

# AFTER TAHRIR

Egyptian Revolutionary Experiences and Future Visions

January 22-26, 2016

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## AGENDA

This four-day international symposium at UC Santa Barbara will take place on the five-year anniversary of the Tahrir Square Uprisings in 2011 that toppled Egypt's long-term dictator Hosni Mubarak. These uprisings in Egypt accelerated waves of anti-crony-capitalist demonstrations, worker organizing, youth revolts, media insurgencies, and police brutality protests that overthrew governments, mobilized populations throughout the Middle East, and inspired the world. These Tahrir uprisings are called the 25 January Revolution in Egypt and the Arab world. It was on that day that millions of protesters first descended on downtown Cairo to reclaim history and power for the people. This conference is part of the Egypt Project initiative of the Arab Studies Institute. Future iterations will build on its findings.

### Responsible Persons

Sherene Seikaly (History), Laila Shereen Sakr (Film and Media), and Paul Amar (Global Studies)

### Principal Organizations

Center for Middle East Studies (Director, Adam Sabra)

Arab Studies Institute/ George Mason University (Bassam Haddad)

Division of Humanities and Fine Arts, UCSB (Dean John Majewski)

College of Letters and Sciences (Dean Melvin Oliver)

### Other Sponsors at UCSB

*Departments:* History, Film and Media Studies, Global Studies, Computer Science, Chicano Studies, East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies, Sociology, Political Science

*Endowed Chairs:* Adam Sabra, King Abdel Aziz Ibn Saud Chair; Michael Curtin, Mellichamp Chair; Eileen Boris, Hull Chair; Janet Afary, Mellichamp Chair

*Centers:* Carsey-Wolf Center; Interdisciplinary Humanities Center; Multicultural Center; Center for Work, Labor, and Democracy; Center for Cold War Studies and International History

# Proceedings

## **Saturday January 23**

### **Closed Workshop (Milo Hotel Conference Room)**

- 9:00-9:30 Welcome and Introduction
- 9:30-11:00 What are the legacies of combat? (sexual violence, queer politics, and movement strategies)  
Facilitator: Dalia Abd El Hameed
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:15-12:45 How do we narrate, archive, and historicize revolution? (public memory, counter memory, postmemory)  
Facilitator: Mohammad Saeed Ezzeldine
- 12:45-2:00 Lunch
- 2:00-3:30 How do you negotiate with an unraveling state?  
Facilitator: Lina Attalah
- 3:30-5:00 Where are the revolutionaries now? (spaces, strategies, movements)  
Facilitator: Momen El-Husseiny
- 5:00-6:30 Break
- 7:00 Dinner

## **Sunday January 24**

### **Closed Workshop (Milo Hotel Conference Room)**

- 9:00-10:30 Where are the margins? (spaces, strategies, movements)  
Facilitator: Yahia Mohammad
- 10:30-12:00 Open discussion and next steps
- 12:00-12:45 Lunch
- 1:00 Depart to UCSB

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**Sunday January 24**

## **Egyptian Insurgency Short Film Festival (Pollock Theater, UCSB)**

2:00-5:00

Film Fest with Post-Screening Discussion and Reception

Heba Amin (Project Speak2Tweet)  
Wael Eskander (Kazeboon)  
Omar Robert Hamilton (Mosireen)  
Linda Herrera (Democracy Dialogue)  
Sarah Rifky (Beirut in Cairo)  
Laila Shereen Sakr (VJ Um Amel & R-Shief)

6:00

Dinner

**Monday January 25**

## **Open Plenary Session (McCune Room, UCSB)**

9:00-9:20

Welcome and Introduction

John Majewski, Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts, Professor of History  
Adam Sabra, Adam Sabra, King Abdel Aziz Ibn Saud Chair in Islamic Studies, Professor of History, Director of the Center for Middle East Studies

9:20-9:30

What is After Tahrir? Revolutionary Experience and Future Visions

Sherene Seikaly  
Laila Shereen Sakr

9:30-11:00

Revolutionary Time: On History, Memory, and Temporality

Heba Amin, "Techno-Social Dreams: Digital Remembrance in the Egyptian Revolution"  
Sarah Rifky, "The Iconoclastic State and Visible Publics"  
Wael Eskander, "Memory as Weapon in the Face of Revisionism"  
Mohammad Saeed Ezzeldin, "1967- 2011: Revolution in a Rear Mirror View"  
Adel Iskander, "Remembering and Dismembering the January 25 Revolution"  
(*Discussant*: Jessica Winegar)

11:15-12:45

Morbid Symptoms of Rule: the Invincible State, the Vulnerable State

Hesham Sallam, "The Legacies of Nasser and Sadat and the Downfall of Egypt's Second Republic"  
Lina Attalah, "2011: Genealogy of a Crisis of Rule"  
Amr Abdulrahman, "The Contradictory Legacies of 'State Collapse'"  
Omar Robert Hamilton, "Strength, the Spectacular and the Dynamics of Power"  
Atef Said, "From the Unthinkable Revolution to Despair: Tahrir, Temporality and the Meanings of Revolution"  
(*Discussant*: Ahmad Shokr)

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12:45-1:30

Lunch

1:30-3:00

Radical Democrats and Legacies of Combat: Strategies and Movements

Momen El Hussein, "Off the Grid—from the City to the Enclave: Mobilizing in Neoliberal Spaces and Changing Scales"

Mozn Hassan, "Bodily Integrity and Personal Autonomy among Movement Building and Policy Making"

Omnia Khalil, "Cairo Spaces: Between Gentrification and Militarization"

Ranwa Yehia, "Pre and Post 2011: Building Communities around Expression and Critique"  
(*Discussant*: Laila Shereen Sakr)

3:00-3:15

Coffee Break

3:15-4:45

Bodies and Spaces: Moral Panics, Revolution, and Counterrevolution

Dalia Abd El Hameed, "Critical Reflections on Four Years of Activism Against Sexual Violence in Egypt"

Ahmad Awadallah, "Queer in Tahrir? Visibility and Queer Politics in Egypt's Revolution"

Magda Boutrous, "Assessing the Physical, Psychological and Emotional Costs of Conducting Research on the Security Apparatus in Egypt"

Anjali Kamat, "A Revolution for All? The Margins of Egypt in the January 25 Uprising"

Mohammad Yahia, "Queerness of Colour and Ethnicity Politics"  
(*Discussant*: Sherene Seikaly)

4:45-6:00

Concluding Remarks

Paul Amar

Laila Shereen Sakr

7:00

Dinner

**Tuesday January 26**

**Graduate Student Workshop  
(McCune Room, UCSB)**

9:30-11:30

After Tahrir: Graduate Student Roundtable

*Facilitators*: Paul Amar and Sherene Seikaly

