HEGEMONIC BOUNDARIES AND ASYMMETRIC POWER IN THE GULF

Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies (IAIS), University of Exeter

10-11th July

Monday 10th July

9.00 - 9.30  Registration (IAIS, Reception)

Tea and Coffee (IAIS, Common Room)

9.30 - 9.45  Welcome Address (IAIS, Lecture Theatre 1 & 2)
9.45 - 11.15 Settling and Unsettling

Bogumila Hall (Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence, Italy)
‘This Is Our Homeland too’. The Yemeni Akhdam and the Struggles for Re-Signification

Mohamed Matar (University of Exeter)
*Bahrani and Bahraini: Political Interpretations and Social Stratifications of the Native Identity Epithet*

Jiwon Choi (University of Exeter)
*Inclusion and Exclusion of Indigenous Others as a Settler Strategy for Hegemonic Boundaries: The Case of Bahrain*

11.15 - 11.45 Coffee Break (IAIS, Common Room)

11.45 - 1.00 Crafting Citizens: Regulating Bodies

Agata Wentz (Pedagogical University of Kraków, Poland)
*Between 'Normal' and 'Abnormal': Social, Religious and Cultural Boundaries vs. Early Autism Diagnosis*

Elham Fakhro (University of Oxford)
*Regulating Alcohol and Prostitution: Belgrave’s Quest for Moral Order in Bahrain, 1926-1947*

Islam Hassan (Georgetown University, Doha, Qatar)

1.00 - 2.00 Lunch (IAIS, Common Room)
2.00 - 3.30  **Ideology Unbound**

Noriko Sato (Pukyong National University, Busan, South Korea)
*Symbolic Boundaries and Cross-Border Movements in Northern Iraq and Syria*

Jafar Ahmad (Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh)
*The Impact of Ashura Rituals Practiced by Shia Iraqis on Iraqi Nationalism*

K.M. Seethi (Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, India)
*Inside/Outside Pan(ic)Islam: Contesting Boundaries of al-Salafiyya and Radical Islam*

Paulino Rafael Robles Gil Cozzi (Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha, Qatar)
*Shi‘ism in the Gulf: Paradoxes of Coexistence in Qatar*

3.30 - 4.00  **Coffee Break** (IAIS, Common Room)

4.00 - 5.30  **Materialising Hegemony**

Claire Beaugrand (IFPO, Jerusalem, Palestinian Territories)
*Borders and Spatial Imaginaries in Kuwaiti Identity*

Suha Babikir (KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden)
*Contemplations on Conflict*

Eunji Kim (Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul, South Korea)
*To Build a Solid Boundary: Description of Kuwait as a Nation in Public Elementary Schools - An Analysis of Contents in Social Studies Textbooks*

7.00  **Conference Dinner**
Tuesday 11th July

9.00 - 9.30  **Tea and Coffee** (IAIS, Common Room)

9.30 - 11.00  **Gender Inequality and Recognition**

**Sepideh Nekomanesh Fard** (Stockholm University, Sweden)
*Hegemony and Discursive Shifts in Regards to “Workers” and “Women’s Rights” During the Iranian Revolution and its Aftermath (1979-1982)*

**Rafiah Altalei** (Al Jazeera Media Network, Doha, Qatar)
*State, Society and Gender Relations: Are Women Really Empowered? The Case Study of Qatar*

**Nora Jaber** (King’s College London)
*Heterogeneity of Saudi Female Attitudes to Gender Equality & International Law*

**Gilla Camden** (Qatar University)
*Qatari Mothers Do Not a Qatari Make: Identity Marking and Boundary Making within Citizenship Discourses in Qatar*

11.00 - 11.30  **Coffee Break** (IAIS, Common Room)

11.30 - 1.00  **Counterpublics and Contestations**

**Abbas Al Morished** (Independent Researcher, Bahrain)
*Bahrain: Public Arena Coercions and Sub-Identity Eruptions*

**Gertjan Hoetjes** (University of Exeter)
*Hegemonic Struggle on Cyberspace: The Case of Oman*
Carine Lahoud-Tatar (Saint-Joseph University, Beirut, Lebanon)
Youth Engagement in the Kuwaiti Political Sphere: New Dynamics of Activism

Wafa Khalfan (University of Glasgow)
Being Emirati: The Identity Question Revisited

1.00 - 2.00 Lunch (IAIS, Common Room)

2.00 - 3.30 Defining the Gulf

James Onley (Qatar University)
Arab Nationalism & the “Arab” Gulf: Origins & Significance of the Name Game

Hatem Alshaikh-Mubarak (University of St Andrews)
Mapping the Persian Gulf: Forming Geographic Perceptions in the 1820s Major Survey

Niklas Haller (University of Exeter)
Sovereignty as an Imperial Instrument: Trucial System, Trucial States, and the British Empire

3.30 - 4.00 Coffee Break (IAIS, Common Room)

4.00 - 5.30 Foreign Bodies

Jaafar Alloul (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands)
Unpacking the Figure of the ‘Expat’ in the Gulf: Dubai as a Liminal Gateway for Maghrebi-Muslim Minorities to ‘Becoming European’

Sajida Ally (Queen Mary University, London)
Defying Gendered Asymmetries and Legal Boundaries: Wasta and Bodily Comportment Among Unauthorised Sri Lankan Women Living in Kuwait

Amna Rahama Hussain (Independent Researcher, Qatar)
Haunted by Borders: The Experience of the Second Generation of Sudanese Migrants in the Gulf