

12-13 December 2016 Orient-Institut Beirut (OIB)

**LEFT-WING TRENDS IN THE ARAB WORLD (1948-1979):  
BRINGING THE TRANSNATIONAL BACK IN**

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9.00- 7.15 Panels and Roundtables

7.30 *A Hundred Faces for a Single Day*, by Christian Ghazi (1972)  
Screening and Dinner-Aperitif

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**6.00 Keynote Speech: Gilbert ACHCAR**

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*The New Arab Left of the 1960-70s and the Global New Left: Commonalities and Differences*

**Organizer: Laure GUIRGUIS, postdoctoral researcher, OIB**

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9.00 Welcoming Address: Stefan Leder, Director of the OIB-Introduction: Laure Guirguis

09.30-12.45 **(ARAB) NATIONALISM AND THE LEFT: CONVERGENCES, TENSIONS, APORIA**  
Discussant: Marlene NASR, Researcher, Doha Institute, and Musa BUDEIRI, retired Professor, Bir Zeit University

09.30 Dyala HAMZAH, Assistant Professor, University of Montreal  
*Editing "Marxism" in and out of Pan-Arab Histories and Lives. Tarikh al-umma al-'arabiyya and Darwish al-Miqdadi (1897-1961)*

09.50 Matthieu REY, IREMAM, CNRS  
*Baathism: An Original Experiment with Leftist Ideas (1943-1970)*

10.10 Sune HAUGBOLLE, Associate Professor, Roskilde University  
*Reconstructing Discord through Everyday Ideology: Khaled Bakdash and the Palestine Question*

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 Jeffrey BYRNE, Associate Professor, University of British Columbia  
*Of Cosmopolitanism and Color: Reconciling Arabism, Pan-Africanism, Maghribism, and Socialist Internationalism in Algeria's Postcolonial Revolution*

11.20 Gennaro GERVASIO, Senior Lecturer, Roma 3 University  
*Between Pan-Arabism and Communism: the Radical Left in Egypt in the 1970s*

11.40-12.30 Discussion

12.30 - 02.00 LUNCH

02.00-03.45 **GENEALOGIES OF AN ARAB TRADITION OF RADICAL THOUGHT**  
Discussant: Dyala HAMZAH, Assistant Professor, University of Montreal

02.00 Giedre SABASEVICIUTE, Postdoctoral Fellow, Oriental Institute, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague

*The Journal Al-Adab and Transnational Intellectual Network between Cairo, Baghdad and Beirut*

02.20 Jens HANSSSEN, Associate Professor, Toronto University

*The Arab Radical Tradition in Comparative Perspective*

02.40 Michaëlle BROWERS, Professor, Wake Forest University

*Counter-Hegemonic Interventions in a Time of Authoritarian Modernism: Egypt's Movement of Peace Supporters*

03.00 - 03.45 Discussion

03.45 – 04.15 Coffee Break

04.15-05.00 *Years of Revolutionary Joy* **سنوات السعادة الثورية**  
(Dar al-tanwir, Beirut, 2015)

Discussion with Dalal al-BIZRI, Writer and Columnist for *Al-Modon*

**05.00-06.00 PARADOXES AND LEGACIES OF THE SOUTHERN YEMENI LEFT**

Discussion around *South Yemen under the Rule of the Left. A Personal Testimony* (Riad El Rayyes Books, Beirut, 2015), by Fawwaz TRABOULSI

**جنوب اليمن في حكم اليسار. شهادة شخصية**

Anne-Linda Amira AUGUSTIN, PhD Candidate, Centre for Near and Middle East Studies, Philipps-University Marburg

Abdulsalam ALRUBAIDI, PhD Candidate, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg

Fawwaz TRABOULSI, Visiting Professor, AUB

**06.15-07.15 THE DHOFARI REVOLUTION: MODEL AND EXCEPTION?**

**Roundtable**

Abdel Razzaq TAKRITI, Associate Professor, Houston University

Dr Kamel MHANNA, President of Amel Association

Fawwaz TRABOULSI, Visiting Professor, AUB

Abdulnabi ALEKRY, CEO at The National Center for Studies, Bahrain

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**10.00-11.50 LEFT-WING TRENDS IN THE 1960-70s: INTELLECTUAL LINKAGES AND DISJUNCTIONS BETWEEN THE THREE WORLDS**

Discussant: Yasmeeen DAIFALLAH, Assistant Professor, UMass-Amherst

10.00 Margaret SCARBOROUGH, PhD Candidate, Columbia University

*Abdel Khaliq Mahgoub: The Question of Sudanese Spontaneity between European, Arab and African Marxist Milieu*

10.20 Haggag ALI, Assistant Professor, Academy of Arts, Cairo

*An Egyptian Leftist Reading of the Frankfurt School in the 1970s*

10.40 Idriss JEBARI, ACSS Postdoctoral Fellow at CAMES, AUB

*'Perspectives,' the Tunisian Student Movement (1963-1974) and the European New Left*

11.00 Alexander FLORES, Professor Emeritus, Hochschule, Bremen

*Coping with Decline: Trajectories of the Arab Left and their Perception by European Leftists*

11.20- 11.50 Discussion

**12.00-12.50 DIGITAL HISTORIES OF THE UNDERGROUND: TEACHING THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION**

Abdel Razzaq TAKRITI, Associate Professor, University of Houston

**12.50-02.00 LUNCH**

**02.00-05.30 (COUNTER-) REVOLUTIONARY CIRCULATIONS IN THE INTERPLAY OF TRANSNATIONAL NETWORKS AND LOCAL CHALLENGES**

**Discussants: Laure GUIRGUIS**, OIB Postdoctoral Fellow, and **Aline SCHLAEPFER**, Swiss National Science Foundation Fellow, University of Geneva & AUB

**02.00 Orit BASHKIN** Professor, Chicago University

*Iraqi Jewish Communists in Iraq and in Palestine - Trans-regional Communism and the Question of Palestine*

**02.20 Philipp WINKLER**, PhD Candidate, Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen Nuremberg

*The "Che Guevara of the Middle East". Khalid Ahmad Zaki and the Revolutionary Struggle in Iraq's Southern Marshlands*

**02.40 Maher CHARIF**, Researcher, The Institute for Palestinian Studies

**الشيوعيون الفلسطينيون وإشكالية العلاقة بين "الخاص" و"العام" في النضال الفلسطيني**  
*Palestinian Communists: The Problem of the Relationship between the 'Particular' and the 'General' in the Palestinian Struggle*

**03.00 Nicolas DOT-POUILLARD**, Researcher, ERC-programme WAFAW

*The Fatah's Student Brigade (Katiba tullabiya): between Maoism, "Asian models" and Islamism (1972-1979)*

**03.20-03.50 Coffee Break**

**03.50 Malika RAHAL**, Researcher, Institut du Temps présent, CNRS

*The Algerian PAGS Inside Out: Circulating Between Clandestinity and Legality from Dakhil to Kharij*

**04.10 Elliott COLLA**, Associate Professor, Georgetown University

*Elegy for a Movement: Amal Dunqul's "Ughniyyat ka'aka hajariyya"*

**04.30 Nate GEORGE**, PhD Candidate, Rice University

*"The Day of Judgment Has Fallen Upon this Generation": The Front for Freedom and Man in Lebanon and Global Counterrevolution*

**04.50 Elizabeth HOLT**, Assistant Professor, Bard College

*Covert Cold War in the Arabic Press: Archives of 1950s and 1960s Beirut and Cairo*

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