

## Fifth Finnish Colloquium of Middle East and North Africa Studies

**Location: University of Eastern Finland, Agora Building (Yliopistokatu 4)**

Monday, May 29			
12:00-16:00	Registration		
13:00-13:15	Welcome (Room AT100)		
13:15 - 14:15	<b>Keynote 1.</b> Youssef M. Choueiri: "The Elusive Presence of Arab Identity" (AT100)		
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17:45 - 19:30	<i>Visit to Carelicum, Koskikatu 5 (<a href="http://www.joensuu.fi/palaute1">http://www.joensuu.fi/palaute1</a>).</i>		

**Tuesday, May 30**

9:00-10:00	<b>Keynote 2.</b> Martin Tamcke: "Christians in the Middle East" (AT100)	
10:00-10:30	Coffee	
10:30-12:00	<b>Session 5: Ecology and climate change (Room AG109)</b> Lina Eklund & Darcy Thompson: What's in a Name? The Changing Conceptualisations of 'Drought' in Syria  Laura Wickström: Greening Islam: Current Forms of Eco-Islam	<b>Session 6: Biblical identities in transformation (Room AG108)</b> Mikko Pisilä: Eschatology and transformations of identity in the Gospel of Matthew  Saara-Maria Jurva: Reshaping Religious Identity through Empathy: The List of Heroes in Heb 11
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch	
13:00 - 14:30	<b>Session 7: Inner spaces (Room AG109)</b> Sana Chavoshian: Atmosphere and Inner Spaces: Coping with Transcendence in an Imaginary World  Mari Parkkinen: Spiritual Coping in Occupied Palestinian Territory.	<b>Session 8: Byzantine identities in transformation (Room AG108)</b> Damaskinos: Singing of Divine Identities in a Liturgical Space? John Damascene's Treatise on the Thrice-Holy Hymn and His Anti-heretic Polemics  Serafim Seppälä: The early history of religion (dis)proving its truth: Theodore Abu Qurrah and 'Abd al-Jabbar  Sami Yli-Karjanmaa: Paul, Philo and Plato: Elements in Clement of Alexandria's Anthropology
14:30 - 15:00	Coffee	
15:00 - 17:00	<b>Session 9: Searching for identity (Room AG109) Chair: Hannu Juusola</b>  Olli Ruohomäki: Terror in flux – The identity and evolution of Daesh  Hossein Alizade: A study on discourse of Ummatic Identity - Attempt of Political Islam to the restoration of Ummah in MENA and worldwide  Mikko Mäki: Deleuzism in Architecture, and Hypercapitalistic Qatari Subjectivities  A. Obiedat: Identity Contradiction in Islamic Awakening and the Reformation Attempts.	<b>Session 10: Heritages (Room AG108)</b>  Rick Bonnie: Looking Beyond Jewish Miqva'ot: Exploring the life history of stepped pools, from ritual baths to pottery dumps  Raimo Hakola: Transformations of Identity and Space in Late Antique Galilee  Youcef Hamitouche: The quest for national identity and cultural duality in Algeria.
17:00-18:30	<i>Book launching event at Agora cafeteria (in Finnish) <a href="https://www.rauhanpuolustajat.org/kirja/syyria-synnysta-sisallissotaan">https://www.rauhanpuolustajat.org/kirja/syyria-synnysta-sisallissotaan</a>. Speakers: Ari Kerkkänen, Teemu Matinpuro, Hannu Juusola</i>	
19:00-19:45	<i>Concert at the church of the Orthodox Seminary Torikatu 41. Different musical traditions of the Byzantine Orthodox Church. Ensemble Psaltikon, directed by Fr Damaskinos of Xenophontos. (Free entrance: donations are welcome)</i>	

Wednesday, May 31

9:00-10:00	<b>Keynote 3.</b> Lena Roos: “Majority Judaism. A revised view of Judaism in the MENA region” (AGORA AT100)	
10:00 - 10:30	<i>Coffee</i>	
10:30 - 12:00	<b>Session 11: Uprooted and replanted (Room AG109)</b> Mia Anderssén-Löf: Uprooted and replanted? Land and state concepts in two Jewish identity constructs Tiina Järvi: Accumulated histories of enforced temporariness: Palestinians' conceptions of dwelling in a refugee camp	<b>Session 12: Searching for Identity II (Room AG108)</b> Mahendra Pratap Rana: Revolution, Political change and Identity building in WANA M'hammed Sabour: The aftermath of the 'Arab Spring': The function of intellectuals and the assertion of new identities in North Africa.
12:00 - 13:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:00 - 14:30	<b>Session 13: Islam, Islamism, Secularism (Room AG109)</b> Salim Cevik: Islamism in the Aftermath of the Failure of Political Islam Hannu Juusola: Secularism Debates in Lebanon Riina Keto-Tokoi: Discourses on Islam and Secularism in the Context of Turkish National Educational System	<b>Session 14: Non-Arab Muslims (Room AG108)</b> Tapani Harviainen: Qur'anic Arabic in the Reading Traditions of non-Arab Muslims – a Rescue Project for the Future Patricia Berg: From Western scholar to Muslim cosmopolite. Georg August Wallin and/or 'Abd al-Wālī?
14:30 - 15:00	Closing Session. (Room AG109)	