

Middle Eastern Diaspora Activism

Friday, March 7, 2008

The Graduate Center, CUNY, Skylight Room (9th floor)

PROGRAM

- 8:30-9:00 Breakfast
- 9:00-9:30 **Anny Bakalian and Mehdi Bozorgmehr**, MEMEAC, The Graduate Center, CUNY
Introductions, Overview and Purpose of the Workshop
- 9:30-1:00 ***Middle Eastern Diasporas Across Time and Space***
George Abdelnour, Albertus Magnus College
“Visions of Spain in the Morisco Diaspora.”
Hani Bawardi, University of Michigan, Dearborn
“The Historical Modalities of Arab Immigrant Political Action.”
Louise Cainkar, Marquette University
“Arab and Muslim Activism after 9/11: Terms of Engagement.”
Mayida Zaal, The Graduate Center, CUNY
“Accessing Inclusion: How Supplemental Education Experiences Sustain Moroccan Youth in the Netherlands.”
- 1:30-2:30 Lunch (Dining Commons, 8th floor)
- 2:30-3:30 **Jonathan Friedlander**, UCLA
“Integrating Middle Eastern American Studies into the Pre-Collegiate Curriculum.”
- 3:30-6:00 ***Art and Activism***
Amy Motlagh, Princeton University
“Towards a Typology of Iranian-American Life-Writing.”
Ozan Aksoy, The Graduate Center, CUNY
“The Political Message of Kurdish Musicians in Europe.”
Maysoun Freij, Emory University
“The Understudy: Art as a Proxy for Politics.”
Aseel Sawalha, Pace University
“Displays, Displacement and Diaspora: Palestinian Art Exhibit and the International Social Justice Movement.”
- 6:00-6:30 General Discussion
- 6:30-8:30 Dinner Party

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