

The Middle East and North Africa Research Cluster Annual Conference

“Security, Insecurity and Prospects for Peace in the Middle East and North Africa”

Nottingham Trent University, UK

Thursday 7th April 2016

Time	Event	Room
8:45-9:15am	Welcome and Registration	Newton Lecture Theatre Six
9:15-10:30am	<p>Panel One: The Impact of Insecurity, Diplomacy and Law on the Pursuit of Peace in the MENA Chair: Tarik Oumazzane</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Governance Models to Promote Peaceful Coexistence in Multi-Ethnic Contested Societies: the case of Kirkuk Ako Jalal, University of Nottingham, UK 2. The Failure of Peace Talks Between Turkey and the Kurdistan Workers’ Party: Victim of the traditional Turkish approach towards the Kurdish question or a geopolitical shift in the Middle East? Cemal Ozkahraman, University of Exeter, UK 3. The Trajectory for the Kurds Egemen Bezci, University of Nottingham, UK 4. A Critical Investigation of Power and Ideology at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon Alex Baxter, Nottingham Trent University, UK 	Newton Lecture Theatre One
10:30-10:45am	Break	Newton Lecture Theatre Six
10:45-11:00am	<p>Panel Two: Structures, Society and Insecurity in the MENA Chair: Tarfah Elfayez</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Importance of Rethinking Islam and Establishing Social Justice to Fight Religious Radicalism in the MENA Hind Arroub, Hypatia of Alexandria Institute for Reflexion & Studies, Rabat, Morocco 2. From Aberystwyth to Copenhagen: the Middle East as Periphery of Global Insecurity or Islamism as Insecuritizing Factor in Stability Processes? Discussing power and the construction of insecurities in the global war on terror Maria Gloria Polimeno, City University London, UK 	Newton Lecture Theatre One

	<p>3. A New Social Actor in the Arab Street Carlotta Stegagno, University of Genoa, Italy</p>	
11:00-12:15pm	<p>Panel Three: Security, Securitisation and Policy Responses in the MENA Chair: Alex Baxter</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can a Soft Partition Stabilize Iraq? Yaseen Salih Hama, University of Nottingham, UK 2. Defense Cooperation and Military Policy in the GCC Wojciech Grabowski, Gdansk University, Poland 3. Countering the Threat from Islamic State: The Implications for the MENA Natasha Underhill, Nottingham Trent University, UK 4. Conceptualizing Security between Narrative and Reality in Egypt Nancy Okail and Allison McManus, Tahrir Institute for Middle East Policy, Washington, DC, USA 	
12:15-1:00pm	Lunch	Newton Lecture Theatre Six
2:00-3:30pm	<p>Panel Four: Iran and Contemporary MENA Security Questions Chair: Imad El-Anis</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Surrounded by Instability: Iran's Security Challenges in the Sistan and Beluchestan Provinces Robert Czulda, University of Lodz, Poland 2. A Tacit Alliance? Iran and China in the 21st Century Sahra Joharchi, Nottingham Trent University, UK 3. The Price of Oil: Yemen at war Nora Ann Colton, University of East London, UK 	Newton Lecture Theatre One
3:30-3:45pm	Break	Newton Lecture Theatre Six
3:45-5:30pm	<p>Panel Five: International Political Economy and New and Emerging Security Issues Chair: Natasha Underhill</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Political Economy of US Aid to Jordan Tarfah Elfayez, Nottingham Trent University, UK 2. Hydro-Hegemony in the Jordan River Basin: the case of Israel and Palestine 	Newton Lecture Theatre One

	<p>Azzah Ahmed, Syracuse University, USA</p> <p>3. Land Redistribution and Political Stability in the MENA Allison Hartnett, University of Oxford, UK</p> <p>4. Trade Liberalisation in the MENA: Promoting peace and stability Tarik Oumazzane, Nottingham Trent University, UK</p> <p>5. The Pacific Benefits of Economic Integration in the MENA Imad El-Anis, Nottingham Trent University, UK</p>	
5:30-5:45pm	Closing Remarks	Newton Lecture Theatre One