

## Conference Schedule

Communications Building, Room 202

12.00 - 12.15 Opening Remarks: Ruben Shimonov (NELC-SA President) and Professor Scott Noegel

12.20 - 12.40 Keynote Speech: Professor Firoozeh Papan-Matin

12.45 - 2.05 Panel 1: "Close Reading Film, Place and Literature"

- Chair: Professor Walter Andrews

- Presenters:

- Tim Rich, "Comedy in the Middle Eastern Festival Film: In Search of the Belly Laugh"

- Muge Salmaner, "Cinematographic Representation of Trauma in Atom Egoyan's *Ararat*"

- Sahera Bleibleh, "Everyday Urbanism between Public Space and 'Forbidden Space': The Case of the Old City of Nablus, Palestine"

- William Reed, "Reading in Rings: An Examination of a Ring Structure in the Saul Narrative"

2.05 - 2.15 Recess (snacks and refreshments provided)

2.15 - 3.30 Panel 2: "Ties and Tensions: The Relationship between History and Identity"

- Chair: Professor Resat Kasaba

- Presenters:

- Dilbar Ahmedova, "Ahmad Yasawi's *Divan-i Hikmet* in Uzbek Scholarship and Its Message of Non-Violence"

- Deena Taji Faruki, "In Fear of Palestine: British and Israeli Educational Policy and History Curriculum for Palestinians"

- Miloud Amine Tais, "'My Prophet, My Guide': Imagining Muhammad and His Legacy in Islamic History"

- Ruben Shimonov, "The Past and its Present Implications: An Analysis of Bukharian Jewish Identity"

3.30 - 3.45 Room Change (snacks and refreshments provided)

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3.45 - 5.05 Panel 3: "Modernity: Gender, Politics, and Culture"

- Chairs: Professor Joel Migdal, Professor Arzoo Osanloo
- Presenters:
  - Aaron Haley, "Hijacking Discourse: Image of the Iranian Woman in U.S Media"
  - Heather Rastovac, "Contending with Censorship: The Underground Music Scene of Urban Iran"
  - Cynthia Chiu, "Conceptualizing Gender Status and Criminal Sanctions within a Sharia Framework"
  - Ozge Sade Mete, "*Harem Suare*: From Harem's Women to Placeless Women"

5.05 - 5.15 Recess (snacks and refreshments provided)

5.15 - 6.35 Panel 4: "The Arts, Religion, and Community: Near Eastern Societies of the Pre-modern Age"

- Chairs: Professor Florian Schwarz, Professor Jonathan Brown
- Presenters:
  - Polly Yorioka, "Virgins, Mothers, and Demons: An Analysis of the Idea of the Feminine and the Role of Actual Women in Manichaeic Texts"
  - Jacob Rennaker, "Spanning the Chasm of Two Cultures: An Analysis of Philippians 2:10"
  - Samer al-Saber, "Gerasa of the Decapolis and Arab Theatrics on the Roman Frontier"
  - Kristian Petersen, "Trodden Paths of the Devout Generations: Legitimizing Prosopography and Models of Exemplary Conduct"

6.35 - 6.50 Closing Remarks by Zeynep Seviner of NELC-SA