

“ARAB ENCOUNTERS ACROSS DIFFERENCE: EPISTEMOLOGY AND ETHNOGRAPHY” - WORKSHOP PROGRAM

*October 3-4, 2022
ISA, Hollandstrasse 11-13, 1020 Vienna, Austria*

Organizers: Leonardo Schiocchet (ISA) and Marieke Brandt (ISA)

Building on insights from our first AUSARAB workshop *Encounters across Difference: Anthropological Frameworks* (Vienna, 2019), and on insights from the NFG project *Tribalism, Religious Radicalization, Fossil Energy, and the State*, this workshop aims to discuss Arab encounters to identify important ethnographic and theoretical-methodological trends in the fields of Arab studies and anthropology.

KEYNOTE LECTURE

Annelies Moors (Keynote lecturer) is Emeritus Professor at the University of Amsterdam. She studied Arabic at the University of Damascus and Arabic and anthropology at the University of Amsterdam. She holds the chair for contemporary Muslim societies at the department of sociology and anthropology at the University of Amsterdam. From 2001-2008 she was the Amsterdam chair of the International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World. She has held visiting positions at the University of San'a, Yemen, and was Honorably Visiting Professor at the London School of Fashion (London University of the Arts). She was the primary investigator of an international NORFACE research programme on 'The emergence of Islamic fashion in Europe', and of the NWO Cultural Dynamics programme on 'Islamic cultural practices and performances: New youth cultures in Europe'. Currently, she is the PI of the NWO programme Muslim Activism in the Netherlands after 1989 (senior researcher: Martijn de Koning) and of the ERC advanced grant Problematising "Muslim Marriages": Ambiguities and Contestations. She has published widely on gender, nation and religion in such fields as Muslim family law and Islamic marriages, wearing gold, the visual media (postcards of Palestine), migrant domestic labor, Islamic fashion, and wearing face-veils.

October 3

9:30 – 9:35 = Director's address

9:35 – 9:55 = Welcome remarks + Introduction to the topic – Marieke Brandt and Leonardo Schiocchet

10:00 – 11:00 - Annelies Moors (UVA) - Keynote + discussion

11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30 – 13:00 - Panel 1 (Religious Encounters): *Ismail Alatas* (NYU) / *Paulo Pinto* (UFF) / *Zoltan Pall* (ISA)

13:00- 14:30 - *Lunch Break*

14:30 – 16:00 - Panel 2 (Dynamics and Asymmetries in Arab Encounters): *Sari Hanafi* (AUB) / *Leonardo Schiocchet* (ISA) / *Sabine Bauer-Amin* (IRC – Germany)

16:00 – 16:30 *Coffee Break*

19:00 – *Dinner* (outside)

October 4

9:00 – 10:30 - Panel 3 (Encounters across Conflict and Resistance): *Noura Kamal* (ISA) / *Alexander Weissenburger* (ISA) / *Shada Bokir* (UniVienna)

10:30 – 10:45 - *Coffee break*

10:45 – 12:15 - Panel 4 (South Arabia on the move): *Marina de Regt* (VU) / *Nathalie Peutz* (NYUAD) / *Marieke Brandt* (ISA)

12:15 – 12:45 – Final Discussion

12:45 - *Lunch* (catering)

19h - *Dinner* (outside)