

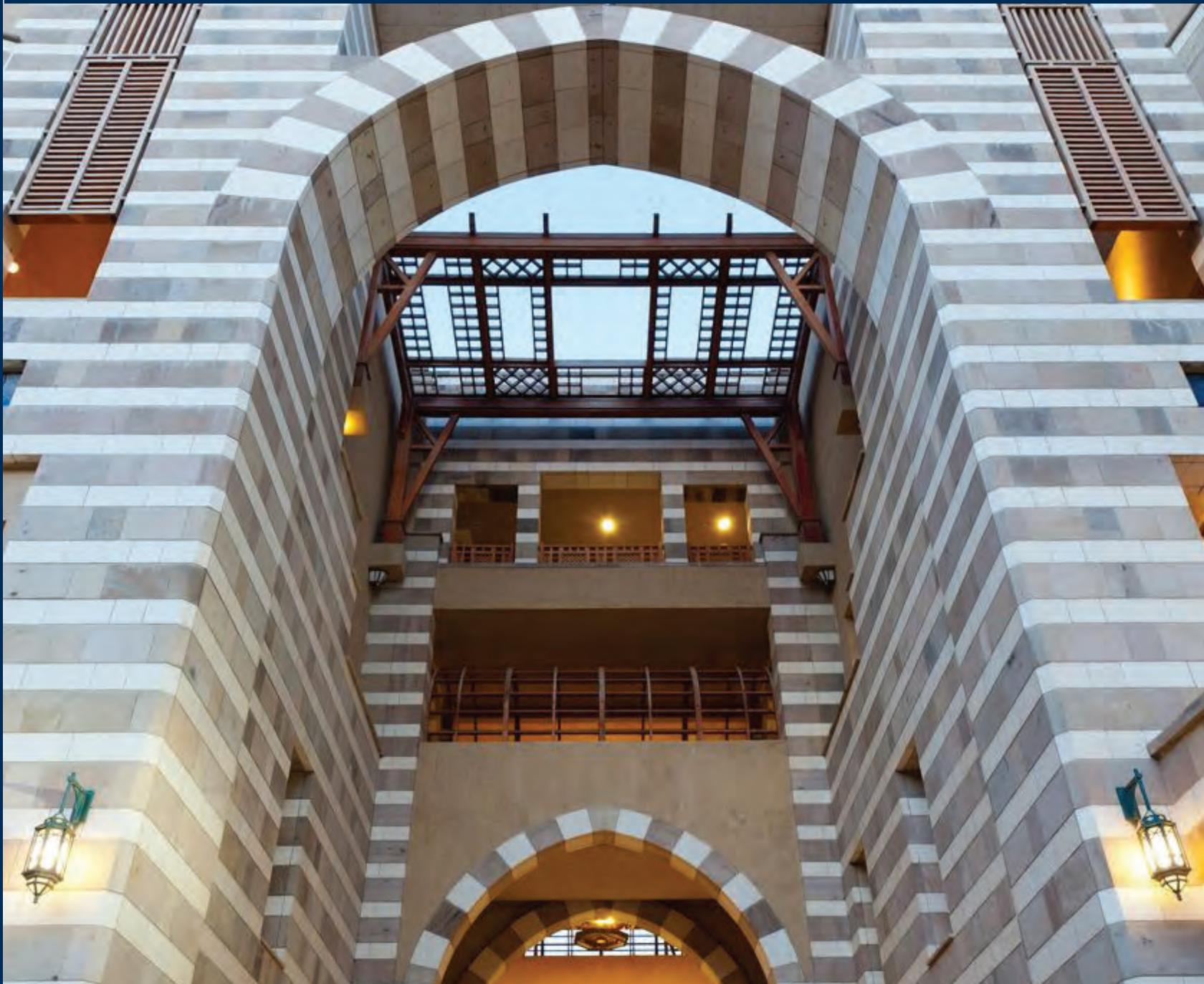


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**Middle East Studies Center**





### **Accreditation**

AUC was established in 1919. Since 1982, AUC has held institutional accreditation from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) in the United States. Institutional accreditation is granted by MSCHE for a period of eight years, with periodic review. AUC's accreditation was reaffirmed by the MSCHE in 2018 subsequent to institutional self-assessment, which involved a visit by a team of peers from MSCHE and consideration by the MSCHE board. In Egypt, AUC works with the Egyptian government within the 1975 protocol framework, which is based on the 1962 Cultural Relations Agreement between the Egyptian and U.S. governments. In the United States, AUC is licensed to grant degrees and is incorporated by the state of Delaware,

Since 2014, the Master of Arts in Middle East Studies has held institutional accreditation from the Supreme Council of Egyptian Universities.

The post-graduate diploma and MA in Middle East Studies are both accredited in the United States by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and, the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and licensed to grant.

### **Middle East Studies Center (MESOC)**

The Middle East Studies Center (MESOC), part of the School of Global Affairs and Public Policy at The American University in Cairo, gives students the opportunity to study the Middle East in the heart of the Arab region. We excel at providing learning opportunities across specialist centers and departments, including Arabic, whilst being part of one of the most international environments at AUC. You will receive academic guidance from the center's director; have the flexibility to explore your chosen discipline within a broad and deep curriculum; and be able to access books from the region's largest English language library. We challenge you to explore different perspectives. Our students go on to enjoy a range of successful careers related to their studies in the Middle East and internationally.



### **Fellowships**

Students are eligible for multiple fellowships including the International Graduate Fellowship, University Fellowship, Writing Center Graduate Fellowship, Yousef Jameel GAPP Public Leadership Fellowship as well as other forms of University financial aid.

### **Academic Programs**

The center offers a wide range of courses, all of which are interdisciplinary in nature. Students choose from courses taught by Middle East scholars from various academic departments and centers, including anthropology, Arab and Islamic Civilization, Arabic Language Instruction, Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, Cynthia Nelson Institute for Gender and Women's Studies, economics, Egyptology, history, political science, public policy and administration, and sociology.

### **Bachelor of Arts: Middle East Studies**

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Middle East studies is an interdisciplinary program taught by faculty members from anthropology, Arabic and Islamic Civilization, economics, history, political science, and sociology. Through intensive study of the region's history, culture and current issues, students gain a comprehensive understanding of the modern Middle East.

### **Admission**

A minimum GPA of 2.7 is required in order to declare and maintain a major in the Middle East Studies program.

### **Language Requirements**

Non-Arabic speakers must take six credits of colloquial or literary Arabic.

### **Courses**

#### **Core (200 and 300-level) (36 credits)**

- ANTH 2101 Cultural Anthropology (3 cr.)
- ANTH 3301 Anthropologies of Middle East and North Africa (3 cr.)
- ARIC 2346 Survey of Arab History (3 cr.)
- ECON 2021 Introduction to Macroeconomics (3 cr.)
- ECON 2051 Economic History of the Modern Middle East (3 cr.)
- HIST 3213 State and Society in the Middle East, 1699-1914 (3 cr.)
- HIST 3214 State and Society in the Middle East, 1906-present (3 cr.)
- POLS 2003 Introduction to Political Science II (3 cr.)
- POLS 3408 Comparative Politics of the Middle East (3 cr.)
- SOC 3303 Social Movements (3 cr.)
- SOC 3085 Environmental Issues in Egypt (3 cr.)

#### **Choose one of the following**

- ARIC 3321 Zawiyas, Harems, Coffee shops: Everyday life in the Pre-modern Middle East
- ARIC 3343 Birth of Muslim Community and Rise of the Arab Caliphates (3 cr.)
- ARIC 3353 Muslim Political Thought (3 cr.)



### **Core (400-level) (9 credits)**

In addition to the previous courses, students are required to take three 400-level courses from the following list:

- ANTH 4030 Women, Islam and the State (3 cr.)
- ANTH 4050 Critical Approaches to Development (3 cr.) **OR** ANTH 4560 Development Studies Seminar (3 cr.)
- ARIC 5142 Islamic Law (3 cr.)
- ARIC 5133 Islamic Institutions (3 cr.)
- ARIC 5134 Modern Movements in Islam (3 cr.)
- ECON 4051 Seminar on Economic Development and Policy in the Middle East (3 cr.)
- HIST 4290 Selected Topics in Modern Egyptian History (3 cr.) **OR** HIST 4288 Selected Topics in the History of the Modern Middle East (3 cr.)
- POLS 4420 Issues in Middle East Politics (3 cr.)
- POLS 4523 The Political Economy of Poverty and Inequality (3 cr.)
- POLS 4542 Environmental Politics (3 cr.)
- SOC 4106 Critical Approaches to Development (3 cr.) **OR** SOC 4560 Development Studies Seminar (3 cr.)

### **Graduate Diploma: Middle East Studies**

The graduate diploma program in Middle East studies is designed to fill the need for familiarity with modern Middle Eastern culture and society, particularly for students who have not been exposed to an intensive study of the Middle East at the undergraduate level.

Students are expected to finish the program in two semesters, although they may take up to four semesters to complete their requirements.

#### **Admission**

An applicant should have an undergraduate degree of high standing (a GPA of 3.0 or higher). Prerequisites may be assigned depending on the applicant's academic background.

#### **Language Requirements**

To obtain the diploma, each non Arabic speakers candidate must demonstrate, in addition to the normal university requirements in English, proficiency in Modern Standard Arabic, up to the completion of ALNG 1101-1102-1103.

#### **Courses**

Five courses are required for the diploma, from at least three departments. Students can take a maximum of two courses at the 400 level. Students must take three of the following core courses:

- ARIC 5133 Islamic Institutions (3 cr.)
- ARIC 5232 Seminar on the Twentieth-Century Middle East (3 cr.) **OR** HIST 5223
- ECON 5252 Economic Development in Middle East Countries (3 cr.)
- MEST 5201 A Critical Introduction to Middle East Studies (3 cr.)
- POLS 5235 Middle East Politics (3 cr.)
- SOC 5290 Middle Eastern Societies and Cultures (3 cr.) **OR** ANTH 5290

The remaining two elective courses must be related to the Middle East.



## Master of Arts: Middle East Studies

The Master of Arts (MA) in Middle East studies is an interdisciplinary degree program that offers courses in anthropology, Arab and Islamic Civilization, Arabic Language Instruction, Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, Cynthia Nelson Institute for Gender and Women's Studies, economics, Egyptology, history, political science, public policy and administration, and sociology, with the purpose of introducing students to a variety of methodologies for studying the Middle East. The program focuses on the period from the 18th century onward and addresses issues of religion, history, economy, society, polity, gender and culture.

### Admission

Applicants for admission should have an undergraduate degree of high standing (GPA of 3.0 or higher). Prerequisites are often assigned depending on the individual student's academic background.

Students are normally admitted to the MA program in the fall semester only.

### Language Requirements

To obtain the MA degree, non-Arabic speaking candidates must demonstrate, in addition to the normal University requirements in English, proficiency in Modern Standard Arabic, up to the completion of ALNG 1101-1102-1103. Proficiency is tested by an examination administered by the Department of Arabic Language Instruction. Students who have no background in Arabic are strongly advised to enroll in the Arabic Language Unit's intensive summer course (20 contact hours per week, 12 credit hours) before beginning their MA program.

### Courses

Ten courses are required for the MA degree (Eight for those who choose to write an MA thesis and enroll in MEST 5298 and MEST 5299). The following two courses are required:

MEST 5201 A Critical Introduction to Middle East Studies (3 cr.)

MEST 5202 Interdisciplinary Seminar in Middle East Studies (3 cr.)

*"I wanted to be based in the region that I am studying. Egypt belongs to the core of the Middle East and has been one of the centers of the wave of protests normally referred to as the Arab spring. Being in Cairo allows you to combine theory (the academic knowledge in the classes) with practice (I.E. Engaging with Egyptian colleagues in class or on campus, Egyptians that you meet in your private life etc.)"*

*Franz Josef Berger, 2018*





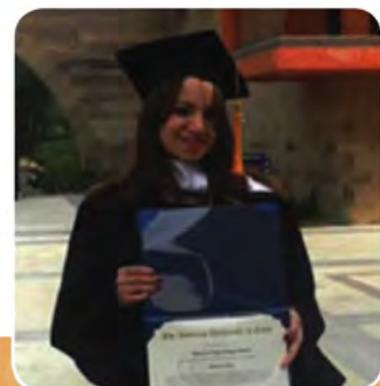
**In addition to the previous courses, students must choose three of the following core courses:**

An approved 400 or 500 level course in modern Arabic literature.

- ARIC 5133 Islamic Institutions (3 cr.)
- ARIC 5135 Selected Topics in Middle Eastern History, 600-1800 AD (3 cr.)
- ARIC 5231 Seminar on the Nineteenth-Century Middle East (3 cr.) **OR** HIST 5222
- ARIC 5232 Seminar on the Twentieth-Century Middle East (3 cr.) **OR** HIST 5223
- ECON 5252 Economic Development in Middle East Countries (3 cr.)
- GWST 5101 Approaches to Gender and Women's Studies in the Middle East/ North Africa (3 cr.)
- LAW 5205 Islamic Law Reform (3 cr.)
- POLS 5235 Middle East Politics (3 cr.)
- SOC 5290 Middle Eastern Societies and Cultures (3 cr.) **OR** ANTH 5290

The other five elective courses (or three for thesis writers) may be selected from 400 or 500 level courses related to the Middle East in anthropology, Arab and Islamic civilization, Arabic language instruction, Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, Cynthia Nelson Institute for Gender and Women's Studies, economics, Egyptology, history, political science, psychology, public policy and administration, and sociology. No more than two 400 level courses may be counted towards the degree and only one course originally at the 400 level, but for which requirements are added to raise it to 500 level may be applied towards the degree. Students must consult with their advisor to ensure an adequate coverage of social science and history.

*"Middle East Studies Center is an interdisciplinary program that suited me as a journalist who aimed to have an in-depth understanding of the political, social, and economic situation in the Middle East. The program helped me in finding my passion in urban sociology and it equipped me to have strong analytical tools and pursue a career as a researcher in my field of interest." Salwa Salman, 2018*





## Exchange and Study-Abroad Program

AUC provides exchange opportunities for study-abroad at a partner university for one semester only to its graduate students.

An AUC student can choose a specific university from the list of exchange universities to spend the duration of a semester under the terms and conditions of each exchange partner school. Under the exchange program model, students pay AUC tuition in return for students at the partner universities paying their home school tuition and coming to study at AUC.

Exchange opportunities usually take place in the third semester of a four-semester program. Not all graduate programs have exchange partners in the same discipline, so students should consult with their graduate advisers to determine eligibility.

**Graduate students interested in applying for the exchange semester must fulfill all of the requirements below:**

- GPA of 3.2 or higher
- Complete all English courses, if applicable
- Prior to travel: Graduate students traveling on an exchange basis must be enrolled in three courses (9 credit hours), excluding thesis and capstone courses, during the semester abroad at the host university. Students must maintain their full-time status, according to the AUC catalog.
- Graduate students applying to an exchange program must be in good academic standing. In other words, students should not be on academic probation, from the time they start the AUC interest form until the departure date.

Graduate students who are interested in studying abroad for a semester, but not on an AUC exchange program must check the study-abroad academic credits, course advising, evaluation and transfer requirements.

## Support Grants

All enrolled graduate students at AUC are eligible to apply for research, conference, and study-abroad grants. Those who have just graduated, and intend to present the results of their graduate thesis at a recognized professional conference, may also apply. A graduate MA or MSc student is allowed only one conference grant per year, with a maximum of two conference grants per study period. He or she is also allowed up to one research grant per study period and up to one study-abroad grant per study period.





*MESC holds a workshop on Euro-Med security at AUC, May 2018*

## **Our Research**

Our researchers work across the wide field of Middle East Studies but currently with a special focus on Euro-Mediterranean Studies, Gulf Studies, Asia and the Middle East Studies, and the Syria conflict. We are members of various institutions and networks, including the Boston Consortium for Arab Region Studies (BCARS) and the Euro-Mediterranean Research, Dialogue, Advocacy network (EuroMeSCo). Our faculty and students have presented their research at leading international conferences and events, such as the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES), British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES), International Studies Association (ISA), and the Gulf Research Meeting (GRM).

### **Euro-Mediterranean Studies**

In December 2016, the Middle East Studies Center hosted a joint workshop with the European University Institute on "Order and Disorder in the Middle East and North Africa: New Perspectives on Regional Security and Political Economy."

In 2018, the Middle East Studies Center was awarded a grant from the European Union to create a new unique platform for young Egyptian scholars to engage with European policymakers and academic experts. We brought in a number of expert scholars from Europe to discuss key themes such as EU foreign policy and food security. A select few also attended a workshop on Mediterranean security and the papers from this event will be the basis for a new edited volume.

### **Gulf Studies**

The Middle East Studies Center is very active in the area of Gulf studies, offering a course on the politics of the Gulf at the graduate level at AUC.

In 2019, the center will be part of an interdisciplinary team convening a workshop on sustainable consumption and production in the Gulf.



*Dr Mason from MESC and Dr Fahad Alsherif from the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies at the Korea - Middle East Cooperation Forum, Seoul, November 2017.*

### **Middle East-Asia Activities**

The Middle East Studies Center is active in the study of new, emerging and increasingly important Asian players in the Middle East region and the relationship between the two regions. Since 2017, the center has hosted public lectures by the Indian, South Korean and Indonesian ambassadors to Egypt.

MESC co-hosted the 14th Korea-Middle East Cooperation Forum in Seoul sponsored by the Republic of Korea's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. MESC then hosted a visiting scholar from Japan, and there are plans to train more students and diplomats from Japan in the future.

In 2018, MESC hosted a delegation from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and is currently exploring new areas for cooperation, especially on joint research projects. MESC continues to work with the Japanese embassy in Cairo on a new academic dialogue to take place at AUC in February 2019.

### **The Syria Reader**

The Syria Reader is a document-based compendium on the Syrian crisis. The Syria Reader is a project of the Middle East Studies Center (MESC) and the School of Global Affairs and Public Policy (GAPP) at the American University in Cairo. The digital library serves as a research tool for practitioners and scholars of issues related to policy surrounding the Syrian crisis and regional security in the Middle East. The approximately 400 official documents housed in the digital compendium date back to the beginning of the crisis and mark significant points in the political process. With a focus on diplomacy and the international humanitarian response, the Syria Reader enables the study of the original text of documents relevant to the fields of Law, History, Politics, Government and International Relations.



The compendium includes a substantial number of official documents and reports relating to the conflict in Syria from a variety of organizations, institutions and multilateral negotiation processes, including:

- Security Council
- General Assembly
- League of Arab States
- Syrian Arab Republic
- High Negotiations Commission
- United Nations Secretary-General
- United Nations Special Envoy on Syria
- Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator
- Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic
- Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
- Friends of Syria
- International Syria Support Group
- Geneva Process
- Astana Process

The Syria Reader features a periodically updated chronology of the conflict's major political, humanitarian and military developments, covering the period from March 2011 until the present.

### **Working Paper Series**

The Middle East Studies Center Working Paper Series is a platform for individual scholars and contributes to international social science and humanities scholarship on the Middle East and the wider Islamic world, from the seventh century to the present. It allows for publication, dissemination, and discussion of new research on a relatively fast track. Visiting scholars are generally expected to submit a working paper during or shortly after their Middle East Studies Center residency. Other scholars are welcome to submit papers at any time. For details please email: [mesc@aucegypt.edu](mailto:mesc@aucegypt.edu)



## Visiting Scholars

The center welcomes MA candidates, Fulbright scholars and faculty members conducting fieldwork in Egypt. Visiting scholars' benefit from their affiliation to the center and access to its facilities, in addition to the AUC library and professional networks for faculty members.

### **Engin KOÇ, Uludag University Middle East Studies Center Visiting Scholar, Fall 2019**

Engin KOÇ is a PhD student at the Department of International Relations at Uludag University in Turkey. Since 2015 he has been working at the Dicle University as a research assistant in the Department of the International Relations. He recently won a TÜBİTAK Scholarship (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) to fund his position at the Middle East Studies Center.



Engin KOÇ

KOÇ's research focus is on ethnic, national and state identities in the Middle East, religion state society relations, Iran-Saudi relations, China-Middle East relations, and Turkish foreign policy. He will work on a number of projects at MESC, including completing his PhD thesis and other academic works.

*"I came to MESC because of its international reputation in Middle East Studies, perfect location into Arab World, great academic staff and huge academic sources in International Relations studies. Definitely, choosing AUC and MESC and staying in cultural center of Middle East, Cairo, is the best experience in my life."*

### **Anné-Marie Condacse, Oklahoma University Middle East Studies Center Visiting Scholar, Fall 2017**

Professor Condacse earned her Doctor of Musical Arts in vocal performance with a minor cognate area in Vocal Pedagogy and Vocal Science from the Moores School of Music, University of Houston, and her Master of Music in Vocal Performance from the Shepherd School of Music, Rice University. Her principal voice teachers include Katherine Ciesinski, Joseph Evans, William Murray, Arta Florescu, and Venera Rogozea.



Anné-Marie Condacse

### **Research Summary:**

Professor Condacse's research focuses on the birth of opera in Egypt and how it is closely linked to another important event in the history of this country: the opening of the Suez Canal, and the birth of one the most well-known operas in history, *Aida* by Giuseppe Verdi. Inspired by the construction of Opéra Garnier, Khedive of Egypt Ismail Pasha contemplated the idea of building an opera house modeled on La Scala of Milan as part of his plan of making Cairo one of the greatest cultural centers in the region. In 1969, Khedive Ismail ordered the construction of the first opera house in Egypt and planned that its inauguration will be part of the celebration of the opening of the Suez Canal.

## Recent Events at the Middle East Studies Center:

Guest speakers from various universities, embassies and organizations present their work at our Wednesday lunch sessions. The talks cover a wide range of issues from history to current affairs.

### Food Security in the Middle East: Between Self-Sufficiency Illusions and Vulnerability to Trade Disruptions

In September 2018, Professor Eckart Woertz from the Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB) gave a comprehensive presentation on issues related to food security in the Middle East. He cited food access (including supply chain management) and economic and political decision-making as being important aspects of food security.



### The EU and Palestine

In May 2018, Professor Martin Beck from the University of Southern Denmark gave a broad and detailed summary of the EU's involvement in addressing the Israel-Palestine conflict and issues therein. Speaking to a capacity crowd, he also outlined the various approaches that the EU could employ, from unilateral recognition similar to Sweden to a greater emphasis on multilateralism.



### Security Challenges in the Maghreb

In May 2018, MESC Visiting Professor Yahia Zoubir from KEDGE Business School in Marseille, gave an excellent talk titled "Security Challenges in the Maghreb: The Nexus Between Bad Governance and Violent Extremism". He spoke about socio-economic issues, border control, role conception in foreign policy, international cooperation and the role of external actors such as France, Italy and the United States. His conclusions were both policy-relevant and insightful for any scholar of the Maghreb region and those studying the dynamics of insecurity and conflict.



### Nathan Birnbaum and the Colonialist-Orientalist Nexus in Zionism

In April 2018, Professor Michael J. Reimer of the Department of History at The American University in Cairo presented a lunchtime talk titled "Nathan Birnbaum and the Colonialist-Orientalist Nexus in Zionism". His talk focused on contrasting colonial projects in Europe in the 19th and 20th centuries with the (disputed) colonialist nature of Zionism. He suggested that Zionism was unlike European colonial ventures because the Zionists did not have a "colonial state" from which to control the Palestinians (unlike the British in Egypt, who had Britain to return to and gain power from).





## MESC Core Staff

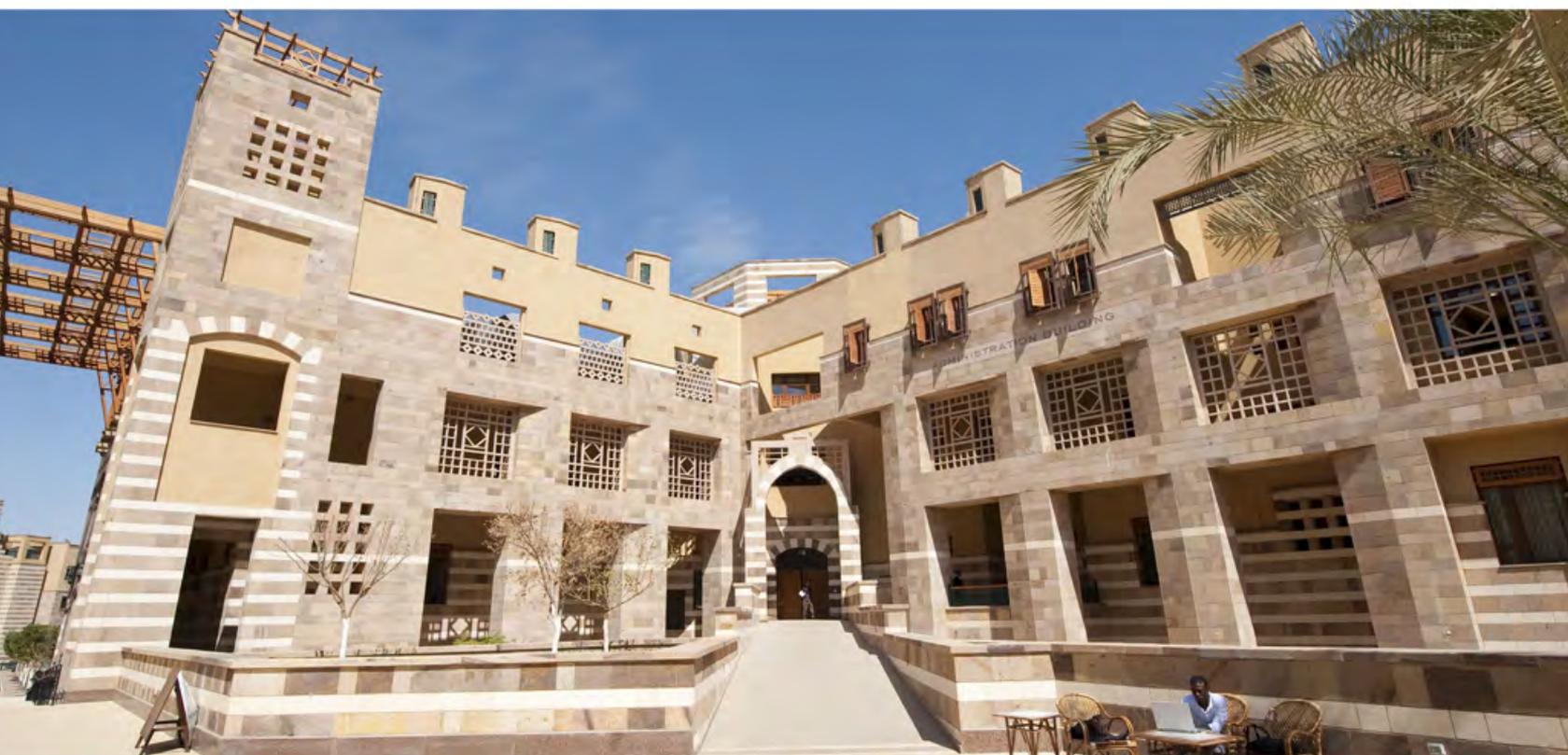


### Robert Mason

Robert Mason FHEA FRGS is an associate professor and director of the Middle East Studies Center at The American University in Cairo. His research focus is on the international relations and foreign policies of the Gulf States, as well as U.S., Russian, U.K., European Union, and Chinese foreign policy.

Dr Mason has been awarded visiting fellowships with the Centre for International Studies at the London School of Economics (LSE), King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies in Riyadh, and the Changing Character of War Programme at the University of Oxford. He has also been a visiting scholar at the Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia at New York University, the Centre d'etudes de recherche internationales at Science Po in Paris, and was a researcher with the Center for Future Security Strategies at the Hudson Institute in Washington D.C.

Dr Mason is the author or editor of five books: *Reassessing Order and Disorder in the Middle East: Regional Imbalance or Disintegration?* (2017), *Egypt and the Gulf: A Renewed Regional Policy Alliance* (2017), *Muslim Minority-State Relations: Violence, Integration and Policy* (2016), *The International Politics of the Arab Spring: Popular Unrest and Foreign Policy* (2014), and *Foreign Policy in Iran and Saudi Arabia: Economics and Diplomacy in the Middle East* (2014). His articles have appeared in a range of publications, including: *Middle East Journal*, *Middle East Policy*, *Harvard Journal of Middle East Politics and Policy*, *Third World Quarterly*, *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, *European Foreign Affairs Review*, and *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal*.



## MESC Student Activities:

### MESC Students at International Conferences

#### The World Government Summit (WGS), Dubai, 2018

In February 2018, three graduate students, Jessie Steinhauer, Mohamed Gameel, and Yieun Kim, from the Middle East Studies Center participated in the sixth edition of the World Government Summit (WGS)-Global Universities Challenge held in Dubai.

#### Orientalism, Neo-Orientalism and Post-Orientalism in African, Middle East, Latin American, Asian/Chinese Studies and the 15th Anniversary of the Memory of Edward Said (1935-2003) Conference

##### Shan Yang, Middle East Studies and Gender and Women's Studies MA Student

Shan Yang attended as one of two graduate students invited to join 50 scholars from the United States, China, Canada, Turkey, UK, Pakistan, Palestine and other countries at this conference.



Shan Yang



Middle East Studies Association (MESA), San Antonio, 2018

**It's the Pound that Talks: Dowry Debates in the Karaite Jewish Community in 1940s and 50s Cairo, MESA 2018**

**Katharine Halls**

Halls' paper examines changing discourses about gender relations amongst *Karaite* Jews in Cairo in the 1940s and 50s. Articles from the Arabic-language *Karaite* newspaper *al-Kalim* show that the *Karaite* community was troubled about marriage during this period, a concern which she argues reflects the Karaites' increasing discomfort over their place within the changing nation, yet simultaneously their profound cultural integration within Egyptian society.

**Cross-Mediterranean Egyptian Irregular Migration: A Discursive Analysis of the Egyptian Clandestine, MESA 2018**

**Sara Hussein**

Hussein's presentation will be a discussion of the findings in her MA thesis titled "Cross-Mediterranean Egyptian Migrants: A Discursive Analysis." her research investigates how the Egyptian migrant subject who chooses to cross the Mediterranean through irregular means to reach Europe is discursively constructed in Egyptian media, particularly in the wake of the 2016 Rashid boat sinking. In both official and unofficial discourse, this highly visible spectacle at sea raised questions on accountability and the role of the state. By identifying and analyzing themes collected from various Egyptian media, official statements, and cultural production, she uses a discursive lens to study the dynamics of Egyptian irregular mobility, identifying the particular ways the Egyptian clandestine is imagined. This research employs critical discourse analysis tools to examine how these individuals and this type of movement has been represented by hegemonic narratives by linking these representations to the material conditions of local socio-economics, state-society relations, and wider securitization and border control regimes. Engaging and unpacking this discourse offers a way to understand the purposes served by specific themes in shaping the production of knowledge on unauthorized mobility.



Sara Hussein



Katharine Halls



## Employment

MESC students go to work in diverse positions across public and private sector in the Middle East and internationally. We take pride in advising students from the very beginning of their academic journey on aspects of their time at AUC which can help them become more employable. Our students are not only equipped with subject and language knowledge which they need in order to succeed in a competitive labor market, but they also learn a variety of transferable skills such as written and verbal communication skills, critical thinking, time management, researching and digital skills.

### MESC Alumni Include

#### **Hend Eltaweel, 2016**

Regional Program Assistant, MENA - International Organization for Migration (IOM) - UN Affiliate

#### **Cally Walker, 2014**

Research Officer at the Economic and Social Research Council

#### **Munehiro Anzawa, 2011**

Second Secretary (Political and Cultural Affairs), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan



## Location and Facilities

### Campus

AUC New Cairo, which accommodates 5,500 full-time students and 1,500 faculty and staff members, is technologically advanced, environmentally sensitive and designed to be accessible for people with disabilities. Offering state-of-the-art resources to students and faculty members from around the world, it weaves Egyptian urban and architectural traditions into a modern campus, and provides a wide range of facilities, from modern classrooms and libraries to food services and a medical center.

The historic AUC Tahrir Square serves as a landmark and cultural oasis in the heart of Cairo. A gathering place for lovers of literature, theatre, art and academics, the campus includes a two-story AUC bookstore, a café overlooking Tahrir Square and two permanent exhibition spaces. Ewart Memorial Hall and Oriental Hall serve as the prime downtown destination for a range of conferences, lectures, seminars and public events held by the university.

### Libraries

At the heart of the New Cairo campus, the Main Library houses the largest English-language collection in the region, as well as physical and electronic collections in Arabic and other languages. The Rare Books and Special Collections Library supports research and teaching in the arts, culture, and society of Egypt and the Middle East.

### Student housing

The American University in Cairo offers on-campus residence facilities, located at AUC New Cairo, is a state-of-the-art facility. AUC also provides assistance for off-campus residence.

### Student Life

Our students are involved in 70 clubs on campus and 22 athletic programs at our state-of-the-art fitness center. You can try out your moves with the Salsa club, kick-start a business idea, catch an art film, or challenge your friends to an epic game of badminton. AUC also brings international music acts and distinguished speakers for daily events on campus.

### Sports

AUC has a state-of-the-art Sports Center with facilities for everything from karate to basketball to yoga. AUC also has a wide variety of athletic programs and sports teams that compete against other universities throughout Egypt and the region.

### Organizations And Clubs

Whether it's watching the stars or women's rights that spark your interest, you'll find like-minded people in one of AUC's 60 student organizations.







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