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CEMAT AFFILIATED RESEARCHERS IN TUNISIA: 1999-2000


Dorian Bell, Property Out of Time: Land Tenure in Late 19th century Tunisia and the Theory of Georges Bataille (Fulbright grant: until August 2000)


Melani Cammett, U. California at Berkeley, The Ongoing Process of Economic and Sociopolitical Transition in Tunisia and Morocco (AIMS grant: March-October 2000)

Angel Foster, Oxford U., Women’s Health Care in Tunisia (Rhodes Scholar: October 1999)


Mabel Khawaja, Hampton U., Fulbright lecturer at U.Tunis I, 9 avril, Aristotelian Dialogics of Reader-Response on Cross-Cultural Rhetoric (Fulbright grant: until July 2000)

Maureen Kiernan, Cleveland Institute of Art, Fulbright lecturer at U. Tunis I, Manouba, Cinema in North Africa (Fulbright grant: until January 2000)

Ellen McLarney, Columbia U., Language and Art Forms: Expressing Tunisian National Identity (Fulbright grant: February-September 2000)

Thomas Morton, U. Pennsylvania, Peripheral Center: Meninx and the Impact of Luxury (Fulbright grant: until July 2000)


Anne Rasmussen, U. Copenhagen, Women Heads of Household in a Tunisian Urban Setting (Danish Development Institute grant: until June 2000)

Michael Sells, Haverford College, Classical and Modern Legacy of Ibn ’Arabi in Morocco, Tunisia and Syria (spring 2000)


Kathryn Stapley, Oxford U., Tunisian Arabic Song: A Sociolinguistic Study (British Academy grant: April-May 2000)

Thomas Turner, U. Tunis III, Political Development in Africa (to summer 2000)

Anita Weiss, U. Oregon, Islam, Gender and Human Rights in Pakistan and Tunisia: State Responses to International Agreements (CAORC grant: September 1999)


CEMAT LECTURES: AUTUMN 1999

OCTOBER
Thomas Morton, lecture/tour of Carthage, *Carthago Delenda Est: Roman Carthage*

Angel Foster, *La matrone (qabla ‘arbi) dans le sud tunisien: son rôle continu dans la santé des femmes*

**NOVEMBER**

Thomas Morton, lecture/tour of Carthage, *Punic Carthage: The Residential Quarter and the Tophet Sanctuary*

**DECEMBER**

Roger Allen, *Struggle in the Market Place: The Global Status of the Arabic Novel* (in Arabic)

Roger Allen, John Davison, Adel Gamal, roundtable discussion, *Teaching Arabic in the U.S.*

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**GRANT TO TUNISIAN RESEARCHER**

CEMAT made it possible for Samira Mechri of the Tunisian Higher Institute of Languages (ISLT) to travel to Tangier in July to consult the library of the Tangier American Legation Museum (TALM) in connection with research concerning *Anglo-American Travel Writing and Popular Fiction*. While there she gave two talks to American students studying Arabic in Tangier on an AIMS organized summer language program. Her grant was from the American Tunisian Association. CEMAT/AIMS is in the process of initiating a small grants program which would enable Maghribi scholars to do research within the Maghrib.

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**AIMS ANNUAL COLLOQUIUM: 1-3 JUNE 2000, IN TUNIS**

The focus of the forthcoming AIMS international conference will be:

*Preparing Young North Africans for the 21st Century: The Role of Education.*

The conference will be held at the Oriental Palace Hotel. A subsequent cross-national research project, to be carried out under AIMS auspices, is planned.

**AIMS MEMBERSHIP: THE JOURNAL OF NORTH AFRICAN STUDIES**

Membership in AIMS includes a subscription to the journal (JNAS) and the AIMS Newsletter. For information about membership contact CEMAT or Becky Schulthies bs6@email.byu.edu. JNAS is interested in previously unpublished research for publication in English. Contact John Entelis entelis@fordham.edu.

Those publishing books on North Africa should send review copies to Susan Miller sgmiller@fas.harvard.edu

**NEWS OF THE MIDDLE EAST STUDIES ASSOCIATION (MESA)**

Next year’s annual meetings of MESA will be held in Orlando, Florida, from 16-19 November 2000, on the theme of *Representations of the Middle East*. Participants are encouraged to consider representations of the Middle East over time and within and beyond the region. It is hoped that the theme will prompt explorations of representations, broadly defined, from many disciplinary and interdisciplinary points of view. For example, how has the Middle East appeared in the visual arts and architecture, as well as in a wide variety of verbal expressions, ranging from literary works to political rhetoric? What have been the varying purposes and
consequences of representations of the Middle East in academic, popular, journalistic, and governmental constructions?

Participation in the MESA meeting is restricted to MESA members. Visiting foreign scholars may request an exemption from membership payment, but exemptions are not automatic. All participants must pre-register for the conference when they submit a proposal. Proposals must arrive at the Secretariat of MESA in Arizona by Tuesday, 15 February 2000, and conform to the guidelines. Faxes and e-mailed proposals will not be accepted. LATE PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. For further information, contact CEMAT.

The 1999 MESA meetings were held in Washington, D.C. from 19-22 November 1999. Among papers presented at panels which dealt with the Maghrib, were the following:


- **Kevin Dwyer**, Tunis, *Current Trends in Moroccan and Tunisian Cinema*
- **Sandra Gayle Carter**, U. Texas at Austin, *Polarity to Popularity: The Experience of Moroccan Cinema*
- **Jenny Nelson**, Ohio U., *Imagining the Maghreb: A Sociosemiotic Study of Contemporary Moroccan Postcards*

**CO-OPERATIVE PERSPECTIVES ON GLOBALIZATION, POLITICAL LIBERALIZATION, AND IDENTITY**

- **Marcie Patton**, Fairfield U., *Capitalist Perspectives on Globalization in Turkey and Morocco*

**SUFI REALIZATIONS: DOCTRINE AND CONTEXT**


**WRITING IDENTITIES IN NORTH AFRICA**

- **Joshua Schreier**, New York U., *Civilizing the Ungrateful: Algerian Jews and French Colonialism*
- **Liat Kozma**, Tel Aviv U., *Writing Women into Moroccan National History*
- **Deborah Kapchan**, U. Texas at Austin, *Translating Art and Ideology in Morocco*

**THE ISLAMIC ETHICS OF LIFE: KILLING AND SAVING**

- **Jonathan E. Brockopp**, Bard College, *The ‘Good Death’ in Islamic Theology and Law*
- **Donna Lee Bowen**, Brigham Young U., *An Examination of Muslim Ethics Regarding Abortion*

**ISSUES IN ISLAMIC MODERNISM**

FERGUSON (1959): LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD

Keith Walters, U. Texas at Austin, *Fergy’s Prescience: The Changing Nature of Diglossia in Tunisia*

CITIES, LAND, AND THE MILITARY IN MEDIEVAL ISLAM

Said Ennahid, Arizona State U., *Restricted Space in the Urbanism of Medieval Fes*

WRITING, VOCABULARY AND LANGUAGE IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD

Françoise Lorcerie, CNRS, *Literate Knowledge in Peasant Society in the Western Rif: Variations on the Written, Oral, Learned and Illiterate Practitioners, the Religious Orthodox and the ‘Maraboutic’*

IS IT GOOD TO HAVE A KING?: MONARCHY AND DEMOCRATIZATION IN THE ARAB WORLD

Catherine Sweet, UCLA, *Help or Hindrance?: The Institution of the Monarchy and Morocco’s Transition to Democracy*

ISLAM IN THE WEST: THE ISSUE OF PLURALISM

Jocelyne Cesari, Harvard and Columbia U., *Muslims in France*

GENDER AND ISLAM IN THE EUROPEAN DIASPORA: IDENTITIES AND TRADITIONS IN TRANSITION

Regine Penitsch, Free U. Berlin, *Reflections on Religious Identity among Female Moroccan Students in Berlin*


THE POLITICS OF INCLUSION AND EXCLUSION IN THE MAGHRIB (Sponsored by AIMS)

Mark Tessler, U. Arizona, *The Influence of Islam on Attitudes toward Governance and Democracy in Morocco and Algeria*

Mounira Charrad, U. Pittsburgh, *Nation-state, Citizenship and Gender: Inclusion versus Exclusion in Tunisia and Morocco*


Azzedine Layachi, St. John’s U., *Reforms and the Politics of Inclusion in the Maghrib*

LINKING GENDER NORMS, POWER AND DEMOGRAPHIC PATTERNS

Georges Sabagh, UCLA, *Do Women’s Islamic Religious Behavior and Attitudes Influence Their Reproductive Behavior?: The Case of Algeria and Morocco*

DEFINING AND REDEFINING NATIONAL IDENTITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Judith Ronen, The Dayan Center, *How Does Qadhdhafi Remain in Power? OR, How Did Qadhdhafi Survive the International Sanctions?*

Yousef Bouandel, U. Lincolnshire & Humberside, *Political Parties and the Transition from Authoritarianism: The Case of Algeria*
CIVIL SOCIETY, ISLAM, AND DEMOCRACY: TURKEY, IRAN, NORTH AFRICA

Val Moghadam, Illinois State U., *Feminism and Citizenship in Iran, Turkey, and North Africa*

GENDERING MEDICINE FROM THE BLACK SEA TO THE MAGHREB

Nancy Gallagher, U. California, Santa Barbara, *Approaches to Medicine and Gender in the Middle East and North Africa*

Suzanne Stimler, Georgetown U., *Colonizing Childbirth: French Public Health and Traditional Midwifery in Protectorate Morocco*

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, COLLOQUIA


20-22 April, 2000: *Visions of the Wretched: Homage to Frantz Fanon*. Organized by English Department Seminars (EDS). To be held at Faculté des Lettres de Manouba.


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