

The Middle East and North Africa Research Cluster Annual Conference

“The Middle East and North Africa in the Emerging Global Cold War”

Nottingham Trent University, UK

2nd May 2017

Time	Event	Room
8:45-9:15am	Welcome and Registration	
9:15-11am	<p>Panel One:</p> <p>Chair: Tarik Oumazzane</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Survival of Algeria With a Besieged Volatile Peace in a Troubled Region Abdelmadjid Bouguedra, University of Oran, Algeria 2. The Algerian Revolution and the Cold War Abdelkader Cheref, American University of Ras Al Khaimah, UAE 3. A “Levels of Analysis” Approach to the Syrian Conflict: Coalescing the writings of Mohammad Sayed Rassass Ferdinand Arslanian, University of St Andrews, UK 4. Ethno-Sectarian Conflict Resolution in a Deeply Divided Society: The case of Iraq Yaseen Salih, University of Nottingham, UK 5. Sahra’s paper Sahra Joharchi, Nottingham Trent University, UK 	
11-11:15am	Break	
11:15am-1pm	<p>Panel Two:</p> <p>Chair: Jan Nathrath</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Saudi Arabia and the United States: Contrasting security concerns and the intensification of Iran-Saudi Arabia hostility Sika Sadoddin, University of Tehran, Iran 	

	<p>2. Understanding the Contemporary GCC-USA Relationship Wojciech Grabowski, University of Gdansk, Poland</p> <p>3. From Bush To Trump: The impact of American exceptionalism on US foreign policy and the fight against terrorism Natasha Underhill, Nottingham Trent University, UK</p> <p>4. Weak States and (Sectarian) Trans-state Identities in the Middle East's New and Old Regional Cold Wars Morten Valbjørn, Aarhus University, Denmark</p> <p>5. Iran's Proxy War in Bahrain: A symbol of the Middle Eastern Cold War Robert Czulda, University of Lodz, Poland</p>	
1-2pm	Lunch	
2-3:45pm	<p>Panel Three:</p> <p>Chair: Alexander Baxter</p> <p>1. The Effects of the Cold War on the Middle East Peace Process Samer Bakkour, TBC</p> <p>2. Reordering the MENA: Global Economic and Political implications of Egypt's readjustment of alliances after 2013 coup Maria Polimeno, City University London, UK</p> <p>3. The Future of the New Cold War in the Middle East in the Donald Trump Era Amin Naeni, University of Tehran, Iran</p> <p>4. Winter is Coming: The emerging Cold War in the MENA Zeynep Kaya, Gedik University, Turkey</p> <p>5. Trade Liberalisation in the Middle East and North Africa: Promoting peace and stability Tarik Oumazzane, Nottingham Trent University, UK</p>	
3:45-4pm	Break	
4-5:45pm	Panel Four:	

	<p>Chair: Sahra Joharchi</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Evolution of Islamism in Turkish Politics Under the AKP's Rule Caglar Ezikoglu, University of Aberystwyth, UK 2. Discursive Construction of Syrian Refugees in Turkish Parliamentary Debates and Presidential Speeches Rabia Karakaya Polat, Işık University, Turkey 3. Human Rights as Performance: A discourse analysis of the Western intervention in Libya Matthew Robson, TBC 4. Alex's paper Alexander Baxter, Nottingham Trent University, UK 5. King Abdullah's Balancing Act: Neo-liberalism vs the politics of tradition in post-Arab Spring Jordan Imad El-Anis, Nottingham Trent University, UK 	
5:45-6pm	Closing Remarks	