ZONES OF THEORY IN THE STUDY OF

YEMEN

31st EXETER GULF CONFERENCE

1st - 2nd July, 2019
Provisional programme (6th June)

Monday 1st July

9:00 - 9:30  Tea and Coffee (IAIS Common Room)

9:30 - 10:00  Welcome Address (LT1)

10:00 - 11:00  **Keynote: Steven Caton** (Harvard University, Cambridge, USA)

11:00 - 11:30  Tea and Coffee

11:30 - 1:00  **Panel 1: Knowledge Production**
Chair: Ross Porter (University of Exeter)

  - **Martha Mundy** (London School of Economics) – Forgotten Terms: Agrarian Transformation and Class Formation in Yemen
  - **Laurent Bonnefoy** (Sciences Po Paris, France) – What War Does to Social Scientists Working on Yemen

1:00 - 2:00  Lunch

2:00 - 3:30  **Panel 2: Research Perspectives on the South**
Chair: Marc Valeri (University of Exeter)

  - **Susanne Dahlgren** (Tampere University, Finland) – Studying the State in Yemen: Past, Present and Future of the South
  - **Thanos Petouris** (SOAS University of London) – The 1948 Port Workers’ Strikes and the Transformation of Labour Relations in Aden: Antecedents of the Anti-Colonial Movement
  - **Anne-Linda Amira Augustin** (Academic Forum Muhammad Ali Luqman, Berlin, Germany) – Intergenerational Resistance in the Southern Independence Struggle

3:30 - 4:00  Tea and Coffee

4:00 - 5:30  **Panel 3: Fieldwork: Struggles and Imperatives**
Chair: tbc

  - **Nathalie Peutz** (New York University Abu Dhabi, UAE) – Fieldwork in a Yemeni “Village” Displaced and Constituted by War
  - **Marina de Regt** (Vrije University Amsterdam, the Netherlands) – Anthropology in War-torn Yemen: A Plea for Engaged Scholarship
  - **Vincent Planel** - (independent researcher, Sete, France) Islam and the Ecology of Mind: The Cognitive Reframing of an Ethnographic Approach in Pre-War Taiz

6:30  Dinner at The Turf Hotel (Exminster)
Tuesday 2nd July

9:00 - 9:30  Tea and Coffee

9:30 - 11:00  Panel 4: Rethinking Political Authority
Chair: Claire Beaugrand (University of Exeter)

Marine Poirier (CEDEJ, Cairo, Egypt) – Inside Out. Social and Political Mobilities of Former Ruling Elites in Exile
Luca Nevola (University of Sussex, Brighton) – The Power of Mediation: Observing Subnational Elites’ Social Networks in Contemporary Yemen
Abdul Jalil al-Haqb (Independent Scholar) – title tbc

11:00 -11:30  Tea and Coffee

11:30 - 1:00  Panel 5: Development and Mediation in Times of Crisis
Chair: Helen Lackner (SOAS University of London)

Raiman al-Hamdani (SOAS University of London) – The Potential Role of Yemeni Tribes in Ending the Civil War
Yasmeen Al-Eryani (University of Helsinki, Finland) – Floating Civil Society: Legitimation Practices and the Social Positioning of Yemeni Civil Society in the Context of Development Aid

1:00-2:30  Lunch

2:30-4:00  Panel 6: Research and/through Arts
Chair: tbc

Katherine Hennessey (American University of Kuwait) – “Wait, So You’re Saying Yemenis Make Theatre?” The Challenges and the Benefits of Researching Cultural Practice in Yemen
Mohamed Saleh Al-Haj (Sana’a University, Yemen) – Environmental and Cultural Heritage Vulnerability in Yemen

4:00-4:30  Tea and Coffee

4:30-5:00  Final Remarks

6:00  Drinks at The Imperial (Meet outside front of IAIS)