

**The International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological  
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**Conference of Commission on the Middle East**

*“Migration, Change and Continuity:*

*Kinship, Religion, Politics, Visual, in Retrospect and Beyond”*

**Krakow, Poland (7-9 August, 2016)**

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Conference Venue:

Main Building of the University, Golebia 24, Krakow, Poland

## *Programme*

### **August 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 9-10 Registration
- 10:00-10:15 Dr S. Shahshahani: Welcome Note to Participants
- 10:15-10:20 Dr Hab. Marcin Brocki, Head of the Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology: Welcome to Jagierllonski Uniwersytet
- 10:20-10:40 Professor Anna Krasnowolska: “The Magic of Fruit Trees in Iran and Poland”
- 10:40-11:00 Coffee/Tea Break
- 11:00-13:00 Panel I: The Emerging Kinship in Changing Middle East**  
Organiser and Chair: Dr. Soraya Tremayne
- 11:00-11:20 Dr Zuzanna Olszewska, University of Oxford  
“The Heart's Secret No More? The Shifting Meanings of Love and Companionate Marriage Among Young Afghans”
- 11:20-11:40 Dr Azim Malikov, Institute of History of Academy of Sciences, Tashkent  
“Kinship System Among Khoja Groups in Southern Kazakhstan”
- 11:40-12:00 Krzysztof Lalik, Jagiellonian University of Krakow  
“Tribal Mechanisms In Contemporary Social Live Among Kurds in Iraq”
- 12:00-12:20 Dr Mitra Asfari, Universite de Paris (Descartes)  
“Kinship Among the Qorbat of Babol in Tehran”
- 12:20-12:40 Sachiko Hosoya, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies  
“Choosing A Unique Life As A Thalassemia Patient: Biological Citizenship and Marriage Partner Preferences Of People With a Genetic Illness in Turkey and Iran”
- 12:40-13:00 Discussion
- 13:00-14:20 Lunch Break
- 14:20-15:20 Panel II: Migration, Change and Continuity**  
Organiser: Dr. Danila Mayer  
Chair: Professor Yamagishi

- 14:20-14:40 Dr Danila Mayer, University of Applied Sciences, St. Poelten.  
“Puppets Play War: Wael Shawky's Cabaret Crusades”
- 14:40-15:00 Ibrahim Algoraan, Ben-Gurion University of Negev  
“Bedouin Society: Immigration, Continuity and Change”
- 15:00-15:20 Discussion
- 15:20-15:40 Coffee/Tea Break
- 15:40-17:00 Panel III: Anthropologists of the Middle East in Retrospect**  
Organiser: Dr S. Shahshahani  
Chair: Dr Fakhri Haghani
- 15:40-16:00 Dr Matthias Battis, University of Oxford  
“A Window in the History of Ethnography in Soviet Tajikistan:  
The Archive of Antonina Pisarchik (1907-1995) in Cracow’s Institute  
of Iranian Studies”
- 16:00-16:20 Dr Soheila Shahshahani, Shahid Beheshti University  
“Nasser Khosrow Qobadiyani’s Travel Account or Daily Notebook of an  
Anthropologist in Retrospect”
- 16:20-17:00 Discussion of both panels

## **August 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00-12:00 Panel IV: Popular Religious Practices and Perceptions**  
Organiser and Chair: Prof. Mary Hegland
- 9:00-9:20 Amina Tawasil, University of New Mexico  
“The Art of the Chador: Practice and Play among Iranian Howzevi  
(Seminarians)”
- 9:20-9:40 Professor Edith Szanto, The American University of Iraq  
“The Final Tear: Pious Bodies, Affective Economies, and Sacred Space in  
Contemporary Iraqi Arbaeen Practices”
- 9:40-10:00 Professor Erika Loeffler Friedl, Western Michigan University  
“God and People in Folkloric Texts from Boir Ahmad, Iran”
- 10:00-10:20 Discussion
- 10:20-10:40 Coffee/Tea Break
- 10:40-11:00 Professor Kim Shively, Kutztown University

	“Answering Debt: Charity and Eschatological Anxiety in the Age of Turkish Prosperity”
11:00-11:20	Zep Kalb, University of Oxford “The Neither Dulati nor Khosusi: Civil Society, Creativity and Islam in Qom’s Religious Academia”
11:20-12:00	Discussion of the whole session
12:00-13:30	Lunch Break
<b>13:30- 15:30</b>	<b>Panel V: Negotiating Political Inclusion: Women and Party Politics in the Middle East and North Africa</b> Organisers: Professor Homa Hoodfar & Mona Tajali Chair: Professor Kim Shively
13:30-13:50	Sabah Ikhmayes, Vrije Universiteit “The Implications of Gender Quota in Palestine as a Conflict-torn, Divided Society”
13:50-14:10	Mona Tajali, Agnes Scott College “Women and Party Politics in Turkey and Iran”
14:10-14:30	Coffee/Tea Break
14:30-14:50	Katarina Skrabakova, Comenius University in Bratislava “Islamic Women as Candidates in Elections: Comparison of PJD in Morocco and Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt”
14:50-15:10	Sarah Fischer, Marymount University “Women in Islamic Political Parties: Increasing Visibility, Utility and Power?”
15:10 -15:30	Sawsan Samara, King Hossein Foundation “Are Educated Jordanian Women Really Interested in Seeking Leadership Positions in Jordanian Public and Political Sector?”
15:30-16:00	Discussion
16:00-17:00	<b>Business Meeting of the Commission on the Middle East</b> Agenda: Location of our meeting in <b>2017</b> Financial Report IUAES Membership <i>AME</i> News

**August 9<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00-10:20            Panel VI: Beyond Theories; Doing Research in the Middle East**

Organisers: Professor Yamagishi Tomoko & Dr. Sahar Maranlou  
Chair: Soheila Shahshahani

9:00-9:20            Mary Hegland, Santa Clara University  
“Anthropological Field Research in the Iranian Revolution and in the Islamic Republic”

9:20-9:40            Yamagishi Tomoko, Meiji University, Tokyo  
“Beyond the Dialectic of Globalisation Theories; Far East visual Culture Entering Middle East”

9:40-10:00           Sahar Maranlou, University of Oxford  
“Understanding Public Perceptions about Law & Society”

10:00-10:20           Discussion

10:20-11:10           Coffee/Tea Break

**11:10-13:00           Panel VII: Visual Culture, Law and Gender in the Middle East and North Africa**

Organiser: Dr Fakhri Haghani  
Chair: Professor Erika Loeffler

11:10-11:30           Zuzanne Blajet, Jagiellonian University  
“How Powerful Slogans Are? Language Policy and Social Change On the Example of the Shughni language in the Republic of Tajikistan

11:30-11:50           Leila Tabatabaie Yazdi & Mohammad K. Hasanvand, Tarbiat Modares University  
“In Search Of A New Language: A Survey on Representation of Women in the Works of Contemporary Iranian Painters”

11:50-12:10           Farniyaz Zaker, University of Oxford  
“Urban Space as a White Canvas: The Politics of Space in Twentieth Century Iran”

12:10-12:30           Fakhri Haghani, Rutgers University  
“What is ‘Visual’ about the Refugee Crisis?”

12:30-13:00 Discussion

13:00-14:30 Lunch

**14:30-15:30 Panel VIII: Research in Progress**  
Chair: Prof. Mary Hegland, Santa Clara University

14:30-14:50 Marzieh Kaivanara, University of Bristol  
“Medicalisation of Beauty and Consumption of Health: The Case of Tehran”

14:50-15:10 Sara Lenehan, London School of Economics  
“Fake luxury fashion brands and their uses in Tehran”

Students participating in the Conference would be welcomed to present their research and benefit from the presence of scholars to enhance their work.

**15:30-17:00 Round Table Discussion: Anthropology and the Middle East**