**Dissections Fall 2015**

*Dissections*, hosted by the CUNY Graduate Center’s Middle East and Middle Eastern American Center (MEMEAC), is a seminar series which aims to showcase research in progress on the MENA region in a supportive and constructive environment. Seminar participants from a variety of disciplines are encouraged to exchange ideas for further research.  

**IMPORTANT:** Interested attendees must RSVP to [crominger@gradcenter.cuny.edu](mailto:crominger@gradcenter.cuny.edu) for specific dates. Participants in the seminar, who will have read the pre-circulated paper in advance, include a select, interdisciplinary group of junior and senior faculty and graduate students who are engaged or interested in studies on body, space and time in the Middle East and North Africa.

1. **Friday, October 16, 2015, 11am-1pm:** Prof. Aleksandra Kobiljski (CNRS/EHESS): “Dangerous Ideas: American Protestant Missionaries and Liberal Education in Beirut and Kyoto.” Discussant: Prof. Omri Elisha (CUNY – Queens College).

2. **Friday, October 30, 2015, 11am-1pm:** Prof. Amy Kallander (Syracuse University): “Miniskirts and Beatniks: Gender Roles, National Development, and the Debate over Morals in 1960s Tunisia.” Discussant: Prof. Judith Surkis (Rutgers University).

3. **Friday, November 13, 2015, 1:30-3:30pm,** Psychology Conference Room (6304.01): Prof. Ilana Feldman (George Washington University): “Humanitarian Care and the Ends of Life: The Politics of Aging and Dying in a Palestinian Refugee Camp.” Discussant: Prof. Anthony Alessandrini (CUNY Graduate Center and Kingsborough Community College).

4. **Friday, December 4, 2015, 11 am to 1 pm:** Kutlughan Soyubol (CUNY Graduate Center): “Re-Dematerializing the Soul: Modern Science, Islamic Mysticism, and Turkish Neo-Spiritualism.” Discussant: Prof. Louis Fishman (CUNY – Brooklyn College).