Iraqi Studies: Past, Present, and Future
Columbia University

Friday, February 28th

9:15-9:30  Opening Remarks
Zainab Bahrani (Columbia U)

9:30-11:00  Methods and Approaches:
Writing Iraqi History
Wisam Alshaibi (UCLA), The Dark Archive of the Wars in Iraq: Introducing the Karun Makiya Papers
Nadje Al-Ali (Brown U.), Feminist Approaches to Iraqi Studies: Beyond an add-women- and-stir approach
Sara Farhan (American U. of Sharjah), Towards a History of Medicine of Modern Iraq
Orcun Okan (Columbia U.), Reflections on the Use of First-Person Narratives for Writing Histories of Modern Iraq

11:15-12:45  The Iraqi Nahda
Annie Greene (College of William and Mary), The Nahda in Iraq
Camille Cole (Yale U.), "The Last Vestiges of Arab Independence": Khaz'al Khan and the Making of Gilded Age Basra and Khuzestan, 1897-1914
Kevin Michael Jones (U. of Georgia), Baghdad Days and Cairo Nights: The Arab Nahda and the Construction of Iraqi National Identity
Gabriel Young (NYU), On Iraq's Path: Transnational Histories of Iraq and the Political Economy of 'Abd al-Fattah Ibrahim

13:30-15:00  State Formation and Resistance
Mélisande Genat (Stanford U.), State Justice and Tribal Law in the Sinjar Region (1932-1958)
Carl Shook (Loyola U., Chicago), Imperialist Invention or Uncertain Enterprise? Understanding British power through the political geography of Iraq
Huma Gupta (MIT), The Architecture of Dispossession and State Building in Iraq

15:15-16:45  Beyond Sectarianism
Michael Degerald (Lund U., Sweden), Race in modern Iraqi History: Questioning the not-so-sectarian dimensions of social tensions
Christopher Cooper-Davies (Cambridge U.), Between sectarian populism and anti-sectarianism: mechanisms for Shi'i national integration in Hashemite Iraq
Joseph Edward Kotinsky (U. of Texas at Austin), The Politics of Suffering: An examination of the Iraqi Shi'i Opposition Movement's response to the 1991 March Uprisings
Jinan Al-Abball (LSE), The Evolution of the Iraqi Army

17:00-18:30  Keynote Panel
Orit Bashkin (U. of Chicago)
Eric Davis (Rutgers U.)
Dina Khoury (George Washington U.)
Sara Pursley (NYU)

Saturday, February 29th

10:00-10:30  State, Power, and Natural Resource Development
Tiffany Floyd (Columbia U), “He who saw the Deep:” Petromodernity, Deep Time, and Dia Al-Azzawi as Gilgamesh
Isacar Bolaños (Loyola U., Maryland), The French Connection: Informal Empire, Environmental Management, and Foreign Technocrats in Hamidian Iraq
Şehnaz İyibaş (Kaç U., Istanbul), Irrigation in the Late Ottoman Iraq: The Hindiya Barrage 1890-1914

10:30-11:15  Formation of Iraqi Identities and Social Classes
Hala Fattah (Independent Scholar), The Invisible Iraqis: Georgian, Daghistani and Circassian Families in Early Twentieth Century Iraq
Pelle Valentin Olsen (U. of Chicago), Iraqi Jews and the Production and Consumption of Leisure
Andrew Alger (CUNY), Clinical Behavior: Institutionalized Medicine and Urban Space in Baghdad, 1917 - 1958

11:15-12:45  Beyond the Nation: Iraq in Global Perspective
Esmat Elhalaby (NYU Abu Dhabi), Women's activism in Iraq: a transnational perspective
Hilary Falb Kalisman (U. of Colorado, Boulder), Global Women's Activism in Iraq: A Transnational Perspective
Zeinab Azarbadegan (Columbia U), Israel and the United States: The Politics of Memory

12:45-14:00  Roundtable
Convened by the Organizers
Zeinab Azarbadegan (Columbia U)
Natasha Pesaran (Columbia U)
Amnah Almukhtar (Columbia U)

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