University of Michigan
Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies
New Dimensions in Outreach: Teaching about Islam and the Middle East

Outreach to the local community, in particular educators in the Ann Arbor area, around the state of Michigan, and across the country, is a central part of CMENAS’ mission, as defined by the federal government’s Title VI program. In the past year we conducted three major programs, two of them with substantial outside funding, which together move our outreach to a new level.

The World History Initiative

The state of Michigan decided on new standards for its social studies curriculum for middle and high school, introducing a wide range of global topics emphasizing interconnectedness and interaction of cultures through trade and movement. While area studies experts and specialists in history and social studies education are excited about the new curricula, teachers are often overwhelmed by the demand to teach world areas and historical periods without training. Prof. Robert Bain from UM’s School of Education was one of the lead authors of the new standards, and is well aware of the problem. In order to help teachers succeed in their new subjects, Prof. Douglas Northrop (formerly CMENAS associate director, now the director of CREEs) and Prof. Bain have started a collaborative initiative that includes all area studies centers at UM: the World History Initiative. WHI will over the next few years conduct a series of workshops with the goal of helping teachers develop original curriculum units that address the new standards directly. They will be piloted by their authors, vetted by the School of Education, and subsequently available for other teachers. WHI will monitor implementation and offer opportunities for revision and improvement throughout the process. WHI thus will function as a model of collaboration that directly and strategically responds to the new requirements at the state level, and provides area expertise both in the application of the standards and to the teachers around the state implementing them.

Fulbright GPA in Turkey

“We came from the US in order to learn more about this … uh, complicated country” – How many times did I introduce our group of sixteen American educators during our five weeks in Turkey in this way? Arguably, it is this complicated character, multicultural heritage and multiple social and political divisions that make Turkey an ideal destination for those wanting to study foreign culture and history with all its unforeseen complexities. In the summer of 2009 CMENAS won a Fulbright grant to take American K-16 teachers on a study tour to Turkey. It was a mixed group, including an elementary school arts teacher, several history and English teachers at various levels, and instructors in literature and arts in community colleges and universities. With the CMENAS director as travel director, guide, and host, NES doctoral student Frank Castiglione as assistant, Şeyda İşler as local support, and with constant backing from CMENAS at home, we explored all periods of Anatolian history from the Paleolithic site of Çatalhöyük, through Hittites, Greeks, Romans, Byzantium, and the Ottoman Empire, to the modern cities of Istanbul and Ankara. For several days, we enjoyed the hospitality and the vibrant intellectual climate at Sabancı University in Istanbul; the lectures by their faculty helped us to especially understand the culture and society of modern Turkey. Prof. Hülya Adak, our partner at Sabancı, also organized a conversation with participants in Sabancı’s Purple Certificate Program, a UN sponsored program teaching gender equality and human rights for women and children to teachers from different Turkish cities. We also met with community leaders (special thanks to Kevork Bardakjian for facilitating our meeting with the Armenian Patriarchate), NGOs, and representatives of the US and the EU in Turkey.

For the participants, however, the end of the trip was not the end of the project, but a beginning: working closely with our outreach expert Amber Blomquist, every participant produced a curriculum unit, which will be tested, and retested, before it will be made available to other teachers via our website, as well as via one of the most comprehensive international and area studies outreach websites available to the pre-collegiate educator, outreachworld.org.

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Once every four years all National Resource Centers (and other institutions aspiring for the same status) experience a period of hectic activity: time to prepare another round of applications for the Department of Education’s Title VI program, the exclusive source of funding for most of us. CMENAS, too, went through this process in March 2010. DOE announced the competition much later in the academic year than usual, and the unknown results kept us sitting on the fence until late July. In the end, it was worth the wait and the overnight shifts in grant-writing: CMENAS again won funding at near the same level as in the previous cycle, close to the top of the Middle East NRCs, as well as the seven NRCs that were funded at the University of Michigan.

Since not all of our very ambitious proposal was funded, we had to adjust the budget. After making adjustments, we are now ready and excited for a new four-year cycle of programming, teaching, and outreach.

Thanks to Susan, Amber, and Marya, who helped compile data, write drafts, proofread other drafts, and coordinate with the other centers. Additional thanks to our faculty members, who submitted proposals and suggestions.

We were also successful in our application for Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS). Beginning this academic year, FLAS will be available for undergraduate and graduate studies. Please visit our website, and encourage your students to apply for these prestigious and competitive fellowships.

The beginning of the new cycle coincides with a number of important changes at CMENAS and the International Institute. Alexander Knish served as CMENAS Associate Director from fall 2008 through fall 2009; Marya Ayyash, for many years CMENAS’s mainstay, is now the unit manager for the entire cluster: congratulations, Marya! In the same process, CMENAS has been relocated one more time. Please visit us in our new quarters on the third floor of the International Institute.

Prior to the reorganization, the Islamic Studies Program had been moved under the administrative roof of CMENAS. Having served as ISP’s substitute co-director for two years, I am convinced that the program will benefit from the resources and institutional knowledge at CMENAS. ISP now has a new director, Nancy Florida, Professor of Indonesian and Javanese Studies, who will at the same time be Associate Director of CMENAS, and we will do everything to support Nancy in her new position.

New opportunities and challenges are ahead of us during the new funding cycle. In the end, our measure of success is the service we are able to provide our students, faculty, and community.
FACULTY UPDATES

Evelyn Alsultany (American Culture)—Professor Alsultany and Professor Nadine Naber (American Culture, Women’s Studies and Anthropology) co-edited a book on Arab-American Feminism that will be published during fall 2010. In addition, Professor Alsultany was elected to serve on the Council of the American Studies Association for a three year term.

Kevork Bardakjian (Department of Near Eastern Studies)—Professor Bardakjian was elected President of the Society for Armenian Studies (SAS); the society is based in the United States with an international membership.

John D. Ciorciari (Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy)—Professor Ciorciari was named a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations. In 2010-11, he will lead the Ford School’s Integrated Policy Exercise, in which all MPP students engage with outside experts and participate in a policy simulation. This year’s exercise will focus on the international politics surrounding Iran.

Josh Cole (Department of History)—In 2008-2009 Professor Cole held the Norman and Jane Katz Faculty Fellowship at the University of Michigan’s Institute for the Humanities, where he continued work on his current book project, The Empire of Fear: Violence and the Politics of the Colonial Situation in Eastern Algeria, 1919-1940. Versions of two chapters from this book are being published separately in the coming year: the first in French Politics, Culture, and Society and the other in a collection edited by Martin Thomas entitled The French Colonial Mind (University of Nebraska Press).

In April 2009 Professor Cole was co-organizer (with Patricia Lorcin, University of Minnesota) for an international conference, “Placing the Maghrib at the Center of the Twentieth Century: From Colonial Histories to Post-Colonial Societies,” at the University of Michigan (April 6-7, 2009) and the University of Minnesota (April 9-10, 2009). The eight guest speakers include scholars from Algeria, Morocco, the United Kingdom and the United States. The conference program is on the web at: http://www.eihs-online.net/placingthemaghrib/index.html.

Juan Cole (Department of History)—Professor Cole published Engaging the Muslim World (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009) which generated a great deal of media interest, including from Stephen Colbert, Bill Moyers, Charlie Rose and Fareed Zakaria. In addition, he was a distinguished visiting professor in the History Department of the American University in Cairo in May, 2010, and gave talks on Bonaparte’s occupation of Egypt in Orientalist art and on contemporary Iraq. Professor Cole’s collegiate chair funded research in Lebanon on issues in citizenship and statelessness in August 2010. He is currently directing the Center for South Asian Studies at the University of Michigan.

Hussein Fancy (Department of History)—Professor Fancy was named a Carnegie Scholar for 2008-2010.

Zeynep Devrim Gürsel (Anthropology Fellow, Rackham Graduate School)—In 2009 the documentary “Coffee Futures” was completed. “Coffee Futures” weaves individual fortunes with the story of Turkey’s decades-long attempt to become a member of the European Union. Promises and predictions made by politicians, both foreign and domestic, are juxtaposed with the rhetorics and practices of everyday coffee fortune telling. The fortune tellers featured in this film are not professionals but rather friends, neighbors, acquaintances who interpret the visual shapes in the bottom of the coffee cup with varying degrees of playfulness and expertise. Coffee fortunes are both a way of dealing with hopes, fears and worries, and also a way of indirectly voicing subjects usually left unspoken. July 31, 2009 marks the 50th year anniversary of Turkey’s application to the ever elusive European Union (maiden name European Economic Commission). On this long and seemingly endless path, the film echoes descriptions of the constantly invoked but not yet attained future. ‘Coffee Futures’ attempts to render the emotional texture of a society whose fate has been nationally and internationally debated often in relation to Europeanness over such a long period of time, to hint at the psychology of collective waiting and anticipating a national future.”

Karla Mallette (Romance Languages and Literatures and the Department of Near Eastern Studies)—Professor Mallette recently published European Modernity and the Arab Mediterranean: Toward a New Philology and a Counter-Orientalism, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2010.

Khaled Mattawa (MFA in Creative Writing Program)—Khaled Mattawa has been selected as the recipient of the 2010 Academy of American Poets Fellowship. The Fellowship is awarded once a year to a poet for distinguished poetic achievement. The Academy’s Board of Chancellors, a body of fifteen eminent poets, selects the Academy Fellowship recipients. The Academy of American Poets established its Fellowship in 1937. It was the very first cash award given annually to an American poet and is given in memory of James Ingram Merrill. Former fellows include Gwendolyn Brooks, E. E. Cummings, Robert Frost, William Carlos Williams, Elizabeth Bishop, Marianne Moore, Robert Hayden, and more recently Lyn Hejinian, Adrienne Rich, Denise Levertov, Jay Wright, Claudia Rankine, Brigit Pegeen Kelly, and Harryette Mullen.

Piotr Michalowski (Department of Near Eastern Studies)—Professor Michalowski was elected President of the International Association for Assyriology in July 2010 at the Rencontre Assyriologique International in Paris.
Douglas Northrop (Department of History, Department of Near Eastern Studies, director–Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies) – Professor Northrop was appointed an International Scholar by the Central Asian Research and Training Initiative (CARTI).

Jonathan Rodgers was the 2009 recipient of the Middle Eastern Libraries Association’s David H. Partington Award. Jonathan received the award at the Middle East Studies Association conference in November. Jonathan is the Head of the Near East Division and Coordinator of Area Programs at Hatcher Graduate Library.

Waheed Samy (Department of Near Eastern Studies) – Waheed Samy has signed a contract with Routledge for Basic Arabic, a reference with exercises. In addition, he is the coordinator of the ACTFL, Arabic writing committee.

Nejat Seyhun (Ross School of Business) – Professor Seyhun is presently the director of the Financial Engineering program housed in the College of Engineering. This program trains students with quantitative backgrounds for Wall Street jobs; there are currently about 110 students enrolled in the program. In addition, he recently published a paper entitled ‘Intraday Behavior of Stock Prices and Trades around Insider Trading in Financial Management.’

Andrew Shryock (Department of Anthropology) – Professor Shryock has published a new edited volume, Islamophobia/Islamophilia: Beyond the Politics of Enemy and Friend, Indiana University Press, 2010. The volume features ten essays on Islam as an object of fear and affection; the volume ranges from the Middle Ages to the present day, from North American to Europe, the Middle East, and South Asia. Most of the papers were originally presented at a conference hosted by the University of Michigan’s Islamic Studies Program in 2007 and several newer pieces round out the collection. “The book was released just as the Ground Zero Mosque controversy erupted,” Shryock says, “so it’s very timely. It provides essential context for understanding anti-Muslim sentiment and popular responses to it.”

Amr Soliman (School of Public Health) – Professor Soliman and others teaching at the University of Michigan summer course research in Casablanca from August 2-6, 2010 that attracted students from Morocco, Algeria, Libya, Egypt, and Jordan. The course was sponsored by NCI and the Center for Global Health.

Ron Stockton (University of Michigan-Dearborn-Political Science) – Professor Stockton and a research team of six other University of Michigan scholars, including Mark Tessler (political science), Andrew Shryock (anthropology) and Sally Howell (U-M Dearborn-history) have written a book, published by Russell Sage, Citizenship and Crisis. Arab Detroit after 9/11. It was based on the Detroit Arab American Study, in-depth sit down interviews with a representative scientific sample of 1016 Arab Americans from the three-county Detroit area. It is unique in that no previous study has done a profile of a whole Arab American community using the tools and concepts of modern social science. The official author is the Detroit Arab American Study Team.

Arland Thornton (Population Studies Center, Sociology and Survey Research Center) – Professor Thornton helped coordinate a very successful symposium from June 8-10, 2010 at the University of Michigan: Globalization of Modernization Theory: Clashes of Modernities and Moralties. For additional information on the symposium, please visit: http://developmentalidealism.org/symposium/


Norman Yoffee (Department of Near Eastern Studies) – Questioning Collapse: Human Resilience, Ecological Vulnerability, and the Aftermath of Empire, edited by Norman Yoffee and Patricia McAnany, Cambridge University Press, 2009. This book, according to Cambridge University Press, “challenges those scholars and popular writers who advance the thesis that societies—past and present—collapse because of behavior that destroyed their environments or because of overpopulation. In a series of highly accessible and closely argued essays, a team of internationally recognized scholars bring history and context to bear in their radically different analyses of iconic events.”

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For me, the project also continues: during the fall semester of 2010, Adam Hellebuyck, one of the travelers and I are collaborating with Jeff Stanzler from UM’s School of Education in an Earth Odyssey class. U-M SOE students mentor students in middle and high schools around the country (a total of more than 300), who learn about Turkey’s history and culture through travel reports posted on a website by Adam. It is an exciting opportunity for the children, but also a challenge for our students and us, the instructors. This is the first Odyssey on Turkey, but CMENAS has worked with Jeff Stanzler on several projects over the years, with travelers in Uzbekistan and Algeria. The Odyssey, too, has its permanent place among our outreach activities.

All of these components are designed to make sure that the next generations of Americans are better informed about the crucial region that is the Middle East.
STUDENT UPDATES

Molly Moran (MA/MPH Fall 2008) worked at Yale CMES as their Outreach Director, and she is currently in San Francisco where she is working with a group called Venture Strategies Innovations. They work on global maternal health issues, and Molly is helping them put together a toolkit on post-abortion care. Right now she is consulting with them, but hopes to move into a full time position in the future.

Linda Smolik (MA Winter 2009) is currently working as an applied anthropologist for U.S. ethnic communities. Linda spent the last year living in Chicago, and during that time did performance and work related to Middle Eastern and Flamenco dance, including a lecture and demonstration at a Chicago public school. In addition, shortly after graduation, Linda did volunteer Arabic-English translation for Mada al-Carmel center in Haifa. She is currently living in Madrid, Spain.

Rob Haug (MA MENAS ’02) recently completed his PhD at the University of Michigan’s Department of Near Eastern Studies. His dissertation, “The Gate of Iron: The Making of the Eastern Frontier,” examines the eastern frontier of the Islamic world (northeastern Iran, Afghanistan, and the Central Asian Republics) during the ninth and tenth centuries. He is now a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of History at the University of Cincinnati, where he will be teaching a variety of courses on the history of the Middle East and the Islamic World as well as survey courses in World History.

Katherine Durlacher (MA Winter 2009) since graduation Katherine has been living in India working for two Harvard professors through a couple of different organizations, including the Centre for Microfinance and Innovations for Poverty Action. In India, Katherine managed a study on the long-term impacts of having access to microfinance, and is now working on a systematic review for DFID, looking at whether having access to formal financial services can raise the poor’s income. Katherine and her husband are currently residing in Dubai, where she continues to work for Innovations for Poverty.

Hossam Abouzahr (MA Winter 2010) spent the summer (12 weeks) working as an intern for Mercy Corps in Washington DC under Sharon Morris, who is head of the conflict management group. Hossam worked on a number of projects including collecting information from the field team in Iraq, helping prepare for a research project in Kyrgyzstan, and researching monitoring and evaluation tools and issues. In addition, he accepted two fellowships: the Peace Corps Fellowship, which covers one semester of tuition; the other is a Mercy Corps internship. Hossam is a “Flo and Al Hughes Intern”. This internship is set up through a partnership with U of M’s Ford School and funded by an alumni and former board member, Rich Hughes.

Dahlia Petrus – was named the 2010/2011 Margaret Dow Towsley Scholar by the Center of the Education of Women at the University of Michigan.

ACOR-CAORC Fellows (American Center of Oriental Research Fellowships/Council of American Overseas Research Centers)

*Previous FLAS Award winners


Student Awards and Graduates

Summer 2009 FLAS Awards

Ethan Menchinger (PhD NES)
Jeremy Ledger (PhD History)
Tim Friese (PhD NES)
Michael Pifer (PhD Comparative Literature)
Emily McKee (PhD Anthropology)
Hossam Abouzahr (MA MENAS & Public Policy)
Matthew Kroot (PhD Anthropology)

Academic Year FLAS Awards 2009-10

Hossam Abouzahr (MA MENAS & Public Policy)
Christopher Kelly (MA MENAS)
Matthew Bussey (MA MENAS & Public Policy)
Brooklyn Walker (PhD Public Policy & Political Science)
Jeremy Ledger (PhD History)
Ethan Menchinger (PhD NES)
Eric Schewe (PhD History)
Joseph Viscombe (PhD Anthro/History)
Paul Notar (MA MENAS)

Summer 2010 FLAS Awards

Paul Notar (MA MENAS)
Christopher Kelly (MA MENAS)
Piotr Picz (BA CREES)
William Schatz (MA NES)
Adam Bates (MA MENAS & JD)
Sara Hakeem (PhD Comparative Literature)
Jeremy Ledger (PhD History)
Nicole Novetsky (MA MENAS)
William Stroebel (PhD Comparative Literature)

Academic Year FLAS 2010-11

Amanda Hare (MA MENAS)
Jonathan Brack (PhD History)
Trevor Johnston (PhD Political Science)
Elizabeth Young (PhD Sociology)
Adam Bates (MA MENAS & JD)
Nicole Novetsky (MA MENAS)

Fall 2009 Master of Arts Graduates:

Sarah Azmeh
Amer Zahr

Winter 2010 Master of Arts Graduates

Qingting Zheng

Summer 2010 Master of Arts Graduates:

Bryce Adams
Christopher Kelly
CMENAS Events Fall 2009

War and Warfare in the Middle East: Past and Present
September 21, The Ottoman Empire and the Culture of War
Virginia Aksan, McMaster University

September 28, Oil and Nukes in the U.S.-Iran Crisis: U.S. Energy Security Interests vs. Iranian Regional Interests
Tom O’Donnell, Ph.D., University of Michigan

October 5, German Jihad in World War I
Gottfried Hagen, University of Michigan

October 12, Israel’s Declared Existential Threats with a Focus on Conversations with Hamas
Orly Halpern, Journalist

October 26, The Last Thirty Years of the Kurdish Question in Turkey through Abdullah Ocalan’s Biography
Fuat Dundar, University of Michigan

November 2, Steppe Aerobics
Rudi Lindner, University of Michigan

November 9, Warfare in the Ancient Near-East
Mark Schwartz, Grand Valley State University

November 16, The Muslim Conquest of Byzantine North Africa in the Seventh Century
Walter Kaegi, University of Chicago

November 23, Jihad
Sherman Jackson, University of Michigan

November 30, Mugged by Reality: Obama and the Arab-Israel Dispute
Ambassador Melvyn Levitsky (Retired)
University of Michigan

December 7, The Rise of the Middle East in the Time of the Crusades
Stefan Heidemann, Bard College

Turkish Studies Colloquium
October 12, World’s First City? Neolithic Çatalhöyük in Turkey
Nerissa Russell, Cornell University

October 23, The Garden of Eden or a Temple in Eden? Archaeology of the Agricultural Revolution before and after Gobekli Tepe
Levent Atici, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Above lectures co-sponsored by the Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies, Friends of the Turkish Studies Colloquium, Near Eastern Studies, Interdepartmental Program in Classical Art and Architecture, and the Museum of Anthropology.

September 21, Reflections on ‘Turning Turk’ and ‘Wearing Hats’ in the Ottoman Empire 1750-1850
Virginia Aksan, McMaster University

November 19, Coffee Futures & Reading the Residues: Fortune Telling Cafés in Istanbul
Zeynep Devrim Gürsel, University of Michigan
Zeynep K. Korkman, Ph.D. Candidate
University of California-Santa Barbara

Miscellaneous
September 28, Can Iran, China and Russia Help Chavéz Boost Oil Production and ‘Escape the Market of el Imperio?’
Tom O’Donnell, Ph.D. University of Michigan

Lecture co-sponsored by the Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies and the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

October 13, Wild Bulls and Tender Lambs: Animals, Art, and Archaeology at Çatalhöyük, Turkey
Nerissa Russell, Cornell University

October 23, From Assur to Kanesh: Merchants, Donkeys, and Tablets
Levent Atici, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

November 16, Muslim Americans in Greater Detroit and the Challenges of the Millennium
Dawud Walid, Director, Council on American Islamic Relations, Michigan

Co-sponsored by the Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies, the Islamic Studies Program, Arab American Studies, and the Center for Ethics in Public Life.

Islamic Studies Program
October 27, Sovereign Practices in the Age of Terror: The US Deportation Regime and Pakistani Return Migration
Junaïd Rana, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Co-sponsored by the Islamic Studies Program, Center for Ethics in Public Life, the Center for International and Comparative Studies, Arab American Studies, Asian and Pacific Islander Studies, Department of Asian and Languages and Cultures, Department of Anthropology, and the Program in American Culture.

November 2, Blocking Faith and Freezing Financing
Rana El Mir, Communications Director, American Civil Liberties Union, Michigan Chapter

Profiling while Traveling and the Immigration System
Nadia Tonova, Advocacy Coordinator, Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services

Co-sponsored by the Islamic Studies Program, Center for Ethics in Public Life, and Arab American Studies.
CMENAS Events Winter 2010

January 21, **2010 International Security & Development Fellow Lecture**: From Arab Terrorists to Patriotic Arab Americans: Representational Strategies in Post -9/11 TV Dramas
Evelyn Azeeza Alsultany, CICS ISD Fellow, Assistant Professor, American Culture, University of Michigan
Co-sponsored by the Center for International and Comparative Studies and CMENAS.

March 22, Armeians in Thirteenth-Century Erzincan: A Window into Interfaith Interaction in Late Medieval Anatolia
Rachel Goshgarian, Director of the Krikor and Clara Zohrab Information Center
Co-sponsored by the Armenian Studies Program and CMENAS.

April 1, **Distinguished Human Rights Lecture Series**: State Rape: Government-Led Sexual Victimization in Darfur and Iraq
John Hagan, Northwestern University
Co-sponsored by the Center for International and Comparative Studies, Institute for the Humanities and CMENAS.

March 25-26, **The Minds of Peace Experiment**: A Palestinian-Israeli Public Negotiating Assembly

April 5, **They Call me Muslim** (Film)

April 10, **New Muslim Cool** (Film)

March 20, **Journey into America** (Film)

March 22, **The Letter** (Film)

April 12, **Deentight** (Film/Panel Discussion), a panel discussion followed the film with University of Michigan Professor Sherman Jackson and Deentight Director Mustafa Davis.

April 15, **Muslims in Michigan Community Conversation**
http://muslimsinmichigan.org/ A moderated panel discussing Michigan’s Muslim community at the Arthur Miller Theater on the University of Michigan’s North Campus. The Muslims in Michigan project was formed out of a partnership between Michigan Radio and the University of Michigan’s Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies. In addition to the Community Conversation, this project included a five part radio series examining life for Muslim people living in Michigan. Beyond religion, the series explored the cultural, political, ethnic, and social lives of this diverse group. This project also featured film events and speakers.

April 17, **The Mosque in Morgantown** (Film)

April 21, **Immigration, Islam and Identity**: A Conversation with Ali Eteraz (Author, Children of Dust)
Co-Sponsored by the Center for South Asian Studies and the Islamic Studies Program.

April 21, Author Ali Eteraz Discusses His Book: *Children of Dust: A Memoir of Pakistan*

May 24, **Allah Made Me Funny** (Film)

May 25, **The Letter: An American Town and “The Somali Invasion”** (Film)

May 26, **Journey into America** (Film)

May 27, **Inside Islam: What a Billion Muslims Really Think** (Film)
Designing Nations: Maps and Statistical Modeling in the Middle East
Wednesdays, 11:30 – 1:00 PM
Modern Languages Building, Lecture Room Two, 812 East Washington

September 15, Marina Tolmacheva, University of Washington
Maps and Measurements in Islamic Cartography

September 22, Mark Newman, University of Michigan
The Worldmapper Project and the State of the World Today

September 29, Arland Thornton, University of Michigan
Mapping the Countries of the World by Development and Morality: the Perceptions of Ordinary People

October 6, Toby Millman, Independent Scholar
Subjective Cartography: Mapping Palestine through Visual Art and Personal Narratives

October 13, Andrew Shryock, University of Michigan
Mapping Tribal Space in Jordan: A Study in Mixed Cartographies

October 20, Rudi Lindner, University of Michigan
Ottoman Doomsday Books: Cow or Bull?

October 27, Palmira Brummett, University of Tennessee
Mapping Early Modern Ottoman Space: Inlands and Outlands

November 3, Bruce Etling, Harvard University
Mapping the Iranian and Arabic Blogospheres

November 10, Fuat Dundar, Junior Fellow-Brandeis University
Mapping, Counting, Graphing: The Young Turks’ Turkification Policy 1913–1918

Miscellaneous

Monday, September 13, 12:00 pm
Educational Conference Center, School of Social Work Building
1080 South University
Tea on the Axis of Evil with Film Maker Jean Marie Offenbacher.
Co-sponsored by: International Institute, Women’s Studies Department, School of Social Work, Center for Middle East and North African Studies (CMENAS), Near Eastern Studies, MESA/Trotter House, Arab American Studies

Monday, September 27, 4 – 5:30 pm
Room 1636, International Institute, 1080 South University
Ece Temelkuran, Journalist
Deep Mountain: Why Don’t Turks Feel Anything?
Co-sponsored by the Armenian Studies Program and CMENAS.

Thursday, September 30, 5:00 pm
Michigan Theater, 603 East Liberty Street
Joumana Haddad, Author
Taboos
Part of the Penny W. Stamps Speaker Series with support from CMENAS and the Institute for Research on Women and Gender.

Monday, October 11, 5:00 pm
Helmut Stern Auditorium, UMMA
Adonis, International Writer in Residence: Poetry Reading

Tuesday, October 12, 12:00 pm
Room 2022 Thayer, 202 South Thayer Street
Adonis: Humanities Institute Brown Bag Lecture

Wednesday, October 13, 2:00 pm
1176 Angell Hall 435 South State Street, Hopwood Room
Adonis, International Writer in Residence: Poetry Roundtable

Wednesday, October 13, 4:00 pm
Room 2022 Thayer, 202 South Thayer Street
Ethan Katz, University of Cincinnati,
Jews and Muslims in Modern France: A Century of Coexistence and Conflict
Sponsored by the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies and CMENAS.

Thursday, October 14, 5:30 pm
Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library, Library Gallery (Room 100)
913 South University
Author’s Forum Presents: A Conversation with Poet Adonis
*Adonis events sponsored by Zell Visiting Writers Series and the MFA Program in Creative Writing with support from CMENAS.

Thursday, October 21, 4:00 pm
1014 Tisch Hall, 435 South State Street
Elizabeth Thompson, University of Virginia
Poor People’s Movements and the Cold War in the Middle East
This lecture is part of the Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies Fall 2010 series and co-sponsored by CMENAS.

Thursday, October 28, 5:00 pm
Michigan Theater, 603 East Liberty Street
Sarah Chayes, Journalist, Author, and special advisor to the military in Afghanistan
The Campaign for Kandahar
*Featured event of the UM Peace Corps 50th Anniversary with support from the LSA Theme Semester “What makes life worth living?”, the International Center, the Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia (WCEE), the International Institute, and the Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies (CMENAS).

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Monday, November 1, 4:00 pm
Room 2022, 202 South Thayer Street

Elizabeth Kassab, Fellow Researcher, Erfurt University (Germany)
What is Enlightenment? Arab and Postcolonial Perspectives
Co-sponsored by CMENAS and the Department of Near Eastern Studies.

Sunday, November 7, 2:00-4:00 pm
Rackham Auditorium, 915 East Washington,

Speaker: Mesut Ilgim, Independent Turkish Scholar
Contributions of the Expelled Jewish German Professors to the
Turkish Republic’s University Reform of 1933

Panel Discussants: Rudi Lindner, Professor of Ottoman Studies,
University of Michigan and Kader Konuk, Associate Professor,
Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures and
Comparative Literature.

Saturday, November 13, 9:00 am -5:00 pm
U-M Museum of Art, Helmut Stern Auditorium, 519 S. State, Ann Arbor
2010 U-M Art History Graduate Student Symposium:
MIS/RE/PRESENTATION
Sponsored by: Sponsors: Department of History of Art; Rackham School of
Graduate Studies; International Institute; Program in Medieval and Early Modern
Studies; Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies; Center for European
Studies and the Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia;
University of Michigan Museum of Art; Institute for the Humanities

Tuesday, November 16, 4:00 pm
Location TBA

Gilbert Achcar
School of Oriental and African Studies
University of London
The Arabs and the Holocaust: An Examination
Co-sponsored by CMENAS and Arab-American Studies.

Monday, December 6, 4-5:30 pm
Room 1636, International Institute, 1080 South University

Lerna Ekmekcioglu, Alex and Marie Manoogian Foundation
Post-doctoral Fellow, University of Michigan
And Then a Hero Comes Along: Istanbulite Armenian Re-fashioning
Turkishness, 1918–1923
Co-sponsored by the Armenian Studies Program and CMENAS.

Tuesday, December 7, 3:00 & 5:00 pm
Room 1636, International Institute, 1080 South University

Shown as part of the Global Lens 2010 Film Series.

Tuesday, December 14, 3:00 & 5:00 pm
Room 1636, International Institute, 1080 South University

Shown as part of the Global Lens 2010 Film Series.

Muslims and Islam in Michigan and Beyond

During 2009-10, much of our programming was focused on a grant
CMENAS received from the Social Science Research Council. The purpose
of this grant was to engage the public on the subject of Islam and Muslims
in world contexts. The CMENAS proposed grant theme was “Muslims and
Islam in Michigan and Beyond.” CMENAS worked in conjunction with
Michigan Radio to produce a series of radio pieces, a community forum,
and website about local Muslims from a variety of ethnic backgrounds. Two
of the radio stories received more than 4000 hits in April comprising two of
the top five Michigan Radio downloads that month. All of these features are
available at the website: muslimsinmichigan.org. A short documentary
about the partnership and project was produced for the Big Ten Network
and is available on the U-M site Out of the Blue (www.ootb.tv). Another
video piece is being produced based on
the community forum and has already
been requested by schools as far away
as Australia, as well as from local
businesses such as Blue Cross Blue
Shield of Michigan. In addition, CMENAS
also held a successful film series at The
Michigan Theater around this theme.
With the assistance of the SSRC grant,
and the relevant programming on Islam,
CMENAS was able to increase our
public presence greatly.
Please consider making a contribution to the Richard P. Mitchell Fellowship which provides an award for a CMENAS student. This fellowship was established to recognize and honor the late Professor Richard P. Mitchell, an esteemed scholar and teacher of Middle Eastern and North African history, and is generated by the interest earned on the Richard P. Mitchell Endowment account. Support of this fund over the years has made it possible to provide a substantial scholarship ($12,000 per year) to a MENAS MA student. With your support, it has the potential to provide even more support for deserving graduate students each year.

Of course, CMENAS continues to have needs in other areas including an endowment to provide funding independent of our National Resource Center grant; funds to expand our outreach capacity and activities; funds for faculty and student research and training; funds for visiting scholars; and enhancement of area study and language courses to name just a few. I would encourage you to visit our new website (www.ii.umich.edu/cmenas), which continues to be updated and expanded, to see what has been happening at the Center. Please contact CMENAS Director, Gottfried Hagen (ghagen@umich.edu), or Administrator, Marya Ayyash (mayyash@umich.edu), if you have any questions.

We hope that you will contribute generously to our effort to build the Center’s financial security by sending your pledge or gift today. You can also make donations directly through the Alumni & Friends section of our website: http://ii.umich.edu/cmenas.

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☐ Mitchell Memorial Fellowship (794815) – financial assistance for MENAS MAs honoring the late Professor Richard P. Mitchell

Other Center needs:
☐ Center Endowment (360921) – funds to support the center in an independent manner in the future
☐ Center Friends (303785) – addresses immediate needs & activities of the center
☐ Fund for Turkish Studies (365601) – supports Turkish Studies including language training
☐ Bennoune Memorial Award (308326) – graduate student prize in honor of Professor Mahfoud Bennoune

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