The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Alsaud Center for American Studies and Research (CASAR) at the American University of Beirut

Third International Conference

Connections and Ruptures: America and the Middle East

Conference Program

January 6–9, 2010
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**Important Reminders**

**Name Tags**
Please wear your name tag at all times during the conference. Your name tag assures your entrance to the opening ceremony, reception, and closing dinner. You may also be asked to show your name tag when entering through one of AUB’s gates.

**Registration**
You can complete your registration and pick up your conference materials at the Conference Registration Desk at Le Meridien Commodore Hotel, beginning at 11:00 on Wednesday, 6 January. On Thursday and Friday (January 7 and 8), a Registration and Information Desk will be available beginning at 8 am near the ground floor entrance of West Hall on the AUB campus.

**Abstracts**
Full conference abstracts can be accessed on the CASAR website, www.aub.edu.lb/fas/casar

**Audio Visual Equipment**
All paper presenters are asked to arrive at least 5 minutes before the beginning of their sessions; those planning to use audiovisual equipment during their presentations should arrive 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the session to download their presentations.

**Emergencies (or pressing questions)**

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AUB extension: 3184

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Tourist Police 961 1 343 209 (For questions about directions)
General Security 1717 (For questions related to passports)
Allo Taxi 961 1 366 661 (Average rate: $10)

**Trip**
A visit to Byblos, Jbeil and Jeita Grotto. On the way, you will take the cable cart to Harissa, Jounieh to visit the lady of Lebanon and pass by Nahr El Kalb. This all day trip will take place on Saturday 9 January.
Guide to Conference Rooms

All conference sessions will take place in West Hall on the AUB campus. There is an elevator on the left (east) side of the building. Please find below directions for finding the West Hall conference rooms:

- Registration Desk: ground floor, entrance.
- Auditorium A: ground floor, left of the stairs.
- Auditorium B: second floor, left of the stairs.
- Auditorium C: third floor, facing the stairs.
- Bathish Auditorium: second floor, to the right.

* Coffee Breaks will take place in West Hall, at the balcony space located on the second floor.

Conference Program

Wednesday, 6 January

11:00–17:00  Registration, Le Meridien Commodore Hotel

17:00–17:45*  Opening Ceremony, Le Meridien Commodore Hotel.
Dr. Robert Myers, Director of CASAR, Opening comments
Dr. Patrick McGreevy, Dean of FAS, Comments
Dr. Ahmad Dallal, Provost of AUB, Welcome
Dr. Robert Myers, Brief logistical comments

17:45–20:00*  Opening address by Scott Lucas: Blasts, Drones, and Tweets: Obama and the Perils of Liberal Intervention + Q & A period

20:00–21:30*  Cocktail reception (featuring Lebanese hot and cold mezza), le Meridien Commodore Hotel.

Thursday, 7 January

All paper sessions will take place on the AUB Campus in West Hall.

8:30–17:00  Late registration will be available at West Hall, Ground Floor.

8:30-10:30  Auditorium A
Session 1 | Eastern Westerns and Western Writers in the East
Chair: John Pedro Schwartz, American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Amy Clary, American University of Beirut, Lebanon: “Looking for Meaning in the Desert: Mark Twain, Edward Abbey, and the Desert Tourism in the Middle East and American West”

Boris Vejdovsky, University of Lausanne, Switzerland: “Your Myths Shall Be My Myths: Middle Eastern and American Narratives of Contact and Rupture and the Traveling Metaphor”
Selma Mokrani, Badji-Mokhtar University, Algeria: “Edith Wharton’s Maghreb: Identity Politics and Dis/Conjunctive Encounters”

Susan Kollin, Montana State University, USA: “The Orientalist Western”

8:30–10:30  Auditorium B
Session 2 | Globalizing Economics, Law, and Terrorism in the Middle East and Beyond
Chair: Andrew Winnick, California State University, USA
Amy Bartholomew, Carleton University, USA: “Continuity and Rupture from Bush to Obama: Empire’s Law and the Politics of American Empire Today”
James L. Gelvin, University of California, Los Angeles, USA: “The United States, the Global Economy, and the Rise and Fall of the Populist State in the Middle East”
Maria Ryan, University of Nottingham, UK: “The Middle East in America’s ‘Global War on Terror’”
Waleed Hazbun, John Hopkins University, USA: “Fragments of a Retrospective History: America in the Middle East”

8:30–10:30  Auditorium C
Session 3 | Studying American Studies in the Middle East/ North Africa
Chair: Andrew Long, University of Balamand, Lebanon
Khadija El Alaoui, Vassar College, NY, USA: “American Studies in the Middle East: Scenes of Obscenity or Scenes of Multiplicity?”
Osama Abdel El-Fattah Madany, Minufiya University, Egypt: “Engaging American Studies at Minufiya University: Strides and Setbacks”
Miloud Barkaoui, University of Annaba, Algeria: “American Studies in Algeria, the Obama Effect and the Recovery of America’s Image”
Mohammed Dajani Daoudi, Al Quds University, Palestine: “Exploring at the Fringes: The Bibliography as Database for Teaching American Studies in Arab Universities”

10:30–11:00  Coffee Break, West Hall, 2nd floor
11:00–12:30  Auditorium A
Session 4 | Intellectuals Understanding and Constructing Knowledge About East and West
Chair: Bashshar Haydar, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
Amy Mills, University of South Carolina, USA: “Constructing American Academic Knowledge of the Middle East.”
Michelle Browers, Wake Forest University, USA: “The Paradox of the Amman Message: Transnationalism, Authenticity, and American Power”

11:00–12:30  Auditorium B
Session 5 | Seeing the West from the East and the East from the West: “The Other Side” in Contemporary Media
Chair: George Abdelnour, Notre Dame University, Lebanon
Jad Melki, American University of Beirut, Lebanon: “Arabic and US Television News Coverage of the 2006 Lebanese War”
Zafer Parlak, Izmir University, Turkey: “An Overview of Recent Turkish-American Relations in Turkish Popular Media”

11:00–12:30  Auditorium C
Session 6 | Reading and Teaching Middle Eastern Women Writers East and West
Chair: Amy Zenger, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
Eileen T. Lundy, University of Texas, USA: “Cacophony, Harmony, Unison: Middle Eastern Women’s Voices Heard in the West”
Mary Louise Tabakow, Sultan Qaboos University, Sultanate of Oman: “Teaching Against What’s Expected: Arab-American Women’s Poetry in the Middle East”

Nadia El Kholy, Cairo University, Egypt: “Telling the Tale: Teaching Egyptian/Arabic Literature at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond 2008 and 2009”

12:30–14:00  Lunch Break–See p.19 for restaurant suggestions

14:00–15:30  Auditorium A
Session 7 | Cultural Encounters of Unexpected Kinds: Little Known Episodes of the US and the Middle East
Chair: John Meloy, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
Edward E. Curtis, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, USA: “Contact and Divergence: How Muslim-American Ties to the Middle East Have Transformed Islamic Practice and Identities in the United States”
Sarah Marusek, Syracuse University, USA: “Muslim and Interfaith Charities in Central New York: Multiculturalism and the Politics of Difference”
Sean Foley, Middle Tennessee State University, USA: “Airlift for Allah: The United States and the 1952 Hajj”
Stephanie Anne Boyle, Northeastern University, USA: “Women of Faith: Sufi Mystics and American Female Missionary Doctors in the Egyptian Nile Delta 1896-1913”

14:00–15:30  Auditorium B
Session 8 | Arab and American: Myths of the U.S. in the Eyes of Diaspora Writers
Chair: Sirene Harb, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
Keith Feldman, University of California, Berkeley, USA: “Contrapuntalism and Rupture: Suheir Hammad’s ‘Breaking Poems’ and the Poetics of an Afro-Arab Diaspora”
Mona Ibrahim Ali, Cairo University, Egypt: “American Myths Reconsidered in the Poetry of Some Arab American Poets”
Sally Hammouda, Cairo University, Egypt: “From the ‘Unseen’ to the ‘Scene’: Identity Politics in Selected Plays by Arab-American Women Dramatists”
Zeinab Ghasemi Tari, University of Tehran, Iran: “Muslim Representations in American Literature Post 9/11”

14:00–15:30  Auditorium C
Session 9 | Terrorisms and Counterinsurgency Strategies
Chair: Adam John Waterman, University of Massachusetts, USA
Paul Jahshan, Notre Dame University, Lebanon: “Multiculturalism, Terrorism, and Globalization: The Exchange of Parasitical Violence between America and the Middle East”
Matt Kohlstedt, George Washington University, USA: “Constructing the ‘Oriental’: Office of Strategic Services and Office of War Information Middle East Propaganda”
Sergio Catignani, University of Leiden, UK: “Counter-Terrorism as Strategic Narrative: A Comparative Case Study of the US and Israeli Counterinsurgency Campaigns in the Middle East”

14:00–15:30  Bathish Auditorium
Session 10 | Us as Them: Western Projections on the Middle East
Chair: Marcy Newman, Amman Ahliya University, Jordan
Amy Kaplan, University of Pennsylvania, USA: “Exodus/ and the Americanization of the Zionist Narrative”
Robert Myers, American University of Beirut, Lebanon: “Playing Arab: Images of Easterners on Western Stages”
Djelal Kadir, Pennsylvania State University, USA: “Comments”

15:30–16:00  Coffee Break, West Hall 2nd floor
16:00–18:00  Bathish Auditorium
Session 11 | Plenary Session: Views from Abroad: Redefining Globalization Between the U.S. and the Middle East
Chair: Stanley Katz, Princeton University, USA
Alex Lubin, University of New Mexico, USA: “From Imperial Subjects to National Citizens: The Making and Unmaking of Afro-Arab Internationalism Between the World Wars”
Brian Edwards, Northwestern University, USA: “Shrek in the Suq: Rethinking Public Diplomacy ‘From the Native’s Point of View’”
Friday, 8 January

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Harilaos Stecopoulos, University of Iowa, USA: “State Multiculturalism: Literary Studies and U.S. Public Diplomacy After 9/11”

18:15-19:15 Bathish Auditorium
Session 12 | Performance followed by Discussion: “Middle East LA,” The Human Writes Project: Mark Gonzales, Nizar Wattad and Omar Chakaki

10:30–11:00 Coffee Break, West Hall, 2nd floor

Friday, 8 January

Susanne Wiedemann, Saint Louis University, USA: “Connecting National Ruptures: U.S., West German, and East German Cultural Diplomacy in Lebanon, 1955-1970”

8:30–10:30 Auditorium C
Session 15 | Building States/ Rebuilding Bridges
Chair: Mayssun Sukarieh, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
Belkacem Idratni, University of Algiers, Algeria: “US- Maghreb Relations”

Heshmat Moinifar, University of Tehran, Iran: “Immigration to the US, the acculturation process and cultural identity: The case of an Iranian living in the US”

Jan Asmussen, University of Kiel, Germany: “Reinventing Iraq?–Strengthening traditional Institutions in State-Building”

Nicholas Noe, Lebanese University, Lebanon: “The Rise and Fall of America’s Cedar Revolution: Lost Opportunities for Peace-building in the Middle East”

8:30-10:30 Bathish Auditorium
Session 16 | Narratives and (Mis)Understandings Between East and West
Chair: Noel Ignatiev, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
Adam John Waterman, University of Massachusetts, USA: “George Washington in Mascara”

Cynthia P. Schneider, Georgetown University, USA: “Authentic Narratives: Building Connections between America and the Middle East through Film and Television”

Nadia Oweidat, Oxford University, UK: “Authentic Narratives: Potential for Internal Debates and Better Understanding of the Arab World”

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Session 14 | Lebanon in the West/ The West in Lebanon
Chair: Andrew Winnick, California State University, USA

Betty Anderson, Boston University, USA: “Women Graduates of American Schools in Syria and Iran: Defining Gender, Modernity, and Nationalism”

Ellen Fleischmann, University of Dayton, USA: “Lost in Translation: Home Economics at Sidon Girls’ School”

Hani Elayyan, King’s Academy, Jordan: “East Meets West in the Jordanian Countryside: King’s Academy as a Model”

Jasamine Rostam-Kolayi, California State University, Fullerton, USA: “The American Girls’ School in Tehran and Gender, Class, and Nationalism in Iran”

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Danyel Reiche and Hiba Khodr, American University of Beirut, Lebanon: “Policy Innovations and Diffusion in the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries and the Role of US Institutions-- The Specialized Cities Phenomenon”

Jonathan Hall, University of Balamand, Lebanon: “University and the Post-Colonial City: Beirut, and the City of Law and the Special Tribunal for Lebanon”

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11:00–13:00 Auditorium B
Session 18 | Mutual Exclusions: Shared Pain, Different Representations in Post 9/11 Literature
Chair: Syrine Hout, American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Amani Wagih Abd Al-Halim, Cairo University, Egypt: “Post 9/11: The Shared Painful Experience in Sam Shepard’s ‘God of Hell’ and Yussef El-Guindi’s ‘Back of the Throat’”

Fatma Hassan Taher, Misr University for Science and Technology, Egypt: “Rethinking the Imperial Encounter: A Comparative Reading of Updike’s ‘Terrorist’ and Sonalla Ibrahim’s ‘Americanly’”

Nicholas Pagan, Eastern Mediterranean University, Turkey: “The Two Cultures? Reading Garbage”

Tawfiq Yousef, University of Jordan, Jordan: “Different Discourses, Same Goals”

11:00–13:00 Auditorium C
Session 19 | Divided Histories and Histories of Division
Chair: Noel Ignatiev, American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Jakob Schiller, University of New Mexico, USA: “Labor Across Militarized Borders: A Comparative Analysis of Israel’s ‘Security Wall’ and the U.S./Mexico Border”

Marcy Newman, Amman Ahliya University, Jordan: “Nakba Education Project”

Mounira Soliman, Cairo University, Egypt: “Palestine-America-Israel: An Ambivalent Relationship”

13:00–14:30 Lunch Break- See p.19 for restaurant suggestions

14:30–16:30 Auditorium A
Session 20 | Islam as Democracy, Dissent and Resistance
Chair: Andrew Long, Balamand University, Lebanon

Edward Lundy, Austin Community College, USA: “Islamist Movements: One View from the West”

Elham Kadkhodaei and Fatemeh Shafiee, University of Tehran, Iran: “Political Islam in the Middle East: Resistance or Terrorism?”

Joshua Andresen, American University of Beirut, Lebanon: “Democracy, Deconstruction, and Islam”

Sima Baidya, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India: “Assertion of Islamism and Dissent: Interactions between America and Political Islam”

14:30–16:30 Auditorium B
Session 21 | U.S / Iran: Apprehensions and Misapprehensions
Chair: Amy Zenger, American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Mohammad Mousavi, University of Tehran, Iran: “Obama and the Cost-Benefit Analysis of The Iran-US relationship: Using the Prisoners’ Dilemma Model”

Seyed Mohammad Marandi, University of Tehran, Iran: “Iranian and American History Textbooks and Representations of Iranian-American Relations”


Zohreh Nosrat Kharazmi, University of Tehran, Iran: “Liberal Democracy of America and Islamic Republic of Iran; Discourses to Co-Exist/Conflict”

14:30–16:30 Auditorium C
Session 22 | Media, Technology and Diplomacy: East and West
Chair: George Abdelnour, Notre Dame University, Lebanon

Lina Khatib, Stanford University, US: “American Internet Diplomacy and the Middle East: Public Diplomacy in the Digital Age.”

Marwan Kraidy, University of Pennsylvania, USA: “The Contentious Politics of Music Videos: The U.S. and Arab Culture Wars in Comparative Perspective”

Maryam Sadat Mirhosseini Nayeri, University of Tehran, Iran: “American-Iranian Third Culture lifestyle and music”

14:30–16:30 Bathish Auditorium
Session 23 | Changing Places: The U.S., Iraq, and the Middle East
Chair: David Wrisley, American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Abdulkader Sinno, Indiana University, USA: “The Muslim Within: Explaining Puzzles of Muslim-American Representation in Elected Office“
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Jane Desmond, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA: “From ‘Inhuman’ to ‘Humane’: Soft Power at the Zoo and the U.S. Army CERP Program in Iraq”

Moustafa Bayoumi, Brooklyn College CUNY, USA: “Powell and Khan: Two Stories about the United States, Iraq and the 2008 Election”

16:30–17:00  Coffee Break, West Hall, 2nd floor
17:00–19:00  Bathish Auditorium
Closing Address, Introduction: Robert Myers
Ussama Makdisi, Rice University, USA.: Closing Address, “After Orientalism: Rethinking the Study of U.S.-Middle East Relations”

Melani McAlister, George Washington University, USA: Comments with Q & A period

20:00–onward*  Le Meridien Commodore Hotel.*
Closing Reception and Dinner

Saturday, 9 January

9:00 -19:00*  Meeting place: Le Meridien Commodore Hotel
Optional all day trip to Jbeil, Byblos, Jeita Grotto, Jounieh and Nahr El Kalb. The $65 USD fee includes transportation, lunch, guides and entrance to all sites.

* To attend these events, you need to pre-register for the conference. All paper sessions are free and open to the public.
Lunch Suggestions
Restaurants (within walking distance from AUB). These restaurants are indicated on the Map of Hamra.

Bliss House
This restaurant is one of the oldest on Bliss Street and is highly recommended for snacks, fast food and the fresh fruit fix.
Bliss street, Hamra, Beirut.
Tel: 961 1 344985, 961 3 343417
Open – 7:00 am – 3:00 or 4:00 am

Istambouli
Simple and well priced.
Shehab Bldg., Commodore Street, Hamra, Beirut
Tel: 961 1 352049, 961 1 353029
Open – 11:30 am – 1:00 am
Average price / person - $12

Kababji
For the best grilled meats on skewer look no further. Kababji is the number one sandwich maker for those in a hurry but still requiring delicious taste. Check out the cool selection of kababs and watch them prepare it in front of you.
Bliss Street, Hamra, Beirut (directly outside AUB’s Main Gate)
Tel: 961 1 375999, 961 1 70 224141
Saroulla Bldg., Hamra Street, Hamra, Beirut (Hamra Street Location)
Tel: 961 1 741555, 961 3 265100
Open: 8:00 am – 1:00 am
Average price / sandwich - $3.33
Dinner Suggestions

Socrate Restaurant
Two blocks up (towards Hamra Street) from AUB’s Penrose Gate, Socrate Restaurant offers daily Lebanese dishes.
Bliss Street, Hamra, Beirut
Tel: 961 1 363011
Open: 7:00 am – 10:00 pm

Walimah
This little restaurant, with its charming old style architecture and simple, nutritious menu is a constant attraction to local artists. Daily homemade specials.
Makdisi Street, Hamra, Beirut
Tel: 961 1 343128
Open – 11:30 am – 11:00 pm
Average price / person - $23

Napoletana
Italian restaurant with fresh pasta and pizzas
Hamra Street, Strand Bldg, Hamra, Beirut
Tel:961 1 345444
Average price $20

Dinner Suggestions

These restaurants are indicated on the Map of Hamra

Blue Note
One of Hamra’s most popular restaurants for its excellent cuisine and for the live Jazz music on the weekends.
Makhoul Street, Hamra, Beirut
Tel: 961 1 743857
Open – 12:00 noon – 1:00 am
Average price / person - $20

Casablanca
This restaurant offers mouth-watering international dishes. We highly recommend it.
Ain el Mreisseh Street, Beirut
Tel: 961 1 369334, 961 3 865111

Abdel Wahab
New Arabic restaurant in the heart of Achrafieh and open 24 hrs
51, Abdel Wahab El Inglizi Street, Achrafieh, Beirut
Tel: 961 1 200550/1

Al Mayass
Traditional and authentic Arabic food with a special Armenian flavor in the heart of Achrafieh.
Wadih Naim Street, Achrafieh, Beirut
Tel: 961 1 215046
Open: Lunch – 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Dinner- 7:00 pm – midnight
Average price / person - $25

Al Mijana
A beautiful restaurant that offers Lebanese specials.
Abdel Wahab Street, Achrafieh, Beirut
Tel: 961 1 328082
Open: Lunch – 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Dinner – 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm
Average price / person - $20

Mayrig
Located in a historic building on Pasteur street in Gemayzeh. It offers Middle Eastern and Armenian food.
Tel: 961 1 572121
961 3 228227
**Movenpick – Borj El Hamam**
A charming restaurant located within Movenpick Resort and Hotel in the Raouche area. It has a beautiful sea view and offers an exquisite Lebanese menu.
Tel: 961 1 869666

**Scoozi**
For Italian food lovers, this is the place to go. Delicious pastas and pizzas for very good prices. It is located on Verdun Street, which is one of the popular shopping areas in Beirut.
Verdun Street, Russian Cultural Center Bldg.
Tel: 961 1 860882

**Myrab – armenian restaurant**

**Coffee Shops**
The international Starbucks chain can be found almost everywhere in Lebanon.
Achrafieh Sassine   961 1 360746
Hamra Square   961 1 545975/6
Verdun 732   961 1 804836/7
Raouche, Palm Springs   961 1 804836/7

**Costa Coffee**
This is a small coffee shop that offers all sorts of coffee and delicious cakes. It is located on Hamra main Street.

**T-marbouta**
This is a cozy little place in Hamra. It is located in Pavillion Center, first floor, behind Antoine Bookstore in Hamra.
Phone: 961 1 352301

**Lebanese Sweets**

**Bohsali**
Al Bohasali has provided the finest Lebanese sweets for as long as anyone can remember. The ‘Knafeh’ and the ‘Backlawa’ are to die for and should be sampled by anyone visiting Lebanon. A mixed box of sweets is the ultimate gift from Lebanon.
Bliss Street, Beirut
Tel: 961 1 354400
Open: 6:00 am – 6:00 pm

**Taj Al Moulouk**
The difference between Taj Al Moulouk and Bohsali is really negligible. The choice is yours!
Bliss Street, Beirut
Tel: 961 1 864259
Open – 6:00 am – 12:00 am
The Conference Proceedings Volume

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