

# DECOLONISING “MIDDLE EAST” STUDIES CONFERENCE

**MONDAY  
JUNE 27**

**9.00 - 9.15**

**Welcome and Coffee**

**9.15 - 10.00**

**Keynote: ‘The Ends of Islam: Fear and Longing in a Global Age’**  
Professor Faisal Devji, University of Oxford

**PANEL 1**

**10.00 - 11.30**

**Decolonial Reflections on Theory and Methodology**

Chair: Dr Allan Hassaniyan, University of Exeter

Developing a Trans-colonial Discourse: De-colonizing “Middle Eastern” Studies’

Dr Maha Samman, Al-Quds University, and Dr Awad Mansour, Al-Quds University

Decolonisation is Not Enough: Liberationism and Rethinking Disciplinarity in the So-Called Middle East

Abdulla Moaswes, University of Exeter

Decolonizing Middle East Studies Experiences of ‘West Asian Studies’ in India’

Professor M.H. Ilias, Mahatma Gandhi University

Decolonising Palestinian Liberation Theology: New Sources, Methods and Voices

Samuel Munayer, University of Exeter, and John Munayer, Independent Scholar

**11.30 - 11.45**

**Break**

**PANEL 2**

**11.45 - 1.15**

**The Academy, and Decoloniality**

Chair: Emeritus Professor Tim Niblock, University of Exeter

The Inequalities of ‘Academic Freedom’: Settler Common Sense, Moralization and the Question of Palestine in the Settler University

Andrew Meyer, University of California

Challenges of Decolonizing Knowledge: A Personal Research Experience at Stanford University

Dr Shimaa Hatab, King’s College London

The Over-researched Phenomenon in the West Bank: NGOisation as a Colonial Continuity

Alejandra De Barcena, Independent Researcher

Decolonising University of Khartoum

Dr Hamid Osman., University of Khartoum

**1.15 - 2.00**

**Lunch**

**2.00 – 3.00**

### **Roundtable**

Chair: Professor Ilan Pappé, Professor of History, University of Exeter

### **Innovating and Decolonizing Arabic Language Teaching the UK Higher Education**

Safaa Radoan, University of Exeter, Dr Giorgia Ferrari, University of Exeter, and Dr Alessandro Columbu, University of Westminster

**PANEL 3  
3.00 - 4.15**

### **Gender and Decoloniality**

Chair: Dr Katie Natanel, Senior Lecturer in Gender Studies, University of Exeter

#### **Decolonising ‘Solution Finding’: Futurity, Utopia, and Dreams in Palestine**

Lara Fricke, University of Exeter

#### **Palestinian Women at the Intersection of Colonial and Patriarchal Violence: Cultural renegotiations of religion and tradition in Gaza**

Hala Shoman, Newcastle University

#### **Indigenising Mental Health in Palestine using Women’s Resistance as a Case Study**

Jeanine Hourani, Researcher, Organiser & Storyteller

#### **Persistent exclusions: The (re)production of state narratives in Saudi gender reform discourse**

Dr Nora Jaber, University of Exeter

**4.30- 4.45**

### **Break**

Exhibition of creative decolonial work produced by students at IAIS, University of Exeter

**PANEL 4  
4.45 - 6.15**

### **Arts, Literature, and Decoloniality**

Chair: Dr Emily Selove, Senior Lecturer of Medieval Arabic Language and Literature, University of Exeter

#### **Decolonising Stand-up Comedy: The Funny beyond the Western Sphere**

Dr Nour Elhouda Souleh, Canterbury Christ Church University

#### **An Exploration of Decolonial Futurity through Contemporary Iraqi Fiction**

Hannah al-Khafaji, University of Exeter

#### **The role of libraries towards decolonizing Middle East Studies**

Waseem Farooq, Aga Khan Library

#### **‘People today don’t understand/what I say. I wish I had come centuries later’: The Emergence and Development of Modern Iraqi Poetry**

Bryar Bajalan, University of Exeter

**6.15 - 6.30**

### **Closing remarks**

Peter Chalk, Newman Green Lecture Theatre

