

2014-2015 SYNTHESIS UNIT

BEYOND BORDERS:
CULTURES AND CONFLICTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Marty Robertson, Anacapa Parent; Operations Controller and MEMS Photonics Fabrication, Praevium Research
Where Is the Middle East? A Geographic Visit to the Region
- 9:00 a.m. Scott Marcus, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Music, UCSB
Musics of the Middle East: Aspects of Commonality and of Regional Diversity
- 10:00 a.m. Adam Sabra, Ph.D., Professor, Department of History, UCSB
Charitable Institutions in Medieval Middle East
- 11:00 a.m. Stephen Cohen, Senior Rabbi, Congregation B'nai B'rith
Israel: Newborn Country, Ancient Homeland
- 1:00 p.m. Heather Stoll, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, UCSB
Israeli Politics
- 2:00 p.m. Alexandra Schultz, Graduate Student, Department of the History of Art and Architecture, UCSB
An Introduction to Islamic Art and Architecture

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Salim Yaqub, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of History; Director, Center for Cold War Studies and International History, UCSB
U.S. and the Challenge of Terrorism
- 9:00 a.m. Stephanie Wright, Graduate Student, Department of Religious Studies, UCSB
Islam in America: Fear and Fascination
- 10:00 a.m. Maximilian Stiefel, Graduate Student, Department of Geography, UCSB
Water Rights and Bargaining Power in the Tigris-Euphrates River System
- 11:00 a.m. Debra Blumenthal, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of History, UCSB
Dhimmi: Jews and Christians in Islamic Spain
- 1:00 p.m. Nancy Gallagher, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Department of History, UCSB
The Rise and Fall of the Egyptian Revolution
- 2:00 p.m. Sherene Seikaly, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of History, UCSB
The Arab-Israeli Conflict: Lessons and Challenges
- 7:00 p.m. **PUBLIC PRESENTATION, Faulkner Gallery, Santa Barbara Public Library**
Performance by the UCSB Middle East Ensemble

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Dar Roberts, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Geography, UCSB
Historical Geography in the Middle East
- 9:00 a.m. FILM Written and Directed by Kevin McKiernan
Good Kurds, Bad Kurds: No Friends But the Mountains
- 10:00 a.m. Kevin McKiernan, Journalist/Filmmaker
K_U_R_D? Is That a Radio Station?
- 11:00 a.m. Sarah Alamoudi, Anacapa Parent; Graduate Student, Department of Education, UCSB
A Journey to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- 1:00 p.m. Yama Niazi, Imam and Religious Director, Islamic Society of Santa Barbara
Islam and the Influence of Culture
- 2:00 p.m. Afaf Turjoman, Adjunct ESL Instructor, SBCC
Getting to Know American Muslims and Their Faith