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Exploring Migration, Urban Evolution, and Historical Continuity in a Megalopolis
PhD summer school, August 19–22, 2024

The Nordic Society for Middle Eastern Studies in collaboration
with the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul and the Finnish Institute in the Middle East

Venue: The Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, Istiklal Caddesi 247

Sunday, August 18

Arrivals

Monday, August 19

09:00 Welcome: Mark Sedgwick, Århus & Olof Heilo, SRII

09:15 Introduction round

09:45 Lecture: Olof Heilo & Ela Gökalp Aras, SRII

10:30 Coffee

11:00 PhD presentations, round I

Lejla Sunagic, Lund: *Reinterpreting the Rationalities of Risky Migration: Syrian Refugees' Sea Journeys to Europe*

Respondent: Ela Gökalp Aras, SRII

Riina Sinisalo, Helsinki: *Negotiating Muslimness in urban spaces of Helsinki*

Respondent: Susanne Dahlgren, FIME

13:00 Lunch

13:30 Excursion to Tarlabaşı and Dolapdere with a study visit to the Association for Social
Development and Aid Mobilization, led by Ela Gökalp Aras

19:00 Reception at the Swedish Palace

Tuesday, August 20

08:30 PhD presentations, round II

Alice al Maleh, Lund: *Futural orientations and diasporic becomings among Iraqis in Sweden*

Respondent: Kirstine Sinclair, Odense

Tiina Hyyppä, Helsinki: *Local councils as civil actors in the Syrian war*

Respondent: Jacob Høigilt, Oslo

10:30 Coffee

11:00 PhD presentations, round III

Bouchra Mossman, Odense: *North of Ordinary – Muslim life in Arctic Canada*

Respondent: Charlotte Lysa, Oslo

Bushra Hashem, Oslo: *Exploring African Representations in Contemporary Arabic Literature: Maimūna and Celestial Bodies.*

Respondent: Oliver Scharbrodt, Lund

13:00 Lunch

13:30 Excursion to Aksaray and Kumkapı, led by Rustam Urinbayev

(meanwhile NSMES board meeting at the SRII)

Wednesday, August 21

09:30 Lecture: Seda Altug, Bogaziçi University, Istanbul

10:30 Coffee

11:00 PhD presentations, round IV

Orwa Ayyoub, Malmö: *Understanding the Discursive Mechanisms and Mobilization Strategies for violence: How Do Jihadi Leaders and Ideologues Legitimise Inter-Group Violence and Mobilise Supporters within Sunni Jihadism?*

Respondent: Anders Ackfeldt, SRII

Joel Abdelmoez, Lund: *Feminists in Between: Temporal Dimensions of Transnational Feminism in the Middle East*

Respondent: Susanne Dahlgren, FIME

13:00 Lunch

13:30 Excursion to Fatih and Fener, led by Olof Heilo

19:00 Dinner

Thursday, August 22

09:00 PhD presentations, round V (coffee served in the middle)

Anne Heikinen, Helsinki: *Munib Younan's theological thinking*

Respondent: Mark Sedgwick, Århus

Nargiz Mammadli, Stockholm: *Migration in the poetry of Nasimi*

Respondent: Olof Heilo, SRII

12:00 Concluding lunch, followed by free activities

Friday, August 23

Departures