

# C Y R U S S C H A Y E G H

Associate Professor

Department of International History

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## PAST EMPLOYMENT

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	<b>Princeton University</b>
2014-2017	Associate Professor, Department of Near Eastern Studies
2008-2014	Assistant Professor, Department of Near Eastern Studies
Also: 2014-2017	Director, Near Eastern Studies Program, Princeton University
	<b>American University of Beirut</b>
2005-2008	Assistant Professor, Department of History and Archaeology
	<b>Institute for Management and Planning Studies, Tehran</b>
2004	Post-doctoral fellow

## EDUCATION

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February 2004	Ph.D. with distinction, Department of Middle Eastern and Asian Languages and Cultures, <b>Columbia University</b> , New York
May 1999	MPhil., Department of Middle Eastern and Asian Languages and Cultures, <b>Columbia University, New York</b>
October 1997	D.E.S. (Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures, equal to an M.A.) en Science Politique, <b>Université de Genève</b>
July 1996	B.A., Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies and Political Science, <b>Hebrew University of Jerusalem</b>
October 1993 - July 1994	Study of Islamwissenschaften and Iranistik, <b>Karl Eberhart Universität</b> , Tübingen

**Monographs**

1. *The Middle East and the Making of the Modern World* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, forthcoming [Fall 2017]).
2. *Who Is Knowledgeable, Is Strong: Science, Class, and the Formation of Modern Iranian Society, 1900-1950* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2009).

**Edited volumes**

1. *The Routledge Handbook of the History of the Middle East Mandates* (London: Routledge, 2015), co-edited with Andrew Arsan.
2. *A Global Middle East: Mobility, Materiality and Culture in the Modern Age, 1880-1940* (London: Tauris, 2014), co-edited with Liat Kozma and Avner Wishnitzer.

**Articles in peer-reviewed journals**

In publication

1. "The Expanding Overlap of Imperial, International and Transnational Political Activities, 1920s-1930s: a Belgian Case Study," part of a special issue of *International Politics*.

Published

1. "The Inter-war Germination of Development and Modernization Theory and Practice: Politics, Institution Building, and Knowledge Production between the Rockefeller Foundation and the American University of Beirut," *Geschichte und Gesellschaft* 41 (2015): 649–684.
2. "Three questions for historians of science in the modern Middle East and North Africa," *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 47:3 (2015): 588-591, a contribution to an *International Journal of Middle East Studies* Roundtable on the History of Science.
3. "Ha-yishuv ke-helek mi-Suria ha-gdola be-tkufat ha-milhama," [The Yishuv as Part of Greater Syria in the War] *Zmanim* 126 (2014): 8-15 [in Hebrew].
4. "Small Is Beautiful," *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 46 (2014): 373-375, a contribution to an *International Journal of Middle East Studies* Roundtable on Social History.
5. "1958 Reconsidered. State Formation and Cold War in the Early Post-Colonial Arab Middle East," *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 41 (2013): 421-43.
6. "Iran's Karaj Dam Affair: Emerging Mass Consumerism, the Politics of Promise and the Cold War in the Early Post-war Third World,"

*Comparative Studies in Society and History* 54:3 (2012): 612-43.

7. “‘Who’s Who in Syria?’ A Note on a Historical Source from the Mid-Twentieth Century,” *Critique* 20:2 (2011): 219-24.
8. “The Many Worlds of Abud Yasin, or: What Narcotics Trafficking in the Interwar Middle East Can Tell Us about Territorialization,” *American Historical Review* 116:2 (2011): 273-306.
9. “‘Seeing Like a State’. An Essay on the Historiography of Modern Iran,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 42 (2010): 37-61.
10. “A Reply to Nikki Keddie,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 42 (2010): 544-45.
11. “Recent Trends in the Historiography of Iran under the Pahlavi Dynasty (1921-1979),” *History Compass* 6:6 (2008): 1400-1406.
12. “The Social Relevance of Knowledge: Science and the Formation of Modern Iran, 1910-1940s” *Middle Eastern Studies* 43:6 (2007): 941-60.
13. “The Development of Social Insurance in Iran: Technical-Financial Conditions and Political Rationales, 1941-1960”, *Iranian Studies* 39:4 (2006): 540-68.
14. “Criminal-Women and Mother-Women. Socio-Cultural Transformations and the Critique of Criminality in Early Post-World War Two Iran”, *Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies* 2:3 (2006): 1-21.
15. “Serial Murder in Tehran: Crime, Science, and the Formation of Modern State and Society in Interwar Iran”, *Journal for Comparative Studies in Society and History* 47:4 (2005): 836-62.
16. “‘Aql-i Salīm dar Jism-i Sālīm Ast: Texts and Contexts in the Iranian Modernists’ Scientific Discourse of Health, 1910s-1940s”, *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 37:2 (2005): 167-88.
17. “Hygiene, Eugenics, Genetics, and the Perception of Demographic Crisis in Iran, 1910s-1940s”, *Critique: Journal for Critical Studies of the Middle East* 13:3 (2004): 335-61.
18. “Orientalism Enters the Cold War: The New York Times’ Coverage of Iran under Mosaddeq”, *JUSUR: The UCLA Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 20 (Fall 2004).
19. “Sport, Health, and the Iranian Modern Middle Class, 1920s and 1930s”, *Iranian Studies* 35:4 (2002): 1-30.
20. “Modern Science and the Formation of the Iranian Modern Middle Class, 1910s-1930s” *ISIM* 9 (2002).

### **Edited volumes chapters, encyclopedia entries, academic website essays**

#### **Commissioned and in preparation**

1. "Postwar Societies (Middle East)," in *1914-1918-online: International Encyclopedia of the First World War*.
2. "The Empire Strikes Back: Iran in the Global 1970s," in *Global Iran*, ed. Roham Alvandi (press tba).
3. "Concluding remarks," in *Mandates and Minorities*, ed. Heleen Murre-van den Berg (Leiden: Brill, forthcoming (fall 2017)).
4. "Middle Eastern Reflections on the Interplay between Intra-imperial, Trans-Imperial, and Transnational Dimensions of Developmentalism, 1880s-1960s," in *Global Development*, ed. Erez Manela (forthcoming, 2017).
5. A review of Nathan Citino's *Envisioning the Arab Future*, or: Thinking With and Beyond 'The Region'," an *H-Diplo* roundtable essay of Nathan Citino's *Envisioning the Arab Future*, summer 2017.
6. "Switch-cities, decolonization, and globalization," in the academic website *Afro-Asian Visions*, August 2017.

#### **Published**

1. "The Man in the Middle: Developmentalism and Cold War at AUB's Economic Research Institute in-between the U.S. and the Middle East, 1952-1967," in *150 years AUB. Commemorative Volume*, ed. Nadia El Cheikh and Bilal Orfali (Beirut: AUB Press, 2016), 105-119.
2. "Concluding Remarks: Writing AUB History in a Global Age," co-authored with Aleksandra Kobiljski, in *150 years AUB*, 329-336.
3. "The Mandates and/as Decolonization," in *Routledge Handbook of the History of the Middle East Mandates*, ed. Cyrus Schayegh and Andrew Arsan (London: Routledge, 2015), 412-419.
4. "Introduction," co-authored with Andrew Arsan, in *Routledge Handbook of the History of the Middle East Mandates*, 1-24.
5. "Introduction to Part 2" and "Introduction to Part 3", in *The Routledge History of the Middle East Mandates*.
6. "Introduction," co-authored with Liat Kozma and Avner Wishnitzer, in *A Global Middle East* (London: Tauris, 2014), 1-15.
7. "On Scales and Spaces: Reading Gottlieb Schumacher's *The Jaulân* (1888)," in *A Global Middle East*, 19-54.
8. "A History of Eugenics in Iran," in Alison Bashford and Philippa

Levine, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of the History of Eugenics* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010), 449-61.

9. "The Population as a National Resource: an Iranian Press Article, 1937", in Camron Amin et.al. (eds.): *The Modern Middle East: A Sourcebook for History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2006), 623-26.
10. "Crime and Society in Iran: Press and Court Transcripts, 1934", in Camron Amin et.al. (eds.): *The Modern Middle East: A Sourcebook for History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2006), 62-64.

#### **Book reviews**

1. Orkideh Behrouzan, *Prozak Diaries. Psychiatry and Generational Memory in Iran* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2016), in *IJMES* 49 (2017): 551-552.
2. Julia A. Clancy-Smith, *Mediterraneans: North Africa and Europe in an Age of Migration, c. 1800-1900* (Berkeley, University of California Press, 2011), *Mediterranean Historical Review* 28:1 (2013): 72-75.
3. Hillel Cohen, *Good Arabs. The Israeli Security Agencies and the Israeli Arabs, 1948-1967* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2010), *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 44:2 (2012): 368-70.
4. Marjam Ardalán, *Der Iran im Spiegel deutschsprachiger Reiseberichte im 19. Jahrhundert* (Frankfurt a.M.: Peter Lang, 2003), *Iranian Studies* 44:1 (2011), 432-33.
5. Roman Siebertz, *Die Briefmarken Irans als Mittel der politischen Propaganda* (Wien: Verlag der oesterreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, 2005), *Iranian Studies* 43:3 (2010): 582-84.
6. Daniela Meier, *Helvetias guter Draht zum Pfauenthron. Die Beziehungen der Schweiz zu Iran (1946-1978)* (Zürich: Orell Füssli Verlag, 2002), *Iranian Studies* 43:3 (2010): 426-28.
7. Stephen C. Poulson, *Social Movements in Twentieth Century Iran. Culture, Ideology, and Mobilizing Frameworks* (Lanham: Lexington Books, 2005), *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 39:3 (2007): 501-502.
8. Stefan Sigerist, *Schweizer im Orient* (Schaffhausen: Selbstverlag, 2004), *Iranian Studies* 40:1 (2007): 113-16.
9. Mohammad Hadi Mohammadi and Zohreh Ghaemi (2003): *Tarikh-e adabiyat-e kudakan* (Tehran: Nashr-e Chistā), *Iranian Studies* 38:3 (2005): 513-15.
10. Mahdi Samāi (2003): *Farhang-loghat-e zaban-e makhlfi* (Tehran: Nashr-e Markaz), *Iranian Studies* 38:3 (2005): 536-38.

11. Reza Bigdeloo (2001): *Bastangarā'i dar tārikh-e mo'āser-e Irān* (Tehran: Nashr-e Markaz), *Iranian Studies* 38:3 (2005): 538-39.
12. Markus Ineichen (2002): *Die schwedischen Offiziere in Persien (1911-1916). Friedensengel, Weltgendarmen, oder Handelsagenten einer Kleinmacht im ausgehenden Zeitalter des Imperialismus?* (Bern: Peter Lang), *Iranian Studies* 38:2 (2005): 338-40.
13. Marjane Satrapi (2001): *Persepolis. 1<sup>er</sup> et 2<sup>ème</sup> volumes* (Paris: L'Association), *Iranian Studies* 37:1 (2004) : 179-80.
14. Ebrahim Towfigh (2000): *Modernisierung und postkoloniale Herrschaft in Iran. Versuch über den Staat [Modernization and post-colonial rule in Iran. Essay on the state]* (Frankfurt a.M.: Verlag für interkulturelle Kommunikation), *Iranian Studies* 36:2 (2003): 296-300.
15. José María Sierra Nava (2001): *Episodios Persas* (Burgos: Editorial Dossoles), *Iranian Studies* 36:1 (2003): 152-53.

#### Newspaper articles

1. Review of Ulrich Ladurner und Gero von Randow, *Die iranische Bombe. Hintergründe einer globalen Gefahr* (Hamburg: Hoffmann und Campe, 2006), *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, June 11, 2006.
2. "Frauen bleiben draussen: Nicht nur im Kino: Iranische Frauen im "Offside," *Basler Zeitung*, May 13, 2006.
3. "Familienplanung auf Islamisch. Gratwanderung zwischen Pragmatik und Moral in Iran," *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, October 20, 2004.
4. "Racing Ahead. Argot and Urban Culture in Modern-Day Tehran," *Daily Star* (Beirut), October 16, 2004.
5. "Afghanen wählen auch in Iran und Pakistan. Intensivierte Politik der Repatriierung von Flüchtlingen," *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, October 8, 2004.
6. "Furniture Design: A Sign of Change in Iran? Popularity of non-licensed IKEA stores is booming," *Daily Star* (Beirut), September 1, 2004.
7. "Spritzentausch in Tehran," *WochenZeitung* (Zürich) Nr. 51 (2004).
8. "Modelling Marriage: Family Magazines in Iran", *Bad Jens. Iranian Feminist Newsletter*, <http://www.badjens.com>, seventh edition, September 2004.
9. "Eidechsen, Skorpione und der kleine Prinz. Verbot des Kassenschlagers "Marmulak" in Irans Kinos," *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, May

19, 2004.

**Other**

1. *Constitutionalism and Autocracy in Modern Iran* [D.E.S. (MA), 1997] ISSN 1422-3007, © Université de Genève, Département de science politique, Faculté des sciences économiques et sociales, Mai 2001.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Assistant and Associate Professor, Department for Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University, 2008-2017**

Global History: The Modern Middle East (seminar)  
Fundamental Historical Questions (seminar)  
The Emergence of the Modern Middle East: Arabic Sources (seminar)  
Directed readings (graduate preparation course for generals)  
Introduction to the Middle East, 600-2010s (lecture course)  
The Arab-Israeli Conflict (lecture course)  
The United States in the Middle East Since World War I (lecture course)  
Social history of the modern Middle East (lecture course)  
History of modern Syria and Lebanon (lecture course)  
History of modern Iran (lecture course)

**Assistant Professor, Department of History and Archaeology, American University of Beirut, 2005-2007**

Theories and methods in the study of the modern Middle East (seminar)  
Social history of the modern Middle East (lecture course)  
History of Iran, 1979-2006 (lecture course)  
Civilizational Sequence Programme: the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century (lecture course)  
Cultural history of modern Iran, 1905-2000 (lecture course)  
Urban history of the modern Middle East (lecture course)  
Safavid Iran in the early modern world, 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> century (lecture course)

**Teaching Assistant, Department of Middle Eastern and Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University, 1998-2001**

Asian Civilization (under Profs. Magda An-Nowaihi and Gauri Wishnawatan)  
Islamic Civilization: the Modern Age (under Prof. George Saliba)

AWARDS RECEIVED

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Sept 2015 - Sept 2018 Princeton University Cotsen Faculty Fellow (in innovative teaching)

Spring 2016 Princeton University David A. Gardner Magic Fund grant for organizing the international conference "Deprovincializing the U.S. Presidency," Princeton, 3

	December 2016.
Summer 2015	University Council Summer Research Grant, Princeton University
Summer 2015	Princeton University Stanley J. Seeger Travel Fellowship for a workshop at the University of Crete, Greece.
Fall 2012	Princeton University Institute for International and Regional Studies and Princeton University David A. Gardner Magic Fund maximum grant for organizing the international conference 'The Mashriq in the Age of Late Imperialism: the Mandates in Global Perspective,' Princeton University, 20-22 Sept. 2013.
Summer 2011	University Council Summer Research Grant, Princeton University
Summer 2009	University Council Summer Research Grant, Princeton University
April-Dec. 2008 and Jan.-September 2010	Scholarship 'for advanced scholars', administered by the Swiss National Foundation for Scientific Research (SNF)
September 2007	AUB University Research Board SEED grant for academic year 2007/8
September 2006	AUB University Research Board SEED grant for academic year 2006/07
Summer 2006	Travel fellowship, Center for American Studies and Research (CASAR), AUB, for research on US-Iranian relations, in Washington, DC;
October 2004	Dissertation Award for the best dissertation in the field of Iranian Studies, Foundation for Iranian Studies
December 2004	Iran Heritage Foundation, London, research grant for archival research in Tehran, February to July 2005
July & August 2004	American Historical Association, Bernadotte Schmidt Grant for research in Tehran, Iran
Summer 2002	Summer scholarship of the department for Middle Eastern and Asian Languages and Cultures (Columbia University), for archival work in Tehran



2001 and 2002	Ph.D. scholarship ‘for young scholars’, jointly administered by the Swiss National Foundation for Scientific Research (SNF) and the Swiss Academy for Humanities and Social Sciences (SAGW)
Summer 2001	Four-month scholarship by the Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst (DAAD) for research in Berlin, Germany
Summer 2000	Summer scholarship of the department for Middle Eastern and Asian Languages and Cultures (Columbia University), for archival work in London
September 1999	Scholarship of the Arbeitskreis Moderne und Islam of the Deutsches Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin for the objective to participate in its Internationale Sommerakademie für Doktoranden und Postdoktoranden on the theme Konzepte von Gesetz und Ordnung in muslimischen Gesellschaften in Casablanca, Morocco, September 1999
2000/2001	President’s Fellow/Middle Eastern ‘Lang Scholarship’, Columbia University
1999/2000	President’s Fellow/Middle Eastern ‘Lang Scholarship’, Columbia University
1998/1999	President’s Fellow/Middle Eastern ‘Lang Scholarship’, Columbia University
1995/6	Dean’s list (for average grade above 94 in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies), Hebrew University of Jerusalem
1994/5	Dean’s list (for average grade above 94 in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies), Hebrew University of Jerusalem

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Historical Association; Diplomatic History; International Society for Iranian Studies; Middle Eastern Studies Association

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE / ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

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2016-2017 Princeton University Trustee of the Board of the

	American Institute of Iranian Studies
2014-2017	Director, Near Eastern Studies Program, Princeton University
2014-2017	Member, executive committee, Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies, Princeton University
Since 2014	Member of the editorial board of the journal <i>Archiv orientální</i> , Prague
2014	Assistant editor, <i>Iranian Studies</i>
2014	Member, 2014 MESA Annual Conference Selection Committee
2013-2014	Member, editorial board, <i>International Journal of Middle East Studies</i>
2010-2017	Member, Executive Committee, Arab Politics Workshop, Princeton University
2009-2012	Board member, International Society for Iranian Studies
2007- 2011	Member, editorial board of the Modern Middle/Near East section, <i>History Compass</i>
2006-2014	Social science review editor, <i>Iranian Studies</i>
Manuscript reviews for:	<i>American Historical Review</i> ; <i>British Journal of Middle East Studies</i> ; <i>Comparative Studies of Society and History</i> ; <i>Historical Journal</i> ; <i>History Compass</i> ; <i>International Journal of Middle East Studies</i> ; <i>Iranian Studies</i> ; <i>Islamic Law and Society</i> ; Chicago University Press; Oxford University Press; Stanford University Press; Princeton University Press; Routledge

#### ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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May-June 2017	Invited professor / chaire sécable, EHESS, Paris, France
Nov 9, 2016	“Globalization meets decolonization: the urban linkage, 1940s-1970s,” lecture, University of Pennsylvania.
July 4-5, 2016	Invited member, workshop “Topographies of Citizenship in the Middle East. Strand 1: City

- Planning.” Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Cambridge, UK.
- June 15-17, 2016 Key note speaker, “Mandates and Minorities” conference, Institute for Area Studies, Leiden University, Netherlands.
- March 7, 2016 Discussant, “Rethinking Ethnic Belonging: Affective Citizenship and Everyday Nationalism in Singapore and Dubai,” Laavanya Kathiravelu, Fung Fellowship Program, Princeton University.
- Febr. 18-20, 2016 Invited scholar, Center for the Humanities, University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA
- February 5, 2016 Participant, “Digital Library of the Eastern Mediterranean,” exploratory meeting, Harvard University
- January 4, 2016 “Global/Third-World cities: Revisiting post-war globalization, de-colonization and the Cold War from Beirut, Dakar and Singapore, 1940s-1970s,” Lecture, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- January 3, 2016 “Global/Third-World cities: Revisiting post-war globalization, de-colonization and the Cold War from Beirut, Dakar and Singapore, 1940s-1970s,” Lecture, Tel Aviv University.
- Nov. 24, 2015 “The Middle East as Global Hub? New Approaches to a Connected Region.” Day-long workshop, European Global Institute, University of Basel.
- Nov. 23, 2015 “Global/Third-World cities: Revisiting post-war globalization, de-colonization and the Cold War from Beirut, Dakar and Singapore, 1940s-1970s,” Lecture, European Global Institute, University of Basel.
- Oct. 29-31, 2015 Lecture to and participation at workshop “(Re)-thinking the Global Crisis, 1919-1939,” Geneva, organized by a Princeton-led international group of historians.
- August 26, 2015 “Transnationalization: Middle Eastern Perspectives.” Lecture, Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore.
- August 25, 2015 “Global Iran.” Lecture, Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore.

- May 26, 2015 “Transnationalisierung: eine nahöstliche Perspektive.“  
Lecture, Institut fuer Islamwissenschaft and Center for  
Global Studies, University of Berne, Switzerland.
- May 21, 2015 Half-day workshop with the students of the Ottoman  
History M.A. Program of the University of Crete,  
Rethymnon, Greece.
- May 19, 2015 “Why regions matter in the age of nation-states.”  
Lecture, University of Crete, Rethymnon, Greece.
- April 9, 2015 Drs. Fereidoun and Katharine Mirhady Endowed  
Lecture, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver. Theme:  
“Iran in the Age of Globalization: Three Stories and  
Some Notes.”
- March 24, 2015 Lecture, Department for International History,  
Graduate Institute of International and Development  
Studies, Geneva.
- March 17, 2015 Lecture, “From Rasht with Love: a U.S.-Iranian Cold  
War Story,” Center for Arab and Middle East Studies,  
American University of Beirut.
- March 3, 2015 Lecture, “The making of the modern world: a Middle  
Eastern perspective,” History Department, Princeton  
University.
- Feb. 23-24, 2015 Member, international research initiative ‘Architects of  
the World: Global Knowledge and World Orders,  
1919-2019,’ exploratory session, Princeton University.
- Feb. 12-13, 2015 Invited member, workshop “Topographies of  
Citizenship in the Middle East. Strand 1: City  
Planning,” Centre for Research in the Arts, Social  
Sciences and Humanities, University of Cambridge,  
UK.
- January 4, 2015 Organizer, Panel “Transnational History: Middle  
Eastern and North African Perspectives,” American  
Historical Association Annual Conference, New York.
- Nov. 22, 2014 Chair of the panel ‘Visualizing Modernity in the 19<sup>th</sup>  
Century: Photography and Print Culture from the  
Middle East,’ Middle Eastern Studies Association  
Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
- Oct. 6, 2014 Lecture, “Transnational History: Perspectives from the  
Middle East,” History Department, Rutgers University.

- Sept. 28, 2014 Lecture, "Competing commodities: Syria and the Yishuv between national protectionism and regional primacy during the Great Depression," History Department, University of Texas at Austin.
- March 20, 2014 Round panel participant, "1914 and the History of the Middle East: Reassessing the First World War and its Impact on the Region." Crown Center for Middle East Studies, Brandeis University, Waltham MA.
- Jan. 31, 2014 Lecture, "The Yishuv as part of Greater Syria, 1880s-1930s," Cambridge Middle East History Group, St. John's College, University of Cambridge, UK.
- Jan. 28, 2014 Lecture, "Transnationale Geschichte: eine naheöstliche Perspektive," University of Tübingen, Germany.
- Oct. 11, 2013 Discussant, panel "Social and cultural change in Iran during the Reza Shah period," Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans.
- Sept. 20-22, 2013 Initiator and organizer, with Andrew Arsan, of the international conference 'The Mashriq in the Age of Late Imperialism: the Mandates in Global Perspective,' with 40 participants, Princeton.
- May 13-15, 2013 Participant, 150 Years AUB Commemorative Historical Conference, AUB, Beirut, Lebanon. Presented paper titled "The Man in the Middle: Developmentalism and Cold War at the Beirut Economic Research Institute in-between the U.S. and the Middle East, 1952-1967."
- Feb. 12, 2013 Lecture, "Writing transnational histories of the modern Middle East," History Department, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA.
- May 4, 2012 Participant, "Modern Iranian historiography workshop," organized by the Yale Iranian Studies Initiative / Council on Middle East Studies / History Department, Yale University.
- April 21, 2012 Invited participant in the one-day workshop "Ottoman legacies," History Department, Columbia University [Talk: "The Formation of the Post-Ottoman Levant"]
- April 12, 2012 'The birth of the contemporary Arab state.' Lecture, The Middle East Forum, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University.

- April 4, 2012 'Current affairs in the Middle East.' Roundtable discussion with undergraduate students, Whitman College, Princeton University.
- March 27, 2012 Participant and presenter, 'Transnational history workshop,' led by Prof. Pierre-Yves Saunier (CNRS), at Carlton University, Ottawa, Canada.
- March 9, 2012 Panel chair and paper presenter, North East Middle East Politics Workshop, Princeton University.
- March 2, 2012 Panel chair and discussant, 'Academe and the Arab Spring: Disciplinary Approaches to Revolutions in the Middle East: A Graduate Student Symposium,' Princeton University.
- Feb. 26, 2012 Introducing the film screening, to an open audience, of the Israeli film series 'Avoda aravit' and leading the subsequent discussion (Princeton University).
- Feb. 13, 2012 'The origins of the contemporary Arab State: societal pressures, inter-state Arab relations and state formation, 1958-60.' Brown Bag, NES, Princeton University.
- Jan. 16-19, 2012 Member, workshop "On the move. The Middle East and 'first modern globalization.'" Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel.
- Dec. 14, 2011 'The Arab Spring: past and present.' Talk, Whitman College, Princeton University.
- Dec. 7, 2011 Talk on book project, 'The Formation of the Post-Ottoman Levant: A Regional History, 1918-1950,' in the Princeton University Middle Eastern Seminar. Discussant: Michael Reynolds.
- Dec. 2, 2011 Chair of panel 'Hiding in plain sight. Secrecy, drugs, crime, and punishment in the late Ottoman era,' Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
- Sept. 30, 2011 Talk on book project, 'The Formation of the Post-Ottoman Levant: A Regional History, 1918-1950,' in 'Dissections,' a seminar series co-organized by the Center for the Humanities and the Middle East and Middle Eastern American Center at the CUNY Graduate Center. Discussant: Rashid Khalidi, Columbia University.

- Sept. 19, 2011 Talk on book project, 'The Formation of the Post-Ottoman Levant: A Regional History, 1918-1950,' in Middle Eastern Studies Seminar Series, New York University. Discussant: James Gelvin, UCLA.
- May 10, 2011 Organizer and moderator of round table 'Osama bin Laden's death: implications for the Middle East and the Muslim world,' Princeton University.
- April 18, 2011 'State and civil society in pre-revolutionary Iran,' talk given at conference 'Iran: Democratization, Civil Society, and Human Rights,' organized by the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies, Metropolitan University Prague, Czech Republic.
- Feb. 17, 2011 'Writing a transnational history of the Mandate Levant: research ideas and questions,' talk given at the Middle East Center, University of Pennsylvania.
- Feb. 9, 2011 Organizer and moderator of round table 'Egypt, Tunisia, and Prospects for Political Reform in the Arab World,' Princeton University.
- Nov. 21, 2010 Organizer of the panel 'Mandatory Microhistories,' at the Middle Eastern Studies Association of North America (MESA) annual meeting, Santa Barbara, USA. Paper presented in the framework of that panel: 'Colonial power and its limits: the career of Elias Medawwar, Lebanese Gendarme, 1916-1941.'
- Sept. 9, 2010 'Powering up. Electrification, consumer demands, and the 'politics of promise' in early Cold War Iran.' Talk given at the Columbia University Iranian Studies Seminar, Columbia University, New York, USA.
- March 3, 2010 'A New Politics of Consumption? Dams, Electricity, and the Cold War in Post-Musaddiq Iran (1953-1961).' Talk given at the Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies, Tufts University.
- Nov. 2009 Co-organizer of the panel 'Crossing over: negotiating Levantine borders during the Mandate and after,' at the Middle Eastern Studies Association of North America (MESA) annual meeting, Boston, USA. 'A regional history: drug smuggling across the Mandatory Levant'. Paper presented in the framework of that panel.
- June 26-28, 2009 'From Bio-medical to Social Sciences: The Shifting Frameworks of Iranian Sociocultural Reforms, 1930-

- 1950'. Paper given at the Conference on 'Culture and Cultural Politics in Early Pahlavi Iran,' Centrum für Nah- und Mittelost-Studien, Philipps-Universität Marburg, Marburg, Germany.
- May 1, 2009 'Science and class formation in early Pahlavi Iran'. Talk given at the Center for Middle East Studies, University of Texas, Austin, USA.
- April 30, 2009 'The Levantine travels of Abud Yasin. Drug smuggling, colonial bargains, and the regional history of the interwar Levant, 1918-1945.' Talk given at the Center for Middle East Studies, University of Texas, Austin, USA.
- April 24, 2009 'The rise of a social scientific matrix of reform in Pahlavi Iran'. Talk given at the Council on Middle Eastern Studies, MacMillan Center, Yale University, New Haven, USA.
- April 13, 2009 'The Levantine travels of Abud Yasin. Drug smuggling, colonial bargains, and the regional history of the interwar Levant, 1918-1945.' Lecture presented at the Department and Program in Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University, Princeton, USA.
- January 2008 'Seeing like a state. Writing the history of modern Iran'. Paper presented as part of invited panel 'New Directions in Middle East Historiography', at the American Historical Association's annual meeting, Washington DC, USA.
- Nov. 2007 Organizer of the panel 'Techno-politics in the modern Middle East: insights and questions from Egypt, Iran, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia', at the Middle Eastern Studies Association of North America (MESA) annual meeting, Montreal, Canada. 'The techno-politics of dam-building: the case of the Iranian Dez dam (1950s/60s)'. Paper presented in the framework of that panel.
- Nov. 20, 2006 Chair of the panel 'Writing, writers, and new modes of expression in early 20<sup>th</sup> century Egypt', at the Middle Eastern Studies Association of North America's (MESA) annual meeting, Boston.
- April 3, 2006 'The Israeli parliamentary elections'. Talk, Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies, the American University of Beirut.



- Oct. 20, 2005 'The Iranian presidential elections: rise of a new political elite?'. Talk, Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies, the American University of Beirut.
- March 2, 2005 'The Iraq Out-of-Country elections in Iran. Some social observations from the field'. Talk, Institute for Islamic Studies, McGill University, Montreal.
- March 3, 2005 'The social relevance of knowledge: Science, class, and the formation of modern Iran, 1900s-1940s'. Lecture, Seminar for the History and Philosophy of Science, McGill University, Montreal.
- August 16, 2004 'Qathā-ye zanjire'i dar Tehrān: Jenāyat, 'elm, va shekl-giri-ye dawlat va jāme'eh-ye modern dar Irān bein-e do jang-e jahāni'. Paper presented at the Nashr-e Tārikh-e Irān, Tehran, Iran.
- June 15, 2003 'Vorud-e 'olum-e zist-pezeshti dar Irān-e modern'. Paper presented at the Nashr-e Tārikh-e Irān, Tehran, Iran.
- Sept. 26, 2002 "Too few people live in Persia even for its present productive capacity": Demographic contexts of Iranian modernists' concern for health, 1900s-1940s'. Paper presented at the Seminar for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Pennsylvania.
- April-Aug. 2001 Associate Fellow at the Arbeitskreis Moderne und Islam of the Deutsches Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Germany.
- Nov. 19, 2000 Organizer of the panel 'Leisure and Modernity in the modern Middle East' at the Middle Eastern Studies Association of North America's (MESA) annual meeting, Miami.  
'Constructing modernity: Sports and leisure in the Iranian modern middle class'. Paper presented in the framework of that panel.
- May 28, 2000 'Constructing an Iranian *homo faber*? Health, social pathology, and industrial progress, 1920s-1940s'. Paper presented at the Society for Iranian Studies (SIS) Conference, Washington D.C.
- Nov. 21, 1999 'Mass murder, new moral order, class formation: Iran in the 1930s'. Paper presented at the Middle Eastern Studies Association of North America's (MESA) annual meeting, Washington D.C.

- Sept. 29, 1999 'The function of public health in the construction of the modern middle class in Iran'. Paper presented at the third triennial conference of the European Association for Middle Eastern Studies, Gent, Belgium.
- Sept. 1999 Participation in the Internationale Sommerakademie für Doktoranden und Postdoktoranden on the theme 'Konzepte von Gesetz und Ordnung in muslimischen Gesellschaften', organized by the Arbeitskreis Moderne und Islam of the Deutsches Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, in Casablanca, Morocco.

LANGUAGES

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