

**The Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies Initiative at CSUN presents:
Symposia on**

THE MIDDLE EAST ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

November 9 & 15, 2011, California State University, Northridge

I. November 9, 2011, 9:00AM-6:00PM

Location: Sala De la Osa Room, 2nd Floor, Student Union

Address: 9851 Zelzah Ave., Northridge, CA 91330-8273

Tel: (818) 677-2890, **Map:** http://usu.csun.edu/reservations/maps/SSU_meeting_rooms.pdf

9:00 AM

Welcoming Remarks, **Elizabeth Say**, Dean, College of Humanities, CSUN

Introductory Remarks, **Nayereh Tohidi**, Director, MEIS, CSUN

9:10-10:10 AM

Keynote Speaker: **Juan Cole**, University of Michigan:

<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~jrcole/>

MESA past president, former MENAS director at UM

“Teaching the Middle East: Achievements and Challenges”

Break

10:30AM-12:00 noon

Panel 1: Moderated by **Mustafa Ruzgar**, CSUN

Teaching MEIS through the Humanities and Arts: What Do Students Need to Know?

1. **Zayn Kassam**, Pomona College (Religious Studies)
<http://research.pomona.edu/zayn-kassam/>
2. **Linda Komaroff**, LACMA (Arts & Architecture)
http://www.lacma.org/islamic_art/ArchContext.htm
3. **Nouri Gana**, UCLA (Literature)
<http://www.complit.ucla.edu/people/faculty/gana/>
4. **Dwight Reynolds**, UCSB (Music & Folklore)
<http://www.religion.ucsb.edu/Faculty/reynolds.htm>

Lunch Break 12:00-1:30, Geronimo's Dining Hall at SSU

Note: Interested persons will join the 12:00-1:30 Working Lunch with MEIS Directors from CSU/UC Campuses.

1:30PM-3:00PM

Panel 2: Moderated by **Rachel Howes**, CSUN

Teaching MEIS through the Social Sciences: What Do Students Need to Know?

1. **Sondra Hale**, UCLA (Gender)
<http://www.anthro.ucla.edu/people/faculty?lid=426>
2. **Susan Slyomovics**, UCLA (Anthropology)
http://www.international.ucla.edu/cnes/about/person.asp?Facultystaff_ID=600
3. **James Gelvin**, UCLA (History)
<http://www.sscnet.ucla.edu/history/gelvin/>
4. **Eliz Sanasarian**, USC (Political Science)
<http://crcc.usc.edu/about/personnel/eliz-sanasarian.html>

Break

3:15-4:15 PM

Panel 3: Moderated by **Ahmed Bouguarche**, CSUN

Teaching MEIS through the Languages: The Main Issues at Hand

1. **Olga Kagan**, UCLA: *Foreign Languages, Heritage Languages*
<http://www.international.ucla.edu/languages/people/kagan.asp>
2. **Dwight Reynolds**, UCSB: *Arabic--A Commonly Taught "Less Commonly Taught Language"* <http://www.religion.ucsb.edu/Faculty/reynolds.htm>

Break

4:30-6 PM

Concluding Round Table: *The Middle East and Middle Eastern Americans--Community and Cultural Continuity*

Moderated by **Jody E. Myers**, CSUN

Note: Participants will include teachers of Middle Eastern languages in academia and from Middle Eastern American community and religious centers (including mosques, synagogues, churches), and representatives from the various ethnic communities and the media addressing issues such as teaching for proficiency, whether language offerings should be required or elective, inter-generational perspectives about priorities and objectives, expectations and resources, etc.

6:00 PM

Reception & Azimuth-Ascension Exhibition

New Sahara Gallery

18860 Nordhoff St. Northridge, CA 91324: <http://www.newsaharagallery.com/>

II. November 15, 2011, 2:00 PM-7:30 PM

Location: 451 Sierra Hall: Whitsett Room, 4th floor

Address: Cal State University, Northridge, 18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge, CA 91330-8254

Map: http://www.csun.edu/maps/Campus_Map.pdf

Teaching about Immigration and Representation: The Middle East and/in the US

2:00 PM Welcome & Introductory Remarks, **Nayereh Tohidi**, CSUN

Moderated by **Suzanne Scheld**, CSUN

2:10-3:15 PM

Mehdi Bozorgmehr, Sociology and Middle East and Middle Eastern American Center, City University of New York-Graduate Center

<http://web.gc.cuny.edu/Sociology/Faculty%20Pages/Mehdi%20Page.html>

http://memeac.gc.cuny.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=48&Itemid=54

Middle Eastern Americans

Break

3:30-4:30 pm

Moderated by **Owen Doonan**, CSUN

Jonathan Friedlander, UCLA

<http://www.international.ucla.edu/cnes/news/article.asp?parentid=35055>

<http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/kt4779r5hf?query=jonathan%20friedlander>

Middle Eastern Americana

4:45-6:00 PM

Concluding Round Table: *Academia, Community Voices, and Ethnic Media*

Moderated by **Melissa Wall**, CSUN

6:00 PM

Reception & Film

Amreeka (96 minutes)

<http://www.amreeka.com/>

To attend, registration (free) is required by contacting:

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