

**XVI SeSaMO Conference**  
**Crossings and contaminations.**  
**Practices, languages and politics in transit**  
**in the Middle East and North Africa**

Department of Political and Social Sciences  
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University of Cagliari, 3-5 October 2024

**Short program**

**DAY 1 - 3 October**

Facoltà di Architettura, via Corte d'Appello 87

8.30 - 9.30 Participants' registration

9.30 - 10.30 Greetings and Opening of the Conference

Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.00 Keynote Speech – Paolo Novak

12.00 - 13.00 Roundtable: The Academic Question of Palestine

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**14.30 - 16.30 Session 1**

17 - Exploring Transformations within Educational Spaces

23 - Questioning “Civilization”, “Reform” and “(Post)Modernity” in the Ottoman and Post Ottoman Space (XIX-XXI centuries)

19 - New politics and aesthetics of representation in Moroccan literature

40 - Islamists, Leftists, and the radical battlefield in the MENA region: encounters, convergences and contaminations

14 - Taking Stock of a Revolutionary Decade

10 - Circolazione e métissages nelle border cities, città di frontiera del Mediterraneo (MENA)

7 - Crossing and Contaminations in the Study of Islam and Muslim Life

Coffee break

**17.00 - 19.00 Session 2**

11 - Turning water into politics: narratives, imaginaries and practices in the Middle East and North Africa

38 - Contagi di corpi e contagi di idee: transiti e confini fisici e metaforici nell'Impero ottomano tra la peste e il colera (XVIII e XIX secolo)

33 - Cultural Intersections: Aesthetic Hybridity in Moroccan Cinematic Discourse

39 - Spazi e itinerari di attraversamento, relazione e appropriazione: internazionalismo e anticolonialismo in contesto coloniale (XIX-XX secolo)

36 - Revolutionary contaminations. The Arab revolutions of 2011 and their methodological ramifications

8 - Urban Histories of Mobility in the MENA Region: Migrations, Ecologies, Spaces, Temporalities (XIX-XXI)

45 - Roundtable: Strategie e Risposte al Precariato Accademico nell'ambito di studio dei mondi Arabi, Semitici e Islamici

## DAY 2 - 4 October

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### 9.00 - 11.00 Session 3

1 - Cyberauthoritarianism, Digital resistance, and transnational solidarity in the MENA region

22 - Otherness and the fabric of universals: Historical and anthropological explorations in the Middle East and North Africa

20 - Food Politics in Post-2003 Iraq: Looking at the Interplay Between the National, Regional and Global Levels

3 - Cultural and Ideological Connections in Cold War Turkey: Political Paths, Media and Representation

25 - Overcoming the European Monopoly on Knowledge: Greek Classics and Myths in Arabic Literature (1800-1950)

29 - Palestine as a Global Crossing for Culture, Politics, and Social Movements

9 - Généralisation des politiques de précarisation, circulation des formes de mobilisation : une nouvelle question sociale au Maghreb et au Proche-Orient ?

13 - Culture nomadi e nazionalismi nell'Ovest sahariano (XIX – XX secolo): persone, luoghi e correnti di pensiero

Coffee Break

### 11.30 - 13.00 Session 4

24 - The time and space of “transnational ad-hocracy” in the SWANA region

16 - Circulation of Ideas, Practices, and Knowledge in and across Peripheral Islam

2 - Food Politics in Post-2003 Iraq: A Cultural Perspective

27 - Turkey between the past and today's world. Who's and How's the Other?

12 - Existentialism and commitment in contemporary Arabic literature

43 - La via per Gerusalemme passa per Roma: teoria, storia e pratiche dell'attivismo palestinese in Italia

41 - Jazira Şiqilliyya: terra di incontri, attraversamenti e contaminazioni / Jazira Şiqilliyya: land of encounters, crossings and contaminations

35 - Roundtable: Crossing disciplinary borders. Intersectionality on the move

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## 14.30 - 16.30 Session 5

31 - Rethinking authoritarianism: Transnational geographies between the region and the world

15 - Attraversamenti religiosi: narrazioni, percorsi e pratiche di conversione

34 - Subsidies versus Cash Transfers: Analyzing Reform Diffusion in the MENA Region

26 - New Directions in Kurdish Studies: Tracing Political, Social, and Cultural Transformations

5 - Artivism for a transnational history from below in the SWANA region

6 - Red-lines: revolutionary knowledge and transformative action in the Trans-Mediterranean space (1950s-1970s)

18 - Multi-sited research methodologies for decolonial research: food entanglements and encounters across the MENA region and beyond

Coffee Break

17.00 - 19.00 Assemblea dei Soci

21.00 Social dinner, Ex Manifattura Tabacchi, Viale Regina Margherita 33

## DAY 3 - 5 October

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## 9.00 - 11.00 Session 6

32 - « Corps nomades » : pratiques de genre et identités en transit dans les productions artistiques et littéraires arabes

21 - Palestinian Refugees and the Right of Return after the 2023-24 Genocide: Challenges and Prospects for Decolonisation

42 - Toward a New Direction in Conceptualizing Mobility: A Multidisciplinary Perspective

28 - Vernacularising Law & Order in the Eastern Mediterranean (1791-1849)

37 - Female Researchers Conducting Fieldwork in Arab Societies: Reflections on Positionality in the Field

4 - Crossing boundaries in Tunisian cultural productions: genres, languages and audiences

30 - Iran after Woman Life Freedom: Domestic and international politics

Coffee Break

11.30 - 12.30 Keynote Speech – Mezna Qato

12.30 - 13.00 Concluding remarks