-3:30 – Discussion of Readings**

*Animators: Firat Bozçali and Meade Klingensmith*

Sven Beckert, *Empire of Cotton: A Global History*

**3:30-4:00 – Coffee Break**

**4:00-5:30 – Position Papers**

*Respondents: Zachary Lockman and Joel Beinin*

**Ahmad Shokr and Aaron Jakes** – Empire Without Value? Respinning Histories of Capitalism

**Julia Elyachar** – What's Wrong with "Political Economy of the Middle East" (with Apologies to Bruno Latour)

**6:30 – Dinner at Anatolian Kitchen**

## Saturday, February 20th

Stanford Humanities Center Boardroom

**8:45-9:15 – Breakfast**

**9:15-11:00 – Panel 2: Palestine and Global Capitalism**

*Discussants: Ziad Abu Rish and Charles Anderson*

**Kristen Alff** – Europe as Object: Levantine Joint-Stock Companies, Land, Law, and Global Capital

**Basma Fahoum** – Arab Palestinian Tobacco Cultivation under the British Rule, 1920-1948

**11:00-12:30 – Discussion of Readings**

*Animators: Paul Amar and Max Ajl*

James Ferguson, *Give a Man a Fish*, Ch. 1.

Jason W. Moore, "Transcending the Metabolic Rift: A Theory of Crises in the Capitalist World-Ecology," *Journal of Peasant Studies*.

Vivek Chibber, *Postcolonial Theory and the Specter of Capital*, Ch. 2-4.

**12:30-1:30 – Lunch**

**1:30 – 3:00 – Discussion: How to Understand the "Arab Spring"**

*Animators: Hesbam Sallam, Sherene Seikaly, and Adam Hanieh*

**3:00-4:00 – Coffee Break**

**4:00-5:30 – Geographies of Oil and Power**  
*Discussant: Adam Hanieh*

**Brandon Wolfe-Hunnicut** – Oil, the Baath, and the Limits of American Corporatism in Iraq, 1963-1968

**Joel Beinin and Toby Jones** – Atlas of Oil Project

**5:30-6:15 – Mapping Cairo Project**

*Caroline Abadeer, Scott Williamson, Alexandra Domike Blackman*

**6:45 – Dinner at Three Seasons**

## Sunday, February 21st

Stanford Humanities Center Boardroom

**8:45-9:15 – Breakfast**

**9:15-11:15 – Wrap-up: Future projects and directions**