



POLITICAL ECONOMY PROJECT

SUMMER INSTITUTE

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7-10 June 2019

George Mason University
Fairfax, VA

Dear Participants:

On behalf of the Political Economy Project Pedagogy Working Group, we are happy to welcome you to the **2019 Middle East Political Economy Summer Institute** at George Mason University. This multidisciplinary summer institute is intended to address the needs of doctoral students and scholars researching the Middle East who may not have received formal instruction in critical political economy at their own institutions.

The goals of the summer institute are to help foster critical political economy approaches to the study of the region by bringing together select faculty leaders and student participants for four days of intensive discussion of key texts in critical political economy. In addition to the faculty-led sessions on topics such as state formation, imperialism, and labor, students will be presenting and receiving feedback on their current research projects.

The Political Economy Summer Institute is a step towards creating a community of scholars working within the tradition of critical political economy on issues of historical and contemporary relevance to the Middle East. Information on faculty and student participants can be found below. More detailed information, including participant bios, student research narratives, and the institute reading list can be found on the Summer Institute page [here](#) (password: madrasababy). Selected sessions and student presentations will be recorded, with speakers' permission, and made available on the Audio Journal, [Status/الوضع](#). The summer institute is sponsored by the Arab Studies Institute and George Mason University.

Below is important logistical information about your stay, followed by the agenda for the summer institute. For information about the summer institute or the Pedagogy Working Group, please contact: pedagogy@politicaleconomyproject.org.

Hotel and Food

If a participant has been booked a hotel room at the below Courtyard Fair Oaks Marriott for the duration of the institute, this is the address:

[TBA soon]

Please be aware that your booking includes daily breakfast located at the lobby of the hotel. We will not be offering breakfast at the venue. We will, however, provide coffee, cookies, and lunch on a daily basis. For more information on breakfast timings, please ask the receptionist upon check-in. Dinner will be provided on the evenings of the 7th and the 9th. **Please contact kylie@arabstudiesinstitute.org you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions.**

Institute Location

The Institute activities will be held on the campus of George Mason University in Merten Hall on the days of June 7, 8, and 10, and will be held in the Johnson Center on June 9:

George Mason University

June 7th

4441 George Mason Blvd
Merten Hall, Room 1204
Fairfax, VA 22030

June 8th

4441 George Mason Blvd
Merten Hall, Room 1204
Fairfax, VA 22030

June 9th

Johnson Center, 334
Meeting Room E
Fairfax, VA 22030

June 10th

4441 George Mason Blvd
Merten Hall, Room 1204
Fairfax, VA 22030

Transportation

Daily transportation between the hotel and George Mason University will be provided by the Institute. **This is the ONLY daily transportation that the Institute will reimburse.** Taxis will be awaiting you at the hotel forty minutes before the Institute starts each day:

June 8th: 9:20am
June 9th: 8:20am
June 10th: 9:20am
June 11th: 8:20 AM

Stipends

- Submit appropriate tax form (W-8 or W-9)
- Submit George Mason University honorarium form (on final day of event, provided by Kylie Broderick)
- Email all outstanding paperwork to kylie@arabstudiesinstitute.org **no later than June 20, 2018.**

Emergency Contacts

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Political Economy Project Team (Pedagogy Working Group and Steering Committee)

PEP Pedagogy Working Group: Samer Abboud (Villanova University); Max Ajl (Cornell University); Omar Dahi (Hampshire College); Bassam Haddad (George Mason University); Shana Marshall (George Washington University), Ziad Abu-Rish (Ohio University), and Adam Hanieh (SOAS).

Click [here](#) for more information on PEP, including the steering committee members.

SUMMER INSTITUTE PARTICIPANTS

Faculty Participants and Session Topics:

- **Samer Abboud** (Arcadia University): *Security - Development Nexus*
- **Ziad Abu-Rish** (Ohio University): *State Development*
- **Max Ajl** (Cornell University): *World Systems Theory & Agriculture*
- **Muriam Haleh Davis** (UC Davis): *Racial Capital*
- **Julia Elyachar** (Princeton University): *Postcolonialism without Colonies: Marx, Subaltern Studies, and the Semi-Civilized*
- **Bassam Haddad** (GMU): *Political Economy of Development, State-Business Relations*
- **Adam Hanieh** (SOAS): *Finance Capital and Financialization of the World Economy*
- **Shana Marshall** (GW): *The New Politics of Patronage: The Arms Trade and Clientelism in the Arab World*
- **Pete Moore** (Case Western Reserve University): *The War Economy*
- **Kareem Rabie** (American University): *Housing, Urbanism and Social Reproduction*
- **Rafeef Ziadah** (SOAS): *Circulation, Infrastructures, and Logistics in the Global Economy*

Student Participants and Research Topics:

- **Camille Cole (Yale University):** *Bandit Capitalism: Nineteenth Century Basra between Empires*
- **Zachary Smith (University of Pennsylvania):** *Colonial Accumulation: Institutions and Ideologies in Settler Societies*
- **Sari Madi (University of Montreal / CRIMT):** *The political economy of legal changes in the MENA region: evidence from Tunisia and Lebanon*
- **Patrick Higgins (The University of Houston):** *Title TBA*
- **Lucy Garbett (UC Irvine):** *Social Reproduction, Neoliberalism, and Resistance: the Politics of Care in Palestine*
- **Jonathan Viger (York University):** *Historicizing the Political Geography of the post-Ottoman Middle East: Social Conflicts, Competing Sovereignities, and Changing Territoriality*
- **Gabriel Young (NYU):** *Between and Beyond the Country and the City: Basra, Iraq, and Urbanization in the Twentieth-Century Persian Gulf*
- **Gabi Kirk (UC Davis):** *Cultivating and Claiming Indigeneity: Agriculture, Capitalism, and Settler-Colonialism in Palestine-Israel*
- **Brittany Cook (University of Kentucky):** *Geopolitical Ecologies of Agricultural Development: A Comparison of Olive Oil Production in Jordan and Palestine*
- **Aviv Derri (NYU):** *Empire, Banking Families, and Credit Networks: A Social History of Debt and Indebtedness in Late Ottoman Syria*
- **Arash Davari (Whitman College):** *The Politics of Disavowal: Revolutionary Iran in the Wake of 68*
- **Aras Koksal (University of Minnesota):** *Farmers to Engineers? Higher Education and Social Change in Neoliberal Turkey*
- **Layla Hashemi (George Mason University):** *Media and Resistance in the Islamic Republic of Iran (IRI)*

Summer Institute Schedule

Time	DAY ONE: FRIDAY, 7 JUNE 2018 4441 George Mason Blvd Merten Hall, 1204 - Meeting Room
<i>Pickup: 9:20</i>	
10:00 – 11:30	Core Session 1 <i>Julia Elyachar: Postcolonialism and Political Economy of the Middle East</i>
11:30 – 11:50	20 Minute Break
11:50 – 12:45	Brief Session 1 <i>Muriam Haleh-Davis: Race and Class vs. Racial Capitalism</i>
12:45 – 2:00	Lunch
2:00 – 3:30	Thematic Panel 1 <i>Professional Development</i>
3:30 – 3:50	20 Minute Break
3:50 – 4:45	Brief Session 2 <i>Samer Abboud: Critical Security Studies</i>
4:45 – 5:00	15 Minute Break
5:00 – 6:30	Public Event: Adam Hanieh Book Talk <i>Money, Markets, and Monarchies: The Gulf Cooperation Council and the Political Economy of the Contemporary Middle East</i>
6:30	Group Dinner

Time	DAY TWO: SATURDAY, 8 JUNE 2018 4441 George Mason Blvd Merten Hall, 1204 - Meeting Room
<i>Pickup: 8:20</i>	
9:00 – 10:30	Core Session 2 <i>Pete Moore: The War Economy</i>
10:30 – 10:50	20 Minute Break
10:50 – 11:45	Student Breakout 1

11:45 – 12:05	20 Minute Break
12:05 – 1:00	Brief Session 3 <i>Shana Marshall: Arms Trade and Capitalism</i>
1:00 – 2:15	Lunch
2:15 – 3:45	Core Session 3 <i>Max Ajl: The Rural Question and Peasant Economy</i>
3:45 – 4:05	20 Minute Break
4:05 – 5:00	Thematic Panel 2 <i>Neoliberalism</i>
5:00	Dinner on your own

Time	DAY THREE: SUNDAY, 9 JUNE 2018 Johnson Center 334 (Meeting Room E)
<i>Pickup: 9:20</i>	
10:00 – 11:30	Core Session 4 <i>Ziad Abu-Rish: State Formation and Market Development</i>
11:30 – 11:50	20 Minute Break
11:50 – 12:45	Brief Session 4 <i>Bassam Haddad: State-Business Relations</i>
12:45 – 2:00	Lunch
2:00 – 3:00	Student Breakout 2
3:00 – 3:20	20 Minute Break
3:20 – 4:45	Core Session 5 <i>Adam Hanieh: Finance Capital and Financialization of the World Economy</i>
4:45-5:05	20 Minute Break

5:05-6:00	Student Breakout 3
6:00	On-site group dinner

Time	DAY FOUR: MONDAY, 10 JUNE 2018 4441 George Mason Blvd Merten Hall, 1204 - Meeting Room
<i>Pickup: 8:20</i>	
9:00 – 10:30	Core Session 6 <i>Rafeef Ziadah: Circulation, Infrastructures and Logistics in the Global Economy</i>
10:30 – 10:50	20 Minute Break
10:50 – 11:50	Student Breakout 4
11:50 – 12:50	Working Lunch (review)
12:50 – 2:20	Core Session 7 <i>Kareem Rabie: Housing, Urbanism and Social Reproduction</i>
2:20	End of PESI