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- Ryan Murphy. Oral History in Conflict: Archives and Knowledge Production around Iraq from 2004 to 2012
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- Benjamin Votroubek. The Southern Anatolia Project, Hydropolitics, and Patronage 2020 Projects
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- Janina Santer. Imagining Lebanon: tourism and the production of space under French Mandate (1920-1939)
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- Ines Bencheikh. The Prevention of Violent Extremism in International Development Policies: Gender, Women's Agency and Alternative Approaches to Violent Extremism in the Case of Tunisia

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- Sarah Juliachs. Hospitality and Refugeeness – a comparative discourse study on the Syrian refugees crisis in Europe and the Gulf
- Jack Davies. Decision record 1007183 [2010] RRTA 930: justice and history in a system of credibility
- Carla Leone. My Palestine afar

- Panagiota Strikou. Economic restructuring and the dilemmas of manufacturing in Egypt: business interests and the political economy of the Qualifying Industrial Zones (QIZS) under Mubarak
- Camilla Schmidt Garder. Becoming Beirutless: studying sensations and subjectivities with Beirut's first roller derby team
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