

Class Day
Monday, June 4, 2012
3:00–4:00 p.m.
1915 Hall

Thursday, May 31, 2012
2:00 p.m.
Room 102 Jones Hall
The Ph.D. Final Public Oral Examination of Bella Tendler
Dissertation title:
“Concealment and Revelation:
A Study of Secrecy and Initiation Among the Nusayri-alawis of Syria”

Tuesday, May 29, 2012
10:30 a.m.
Room 102 Jones Hall
The Ph.D. Final Public Oral Examination of Nevzat Uyanık
Dissertation title:
“Delegitimizing the Ottoman Imperial Order at the Threshold Of New Diplomacy
(The Interplay of Anglo-American Policies on the Ottoman Armenians, 1914–1923)”

Thursday, May 24, 2012
4:00 p.m.
Room 102 Jones Hall
The Ph.D. Final Public Oral Examination of Maja Petrović
Dissertation title:
“The Land of the Foreign Padishah:
India in Ottoman Reality and Imagination”

Monday, May 8, 2012
10:00 a.m.
Room 108 Jones Hall
The M.A. Final Public Oral Examination of Kevin K. Bell
Thesis title:
“Yunis Khalis: The Tension between the Historiography and the Primary Sources”

Friday, May 4, 2012
10:00 a.m.
Room 102 Jones Hall
The Ph.D. Final Public Oral Examination of Deniz T. Kılınçoğlu
Dissertation title:
“The Political Economy of Ottoman Modernity:
Ottoman Economic Thought During the Reign of Abdülhamid II (1876–1909)”

Monday, April 30, 2012
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
Brown Bag Lunch Series
Hala Halim
New York University
“Alexandrian-Levantinism Revisited”

Wednesday, April 25, 2012
12:00 noon
102 Jones Hall
The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia
Professor Carol Hakim
Visiting Associate Research Scholar, Princeton University
“The Struggle for Syria Revisited”

Tuesday, April 24, 2012
12 noon
202 Jones Hall
Brown Bag Lunch Series
Zvi Ben-Dor Benite
New York University

“Palestine in China, Confucius in Cairo, and Abduh in Shanghai: Knowledge and Communication between China and Egypt, 1920-1940”

Thursday, April 19, 2012

12:00 noon

Jones 102

PISC Capstone Lecture 2012

Ahmed El Shamsy

University of Chicago

“Law and the Qur’an in the Second Islamic Century”

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

4:30 PM

102 Jones Hall

Professor Amy Singer

Tel Aviv University

“E-dir-ne not A-dri-a-no-ple: The Forgotten Ottoman Capital”

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

12:00 noon

102 Jones Hall

The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia

E. M. Mouhoud

Professor of Economics, Université Paris Dauphine

“Political Economy of Arab Revolutions: Analysis and Prospects for North-African Countries”

Lunch will be provided. Please rsvp to jslack@princeton.edu by April 16

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

4:30 p.m.

Robertson Hall, Bowl 16

34th annual Carolyn L. Drucker '80 Memorial Lecture

Professor Derek Penslar

University of Toronto

“Jews into Israelis: Zionism as a Revolutionary Project”

Sponsored by the Department and Program in Near Eastern Studies and The Program in Judaic Studies

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

12:00 noon

Jones 102

The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia

Francis Ghilès

Senior Research Fellow, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs

“Will Economics Derail the Arab Spring: the Case of Tunisia”

Monday, April 16, 2012

12 noon

202 Jones Hall

Brown Bag Lunch Series

Benham Sadeghi

Stanford University and Visiting Member, IAS

“The Relative Chronology of the Passages of the Qur’an: A New Approach to an Old Problem”

Thursday, April 12, 2012

12:00 noon

102 Jones Hall

The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia

Professor Giacomo Luciani

Princeton Global Scholar; Scientific Director of the Master in International Energy of the Paris School of International Affairs,

Sciences-Po – Paris

“The Redirection of Saudi Aramco’s Investment Strategy and Its Global Implications”

Cosponsored by the Princeton Environmental Institute and the Council for International Teaching and Research

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

12:00- 1:00 pm

Jones Hall room 102

Sophomore Open House

For prospective concentrators
The Department & Program in Near Eastern Studies

Monday, April 9, 2012
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
Brown Bag Lunch Series
Israel Gershoni
Tel Aviv University and Visiting Member, IAS
"The Crime against Humanity": Ahmad Hasan al-Zayyat and the Outbreak of World War Two"

Thursday, April 05, 2012
12:00 noon–1:20pm
Jones 102
Princeton Islamic Studies Colloquium
Presenter: Michael Dann (REL)
Paper title: "Hybrid Historiography in Saudi Arabia: The Case of Ḥasan Farḥān al-Mālikī"
Discussant: Nadav Samin (NES)

Wednesday, April 4, 2012
4:30–6:00 PM
Jones 102
Princeton University Middle Eastern Studies Seminar
Elvire Corboz
"An Ayatullah in Exile: The Najaf History of Khomeini's Religious and Political Leadership"
Discussant: Andrew Arsan

Tuesday, April 3, 2012
10:00 AM– 3:00 PM
Jones 202
Persian Calligraphy Workshop
Ahmad Reza Ghavami
استاد احمد رضا قوامی
سه شنبه ۳ آوریل، ساعت ۱۰ صبح تا ۳ بعد از ظهر در اتاق ۲۰۲ جنز هال
Registration is required by 4/2/2012
ساعات نام نویسی برای شرکت در کلاس:
10:00 – 10:50
11:00 – 11:50
1:00 – 3:00

Tuesday, April 3, 2012
4:30 pm
Bowl 1, Robertson Hall
Workshop on Arab Political Development
Lina Attalah
Managing Editor of Egypt Independent
"Egypt 2011: A Year of Bridges and Walls"
Sponsored by the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies; the Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia; and the Department and Program in Near Eastern Studies

Tuesday, April 3, 2012
6:00 pm
Labyrinth Books
Nassau Street, Princeton
Benjamin Buchholz
Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University
"One Hundred and One Nights: A Novel"

Monday, April 2, 2012
12:00 noon
102 Jones
Brown Bag Lunch Series
Alexander E. Balistreri
Princeton University
"Zeki Bey's Adventures in the Turkish Parliament"

Thursday, March 29, 2012
4:30 pm
102 Jones Hall
Islam and the Islamic World Seminar Series 2011–2012
Devin DeWeese
Indiana University
“ A Khan on the Outside, a Dervish Within:
Islamization, Rulership, and the Law in the Religious Vision of Muhammad Shibani Khan”

Monday, March 26, 2012
12:00 noon
202 Jones
NES Brown Bag Lunch Series 2011-12
Mustafa Aksakal
Georgetown University, IAS
“Facing the First World War”

Friday, March 16
12:00 Noon-2:00 PM
202 Jones Hall
NOWRUZ 1391 reception
جشن نوروز
۱۳۹۱
جمعه ۱۶ مارس ۲۰۱۲ ساعت ۱۲ تا ۲
Join us for Persian sweets, a traditional Persian *haft seen*, and music by Amir Vahab

Thursday, March 15, 2012
12:00 noon-1:20pm
Jones 102
Princeton Islamic Studies Colloquium
Presenter: Amin Venjara (REL)
Paper title: “What does it mean to ‘translate’ the Qur’an: a view from early 20th century Egypt”
Discussant: Naphtali Meshel (REL)

Thursday, March 15, 2012
12:00 noon
216 Aaron Burr Hall
Program in South Asian Studies
2011–12 Seminar Series: Reporting South Asia
Basharat Peer
Kashmiri journalist and political commentator; author of *Curfewed Night*
“India, Pakistan, and Kashmir: A Long War, A Cold Peace”
Sponsored by the Program in South Asian Studies and cosponsored by the University Center for Human Values, the Transregional Institute, and the Humanities Council Edwin Ferris Journalism Program.

Wednesday, March 14, 2012
12:00 noon
Jones 102
The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia
Eckart Woertz
Visiting Research Associate
The Transregional Institute, Princeton Environmental Institute
“Sudan after the Secession of the South: Missing Petrodollars and the Quest for an ‘Agricultural Renaissance’”

Monday, March 12, 2012
10:00 a.m.
Room 108 Jones Hall
The M.A. Final Public Oral Examination of Robert S. Tompkins
Thesis title:
“Hezbollah: Ideological Resilience Under the Guise of Legitimacy”

Monday, March 12, 2012
12:00 Noon
202 Jones Hall
NES Brown Bag Lunch Series 2011-12
Elvire Corboz
Princeton University
“Whither the Marja’iyya?”

Iran, Najaf, and State-Clergy Relations in the Post-revolutionary Era”

Thursday, March 8, 2012

12:00-1:20pm
Jones 102

Presenter: **Bella Tendler (NES)**

Paper title: "Concealment, Revelation and the Role of the Bāb: rehabilitating the heresiarchs of the Islamic tradition"

Discussant: **Samer Traboulsi (UNCA)**

Further Information: <http://www.princeton.edu/~pisc/>

Thursday, March 8, 2012

4:30 pm

202 Jones Hall

Islam and the Islamic World Seminar Series

2011-2012

Ron Sela

Indiana University

“Tamerlane’s Pilgrimage to the Tombs of the Prophets”

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

430-600PM

102 Jones

Princeton University Middle East Studies Seminar

John Bornemann

“Daydreaming, Intimacy, and the Intersubjective Third in Fieldwork Encounters in Syria”

Discussant: **Cyrus Schayegh**

Monday, March 5, 2012

12:00 noon

202 Jones Hall

Brown Bag Lunch Series

Andrew Arsan

Princeton University

“Lebanon and the Arab Spring”

Monday, March 5, 2012

12:00 Noon

216 Aaron Burr Hall

Program in South Asian Studies

2011–12 Seminar Series: Reporting South Asia

Jim Yardley

South Asia Bureau Chief, *New York Times*

“*New York Times* and South Asia”

This seminar series is cosponsored with the Council of the Humanities and the Edwin Ferris Journalism Fund; the Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia; and the University Center for Human Values

Friday March 2, 2012

12:00 noon

012 Bendheim Hall

Luncheon Seminar

Co-sponsored by Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination and Near Eastern Studies

James Harrington

University of Texas at Austin Law School

“Wrestling with Free Speech, Religious Freedom, and Democracy in Turkey”

Thursday, March 1, 2012

12:00 Noon

Program in South Asian Studies

2011–12 Seminar Series: Reporting South Asia

Imran Aslam

GEO Television, Pakistan

“Media in Pakistan: Hope, Hype, or Hysteria?”

216 Aaron Burr Hall

This seminar series is cosponsored with the Council of the Humanities and the Edwin Ferris Journalism Fund; the Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia; and the University Center for Human Values

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

12 noon

Brown Bag Lunch

Jo-Ann Gross
The College of New Jersey
"The Motif of the Cave: Nāsir-i Khusraw and the Narrative Tradition of Badakhshan"
202 Jones Hall

Thursday, February 23, 2012

12:00-1:20pm
Princeton Islamic Studies Colloquim
Presenter: **Dan Stolz** (NES)
Paper title: "**Correcting the Clock: Mechanical Timekeeping in 18th/19th-century Egypt**"
Discussant: **On Barak** (Cotsen Fellow)
Jones 102

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

4:30 p.m.
The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia
Timur Kuran
Professor of Economics and Political Science, and Gorter Family Professor of Islamic Studies
Duke University
"Structural Inefficiencies of Islamic Courts: Ottoman Justice and Its Implications for Modern Economic Life"
Jones 100

Monday, February 20, 2012

12:00 noon
Brown Bag Lunch
Perin Gurel
Dickinson College
"Making Djinn, Making Do: Westernization, Authenticity, and Anxiety in Contemporary Turkish Media."
202 Jones

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

12:00 noon
The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia
Andrew Arsan
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Near Eastern Studies.
Lecturer in Near Eastern Studies
Princeton University
"Lebanese-Syrian Relations in a Time of Revolution: Blurred Lines and Cross Purposes"
Jones 102

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

4:30-6:00 p.m.
Princeton University Middle Eastern Studies Seminar
Hoda Youssef
"Fiscal policy manipulation in non-democratic regimes - the case of Egypt"
Discussant: **Amaney Jamal**
Jones 102

Monday, February 13, 2012

12 noon
Brown Bag Lunch
Cyrus Schayegh
Princeton University
"The Origins of the Contemporary Arab State:
Domestic Reform Demands, Inter-state Competition and the 1958 State Formation Surge in the Arab East"
202 Jones Hall

Friday, February 10, 2012

4:00-5:00 pm
Public Conversation with Dr. **Seyyed H. Nasr**
preeminent author, scholar, and philosopher of Islam
Islam and Modernity
A wide ranging conversation with one of the most influential Muslim thinkers of our time on the place of traditional Islam in the Modern World and the tensions that are shaping Muslim theology and ethics today.
The American Whig-Philosophic Society and Muslim Life Program in the Office of Religious Life
Co-Sponsored by Near Eastern Studies
Whig Hall, Senate Chambers

Thursday, February 9, 2012

12:00 noon
Islamic Studies Colloquium
Lev Weitz (NES)
"Marital Ethics: The Reception of al-Ghazali in Bar Hebraeus' Ethicon"

Discussant: Sarah Islam (NES)
Jones 102

Tuesday, February 7, 2012
4:30 pm

Workshop on Arab Political Development

“Up to the Minute: The Latest Political Developments in Syria”

Richard Murphy

former U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Syria, the Philippines, and Mauritania.

Panelists: **Marwa Daoudy**, WWS, and **Karam Nachar**, GS

Moderator: Ambassador **Daniel Kurtzer**, WWS

Co-Sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson School, the Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia; and the Department and Program in Near Eastern Studies.

Dodds Auditorium, Robertson Hall

Princeton Islamic Studies Colloquium

Monday, November 14, 2011

12:00-1:20pm

Jones 102

Presenter: Aaron Rock (NES)

Paper title: "From Seminary to Public Sphere *Da'wa*: Yusuf al-Qaradawi's Claim to Islamic Authority"

Discussant: Amin Venjara (REL)

The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia

Michael Barry

Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University

"Lengthening Shadows: Implications of US Military Withdrawal from Afghanistan"

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

12:00 p.m.

102 Jones Hall

Princeton Islamic Studies Colloquium

Thursday, November 17, 2011

12:00-1:20pm

Jones 102

Presenter: Thomas Carlson (History)

Paper title: "Christians in Islamic Society - The Case of Fifteenth-Century Jazira and Iraq"

Discussant: Lev Weitz (NES)

The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia

Malika Zeghal

Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Professor in Contemporary Islamic Thought and Life

Harvard University

"From Popular Uprisings to Political Transition: Reflections on the Tunisian Revolution"

Tuesday, November 22, 2011

5:00 p.m.

100 Jones Hall

The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia

Abdelhamid Larguèche

Professor of History, University of Tunis-Manouba

“La transition démocratique en Tunisie, ses enjeux au miroir de la société civile”

(The Democratic Transition in Tunisia: the Stakes for Civil Society)

(lecture in French with live translation)

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

12:00 p.m.

102 Jones Hall

PU Middle Eastern Studies Seminar

Wednesday, November 9, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Jones 102:

On Barak: “Out-dating: Telegraphy and the eclipse of the Hijri calendar”

Discussant: Michael Cook

Princeton University Symposium on Sufism and Islam in Central Asia

October 21-22, 2011

Woodrow Wilson School - Robertson Hall,

Bowl One

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Program Schedule

The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia
Princeton Environmental Institute

David Spiro
The Strategy Practice

“The Hidden Hand of US Hegemony: From Petrodollars to Sinodollars”

Thursday, October 20, 2011

12:00 p.m.

202 Jones Hall

Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to jslack@princeton.edu by October 17.

Princeton Islamic Studies Colloquium

Presenter: **Joel Blecher** (Religion)
Paper title: "Open to Our Era": The Making of New Meanings in a Hadith Commentarial Tradition"
Discussant: **Usama al-Azami** (NES)

Thursday, October 20, 2011

12:00-1:20pm

Jones 102

A light lunch will be served

Wednesday, Oct 5, 4:30-6:00PM, Jones 102:

Eckart Woertz: “Arab Food, Water and the Big Gulf Landgrab that Wasn’t.”

Discussant: Cyrus Schayegh

CANCELLED

Thursday, October 6, 12:00- 1:20PM, Jones 102:

Princeton Islamic Studies Colloquium

Aaron Rock (NES)
Yusuf al-Qaradawi: Public Sphere *Da'wa* and Islamic Authority

Discussant: Amin Venjara (REL)

A light lunch will be served.

RSVP to PISC@princeton.edu to receive a copy of the paper.

Informational Session on the Scholars in the Nation's Service Initiative

Ambassador Barbara Bodine,

former U.S. ambassador to Yemen,

Woodrow Wilson School lecturer in Public and International Affairs, and

Director of the Scholars in the Nation's Service Initiative

on Tuesday, September 27

from 4:00-5:00 pm

in Jones 202

Tea, coffee, and cookies will be served.

The Department & Program in Near Eastern Studies

Invite you to the

Freshman Open House and Faculty Talk

"Getting the Middle East in Perspective"

Presented by Michael A. Cook

Class of 1943 Professor in Near Eastern Studies

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

3:30 p.m.

102 Jones Hall