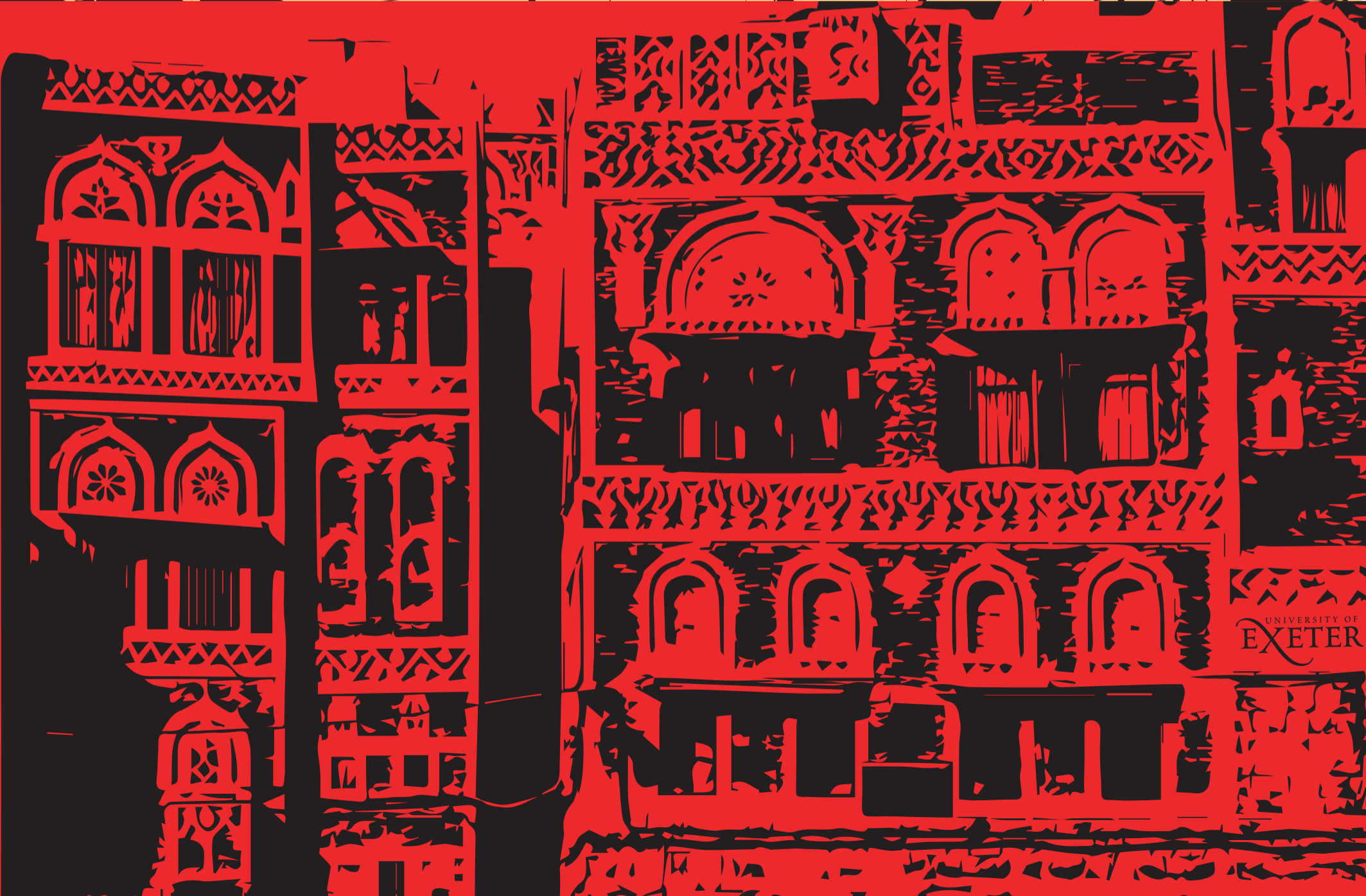


ZONES OF THEORY IN THE STUDY OF

YEMEN

31st EXETER GULF CONFERENCE

1st - 2nd July, 2019



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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

Anahi Alviso-Marino (University of Paris VIII/Paris Nanterre University, France) – Visual Art and War: A Critical Engagement with Artistic Creation in Yemen (2014-2019)

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)