

Arab-Soviet Internationalism – Socialist Internationalism, International Organizations and the Politics of Revolution in the 20th and 21st Centuries

Workshop | 13-15 July 2022, Berlin, Forum Transregionale Studien

Convened by **Elizabeth Bishop** (Texas State University), **Andreas Hilger** (German Historical Institute Moscow), **Jeffrey G. Karam** (Lebanese American University / EUME Fellow of the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation 2021-22), and **Sana Tannoury-Karam** (EUME Fellow 2020-22).

Venue: Forum Transregionale Studien, Wallotstraße 14, 14193 Berlin

Program

Wednesday, 13 July	
17:00	<p>EUME Berliner Seminar</p> <p>Margaret Litvin (Boston U): <i>After Defending Jerusalem in Córdoba: The Unhappy Internationalist Life of Najati and Lotka Sidqi</i></p> <p>Chair: Sana Tannoury-Karam</p>
Thursday, 14 July	
09:30-10:00	Welcome and Introduction
10:00-11:00	<p>Panel 1</p> <p>Masha Kirasirova (NYU Abu Dhabi): <i>Searching for Peace and Decolonization in Post-WWII Lebanon and Syria</i></p> <p>Gennaro Gervasio (U Roma Tre): <i>The Egyptian Left(s) between Nasser, Sadat, Moscow, and beyond (1965-1976)</i></p> <p>Chair: Jeffrey G. Karam</p>
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-12:30	<p>Panel 2</p> <p>Philipp Casula (U of Basel): <i>The Union of Soviet Friendship Societies in the Middle East in the 1970s: Pragmatism, Orientalism and Soft Power</i></p> <p>Roy Bar Sadeh (Columbia U): <i>“Worldmaking in the Hijaz”: Muslims between Competing Indian and Soviet Visions of Managing Difference, 1919-1926</i></p> <p>Chair: Rim Naguib</p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break

13:30-14:30	<p>Panel 3</p> <p>Soha Mohsen (UC Davis): <i>We Are No Longer Ourselves: On the Political Aesthetic of the Minor. The Case of Arab-Soviet Surrealist Reveries</i></p> <p>Nathalie Moine (CNRS / CERCEC, Paris): <i>The ballet as a Revolution. Early Azerbaijani-Algerian bilateral cooperation versus the promotion of folk dance by UNESCO</i></p> <p>Chair: Elizabeth Bishop</p>
14:30-15:00	Coffee Break
15:00-16:30	<p>Roundtable on the Legacies and Afterlives of Soviet Internationalism</p> <p>Speakers: Bohdan Tokarskyi (Universität Potsdam), Annette Werberger (Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)) and Margaret Litvin (Boston U)</p> <p>In cooperation with Europäische Zeiten/European Times – A Transregional Approach to the Societies of Central and Eastern Europe (EUTIM).</p>
Friday, 15 July	
10:00-11:00	<p>Panel 4</p> <p>Ekaterina Vasileva (U of Erfurt): <i>In Search of Anticolonial Journalistic Approaches: Arab Students and Soviet Media Scholarship in 1960s-1980s</i></p> <p>Elizabeth Bishop (Texas State U): <i>Identities and Beliefs: UGEMA, l'Union Generale des Etudiants Musulmans Algeriens and the USSR (1955-1962)</i></p> <p>Chair: Margaret Litvin</p>
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-12:30	<p>Panel 5</p> <p>Olga Nefedova (HSE University, Moscow): <i>Intricate Contexts: Inji Efflatoun Exhibitions in the USSR in 1970 and 1975</i></p> <p>Philipp Winkler (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg): <i>Visiting “the most important social experiment that history has ever known”: Arab travelers’ accounts of the Soviet Union</i></p> <p>Chair: Sana Tannoury-Karam</p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break
13:30-14:30	Final Discussion & Closing Remarks