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Arab Responses to Fascism and Nazism, 1933–1945: Reappraisals and New Directions

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May 23rd– May 26th 2010**

Supporting Institutions:

**Kaplan Chair for Egyptian History
Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University
Dean of Humanities, Rector and President of Tel Aviv University**

Monday, May 24th

Room 496, Gilman Building, Tel Aviv University

Greetings: **Prof. Shlomo Biderman**,
Dean of Faculty of Humanities, Tel Aviv University

9:30–11:00 Italian Fascist Policies and Arab Responses

Chair: **Israel Gershoni**, Tel Aviv University
Discussant: **Joel Gordon**, University of Arkansas

Haggai Erlich, Tel Aviv University and The Open University of Israel
The Tiger and the Lion – Fascism and Ethiopia in Arab Eyes

Nir Arielli, Institute of History in Sarajevo
Ambitions and Limitations in Fascist Italy's Middle Eastern Policy

11:00–11:30 Coffee Break

11:30–13:00 Fascist Propaganda, British Reactions and Arab Responses

Chair and Discussant: **Sonja Hegesy**, ZMO Berlin

Anna Baldinetti, Perugia University
Fascist Propaganda and the Maghrib

Meir Zamir, Ben Gurion University
Against the Tide: The Secret Alliance between the Syrian National Bloc Leaders and Great Britain, 1941–1942

13:00–15:00 Lunch (on campus)

15:00–17:00 Nazi Propaganda and Arab Attitudes towards Nazi Germany

Chair and Discussant: **Meir Litvak**, Tel Aviv University

Jeffrey Herf, University of Maryland
Nazi Propaganda to the Arab World during World War II and the Holocaust: Rethinking the Meaning of 'Response' in Wartime Berlin and Some Thoughts on Postwar After Effects

Peter Wien, University of Maryland
The Culpability of Exile: Arabs in Nazi Germany

Tuesday, May 25th

Room 496, Gilman Building, Tel Aviv University

9:30–11:00 Arab Reactions to Fascism and Nazism: The Syrian Case

Chair and Discussant: **Keith David Watenpaugh**

Götz Nordbruch, University of Southern Denmark
A Challenge to the Local Order: Reactions to Nazism in the Syrian and Lebanese Press

Eyal Zisser, Tel Aviv University
Memoirs Do Not Deceive: Syrians Consider the Fascist and Nazi Options – as Reflected in the Memoirs of Syrian Leaders and Intellectuals

11:00–11:30 Coffee Break

11:30–13:00 Arab Reactions to Fascism and Nazism: The Iraqi Case

Chair and Discussant: **Joel Gordon**, University of Arkansas

Orit Bashkin, University of Chicago
Baghdad, June 1st and 2nd, 1941: Remembering the Farhud

13:00–15:00 Lunch (on campus)

15:00–17:00 Palestinian Public and Official Reactions to Fascism and Nazism

Chair and Discussant: **Eve Troutt Powell**

René Wildangel, ZMO, Berlin
More than the Mufti: Other Arab-Palestinian Voices on Nazi Germany 1933–1945 and their Post-War Narrations

Mustafa Kabha, The Open University of Israel
Palestinian Responses to Fascism and Nazism: 1920–1945

Martin Cueppers, University of Stuttgart
Third Reich's Planning toward the Arab World

Wednesday, May 26th

Kanbar Hall, The Open University of Israel

Greetings: **Prof. Hagit Meser-Yaron**,
President of the Open University of Israel

9:30–11:00 Egyptian Responses to Fascism and Nazism vs. Communism and Liberal Democracy

Chair and Discussant: **Yoav Di-Capua**

James Jankowski, University of Colorado
The View From the Embassy: British Assessments of Egyptian Attitudes Towards World War II

Rami Ginat, Bar Ilan University
The Rise of Homemade Egyptian Communism: A Response to the Challenge Posed by Fascism and Nazism?

11:00–11:30 Coffee Break

11:30–13:00 Egyptian Public Discourse, Nazism and the Holocaust

Chair and Discussant: **Mona Russell**

Israel Gershoni, Tel Aviv University
"The Crime of Nazism against Humanity": Ahmad Hasan al-Zayyat and the Outbreak of the World War II

Esther Webman, Tel Aviv University
The War and the Holocaust in the Egyptian Public Discourse, 1945–1947

13:00–15:30 Lunch (on campus)

15:30–17:30 Rethinking Arab Middle East Reactions to Fascism and Nazism

Chair: **Israel Gershoni**, Tel Aviv University

Concluding Discussion Led by:

Keith David Watenpaugh, University of California
Joel Gordon, University of Arkansas
Eve Troutt Powell, University of Pennsylvania
Yoav Di-Capua, University of Texas
Mona Russell, University of South Carolina
Sonja Hegesy, ZMO Berlin