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AIMS GRANTS PROGRAM: 1998-98

AIMS announces the following recipients of the grants competition:

Short-term travel grants:

Aziz Abbassi, University of Texas at Austin, Translation of Mohammed Abed Al-Jabri's
'Naqd al-'aql al-'arabii

Jamila Bargach, Rice University, Missionary Work in Morocco

Richard Collier, Duke University, Modes and Mechanisms of Authority in Two Muslim
Saints

Guilain Denoeux, Colby College, Morocco's Chamber of Councilors

Mia Fuller, American Academy in Rome, Libya During Colonial Times

Clement Henry, University of Texas at Austin, Financial Reform in Morocco and Tunisia

Lealan Swanson, Jackson State University, Houses in the Islamic World

Leor Halevi, Harvard University, The Mediterranean World in the Age of Abd al-Rahman III

Helene Tissieres, New York University, Passage des non-dits à l'image au Maghreb et en Afrique subsaharienne: Abdelwahab Meddeb, Werewere Liking, Tchicaya U Tam 'Si

Long-term grants:

David Crawford, University of California, Santa Barbara, Fire in the Mountains: Agriculture and Identity in the Moroccan High Atlas

Angelica De Angelis, University of California, Santa Barbara, The Role of Nation in the Fictional and Intellectual Writings of North African Muslim Women

Angelina Foster, Oxford University, Women's Health Care in Tunisia

Michelle Rein, University of Pennsylvania, Visual Expressions of Baraka: Marabout Shrines and Material Culture in Morocco

Faiza Shereen, University of Dayton, Spectacular Border Vision: Colonial and Postcolonial Writers

Madia Thompson, Boston University, Desert Crossings: A Cultural History of Trans-Saharan Trade and Migration in Southern Morocco, 1600-1830

Leslie Weaver, New York University, Whither Morocco? The Emergence of Morocco's Early Nationalist Movement

Jim Miller, Clemson University, Sijilmasa Caravan

VISITING SCHOLARS AND RESEARCHERS IN TUNISIA:

Lisa Blaydes, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins U., Foreign Investment in Tunisia (SAIS grant: June-July 1998)

Melani Cammett, U. California, Berkeley, The Political Economy of the Participation of Morocco and Tunisia in the Arab Maghrib Union (SSRC Pre-dissertation grant: May-June 1998)

Alan Cresswell, Shippensburg U., A Scientific Study and Classification of Traditional Technology in Tunisia (Fulbright Senior Scholar Program: September 1998-May 1999)

Elizabeth Fentress, American Academy in Rome, Archaeological Survey of Jerba (June-July 1998)

Angelina Foster, Oxford U., Women's Health Care in Tunisia (AIMS grant: June 1998-May 1999)

Joann Freed, Wilfrid Laurier U., Ancient Amphoras in Carthage (June 1998)

Mia Fuller, American Academy in Rome, Libya During Colonial Times (AIMS grant: September 1998)

Sarah Gilman, U. Oregon, Women's Organizations in Tunisia (Fulbright: grant: September 1998-May 1999)

David Gutelius, Johns Hopkins U., Markets and Social Change in the Western Maghrib, 1640-1830 (CAORC grant: November 1998)

Sumaiya Hamdani, George Mason U., Between Revolution and State: the Imam, al-Nu'am, and the Construction of Fatimid Legitimacy (SSRC grant: September-November 1998)

Margaret Hathaway, Wellesley College, Les Etrangers, A Study of American Writers in the Maghreb (Fulbright grant: September 1998-May 1999)

Simon Hawkins, U. Chicago, Education and the Development of National Identity in Contemporary Tunisia (Fulbright grant: September 1998-May 1999)

Clement Henry, U. Texas at Austin, Financial Reform in Tunisia (AIMS grant: August 1998)

Renata Holod, U. Pennsylvania, Archaeological Survey of Jerba (June-July 1998)

Jozlyn Kalchthaler, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins U., Human Capital Development in Tunisia and its Growth Linkages (SAIS grant: June-July 1998)

Maureen Kiernan, Cleveland Institute of Art, Tunisian Film (Fulbright Senior Scholar Program: September 1998-May 1999)

Pierre Senay, U. des Trois Rivières Quebec, Excavation in Carthage (May-June 1998)

Kathryn Stapley, Oxford U., Tunisian Arabic Song: A Sociolinguistic Study (June 1998-May 1999)

Susan Stevens, Randolph Macon Woman's College, Excavation of a Cemetery Church Complex at Bir Ftouha (June-July 1998)

Sabra Webber, Ohio State U., A Sociolinguistic Analysis of Tunisian Riddles (SSRC grant: August-November 1998)

Anita Weiss, U. Oregon, Women's Rights in Pakistan and Tunisia: State Responses to International Agreements (CAORC grant: January-March 1999)

Colin Wells, Trinity University, Excavation at the Odeon in Carthage (June 1998)

Andrew Wolfe, SUNY Binghamton, Water Users Associations in Deggache (AIMS grant: January-December 1998)

AIMS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

AIMS held its eleventh annual conference on The Maghrib in World History from May 27-31 in Tunisia.

Major themes of the Conference :

The intellectual objective of the 1998 AIMS conference is to integrate more fully the Maghrib's long and rich history into current international research on world history and world systems analysis. Belonging to the histories of Africa, the Near East, Europe and the Mediterranean world has meant that North Africa is, paradoxically, often omitted from many grand historical narratives. By bringing together scholars from all fields of history and from other related disciplines working along world historical lines of inquiry, the AIMS conference will serve as a forum to discuss, debate, and ultimately reconceptualize the Maghrib's place in World History.

The dominant problematic of World History is best explained by its own historical development. Beginning at the University of Chicago as a full-fledged, scholarly movement within the larger discipline of history, World History emerged after World War II, which had made the world both a smaller place and a much larger place as a social construct in the collective consciousness of peoples everywhere. A bigger world, an inter-related and connected world required a bigger history. This entailed challenging Western intellectual historical paradigms which discerned causation and meaning in humankind's past solely through the European tunnel of time. World historians employ inter-regional, trans-regional, and comparative methodologies to historical problems and processes in order to find avenues of approach that do not focus exclusively upon the nation-state or the notion of self-enclosed or bounded civilizations as units of analysis.

The following papers were given :

Séance I : Le Maghreb dans l'Antiquité

Fathi Ben Abed (Maître Assistant, Département d'Histoire, Faculté des Lettres de la Manouba, Université de Tunis I). *Le Maghreb dans la Méditerranée Antique : La période sémitique*

Colin M. Wells (Professor of Classics, Department of Classical Studies, Trinity University, Texas)

The Maghrib and the Mediterranean from the Phoenicians to the Middle Ages

Séance II : Expansions, Déplacements, Mouvements : le Magreb Pré-Moderne

Nelli S. Amri (Maître Assistante, Département d'Histoire, Faculté des Lettres de la Manouba, Université de Tunis I). *Le sufisme en Ifriqiya du 9e au 15e siècle : le sens d'une évolution*

James A. Miller (Professor of Geography, Department of Geography, Clemson University, South Carolina)

Ronald A. Messier (Professor of History, Department of History, Middle Tennessee State University). *Sijilmasa and the Radiation of Islam to West Africa / Re-thinking the Almoravids*

Fatima Harrak (Professeur de Recherches en Histoire, Institut des Etudes Africaines, Université Mohamed V, Rabat). *Ahmed Baba's Nayl Ibtihaj or the Triumph of the Pen over Sword*

Séance III : Frontières et Echanges à travers la Méditerranée

Amira K. Bennisson (Lecturer in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, University of Cambridge). *Intimations of Liminality : Morocco & the Iberian Frontier, 15th to 19th Centuries*

David Gutelius (Department of History, Johns Hopkins University, Maryland). *The Nasiryya Tariqa and Economic Change in the Early Modern World*

Mohamed Hédi Cherif (Professor Emérite, Faculté des Sciences Humaines et Sociales, Université de Tunis I). *Eléments de modernité introduits par les Ottomans à Tunis au 16e et 17e siècles*

Séance IV : Le Terrain de World History et l'Histoire Moderne de la Tunisie

Jamel Ben Tahar (Maître Assistant, Département d'Histoire, Faculté des Lettres de la Manouba, Université de Tunis I). *La régence de Tunis et l'expédition d'Egypte (1798-1801) : Réflexions sur les stratégies des puissances de Tunis*

Abdelhamid Larguèche (Maître de Conférence, Département d'Histoire, Faculté des Lettres de la Manouba, Univ. de Tunis I). *Tunis au XVIIIè et XIXè siècles : Entre centralité et cosmopolitisme*

Dalenda Larguèche (Maître Assistante, Département d'Histoire, Faculté des Lettres de la Manouba, Université de Tunis I). *La mh'alla et la construction étatique dans la Tunisie à l'époque moderne*

Séance V: Expansions Européennes et Questions d'Identités

Habib Kazdaghli (Maître Assistant, Département d'Histoire, Faculté des Lettres de la Manouba, Université de Tunis I). *Communautés Méditerranéennes de Tunisie: Les grecs : d'une millet Ottomane à L'assimilation française (XVII-XXè siècles)*

Mohamed Mansour (Professeur de Recherches en Histoire, Faculté des Lettres, Université Mohamed V, Rabat). *Les Maghrebins au Machreq dans l'époque moderne*

Jonathan Katz (Assistant Professor of History, Department of History, Oregon State University). *The Mauchamp Affair and the French Civilizing Mission*

Séance VI : Le Maghreb dans le Système Mondial

Samya El Machat (Maître de Recherche, Institut du Patrimoine, Tunis). *Les mouvements d'indépendance d'Afrique du Nord dans les relations internationales, 1954-1962*

James Le Sueur (Assistant Professor of History, Department of History, La Verne University, California). *Re-considering the Impact of the French-Algerian War on French Intellectuals*

Salah Fehri (Maître de Recherche, Institut de Géographie, Université d'Oran). *L'Histoire de l'immigration Algérienne et ses perspectives*

CEMAT LECTURES AND SITE VISITS

MARCH 1998

Justin McGuinness, U. Newcastle, History, Architecture and Sociology of the Tunis Medina: a Site Visit

Sabra Webber, Ohio State U., Work-in-progress summary of research on Tunisian riddles

Douglas Welle, SUNY Buffalo, 'Carthage delenda est': The Punic Remains within Roman Carthage: a Site Visit

APRIL 1998

Douglas Welle, SUNY Buffalo, Utica from Dawn till Dusk: The Life of a Phoenician Emporium: a Site Visit

MAY 1998

Thomas Turner, U. Tunis III, Patrimoine mondial, identité nationale: la politique culturelle de la Tunisie

JUNE 1998

Colin Wells, Trinity University, Site Visit of Excavations at the Odeon in Carthage

JULY 1998

Susan Stevens, Randolph Macon Woman's College, Site Visit of Excavations of Cemetery Church Complex at Bir Ftouha

VISITORS TO CEMAT

Social Science Research Council

In March, the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) held meetings in Tunis of their North Africa and Near East Fellows. CEMAT coordinated their program.

American Research Institute in Turkey

A group from the Friends of the American Research Institute in Turkey came to Tunisia on an archaeology tour in April, and were hosted by CEMAT.

American School of Classical Studies at Athens

In May, CEMAT co-sponsored an on-site archaeological tour of Tunisia with the American School of Classical Studies at Athens.

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MIXED COMMISSION

A meeting of CEMAT/AIMS' Tunisian Mixed Commission members, Abderraouf Mahbouli and Hamadi Ben Jaballah was held when Mark Tessler, AIMS President, visited Tunisia in June.

MEETINGS AND COLLOQUIA

5-8 July 1998: British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES) Annual Conference (Birmingham, United Kingdom). Fax 44-121-415-2297.

13-16 August 1998: Fourth Nordic Middle East Conference. Oslo. Fax 47-2-285-4140.

3-6 December 1998: Annual meetings of the Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA) in Chicago. Fax 520-626-9095.

3 December 1998: The Mamluk Sultanate: Cities, Societies, Economies. Chicago. Phone: 773-325-1561.

8-10 October 1999. Beyond the Border: A New Framework for Understanding the Dynamism of Muslim Societies. Kyoto, Japan. Fax 81-5684-3279. Call for papers deadline: 31 August 1998.

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