

## TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER

### 14:30-16:00 - 6. (DIS)CONTINUITIES IN A POST-OTTOMAN WORLD?

Chair: **Stefan KNOST** (Universität Bamberg)

**Muhammed ASLANER**, “The Kemalist Movement and Anti-colonial Struggle in Syria after the First World War”, Oxford, UK - English

**Fatima AL HAJJI**, “Mustafa Al-Haj Hussein”, NGO (Idlib/You are Life and Peace), Syria - English/Arabic

**Ayşegül KOCA**, “Yūsuf al-‘Azma (1884–1920): A Biographical Reinterpretation Through the Lens of His Military Peers”, University of Munich, Germany - English

16:00-16:30 - Coffee break

16:30-17:15 - Conclusion and discussion: **Simon JACKSON** (University of Birmingham)

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# A CENTURY OF REVOLUTIONS CENTENNIAL OF THE GREAT SYRIAN REVOLT (1925-2025)

## 8-9 December 2025

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# PROGRAM

## MONDAY 8 DECEMBER

9:30-10:00 - Reception and welcome: **Mehdi SAKATNI** (IREMAM) and **Luca NELSON-GABIN** (IREMAM)

10:00-11:00 - Introduction: **Michael PROVENCE** (University of California, USA)

### 11:00-12:30 - 1. GLOBAL SOLIDARITIES

Chair: **Thomas PIERRET** (CNRS-IREMAM)

**Reem BAILONY**, “A Tale of Two Rebellions: The Rif War and The Great Syrian Revolt”, Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia - English

**Michael BATTALIA**, “Financing the Revolt: Saudi Money, anti-Hashemite Politics, and the Istiqlālī network”, Princeton University, USA - English

**Burak SAYIM**, “The Great Syrian Revolt and the Communist International”, University of Basel, Switzerland - English

12:30-14:00 - Lunch

### 14:00-15:30 - 2. SITUATED HISTORIES AND EXPRESSIONS

Chair: **Mehdi SAKATNI** (IREMAM)

**Seda ALTUG**, “Syrian Jazira and the Druze Revolt (1923-1925)”, Institut français d'études anatoliennes, Turkey - English/French

**Cyma FARAH**, “Baalbek’s Forgotten Rebel: A Memoir of the Great Syrian Revolt Across Colonial Borders”, Oxford, UK - English

**Katharina LANGE**, “Reverberations of Revolt”, Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Germany - English

15:30-16:00 - Coffee break

### 16:00-17:30 - 3. OUTSIDERS AND REBELLING FROM THE OUTSIDE

Chair: **Juliette HONVAULT** (CNRS-IREMAM)

**Randi DEGUILHEM**, “The Narrative of the Great Syrian Revolt (1925) in the Contemporary French Press”, CNRS, TELEMMe-Mmsh, Aix-Marseille University, France - English

**Hanna JANATKA**, “The internationalization of the Great Syrian Revolt in Europe”, Berlin Graduate School of Muslim Cultures and Societies, Germany - English

**Kirwin SHAFFER**, “Heroic but Misguided: The 1925-27 Great Syrian Revolt in the Eyes of Latin American Anarchist Anti-Imperialists”, Pennsylvania State University, USA - English

19:30-21:00 - Dinner

## TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER

### 9:00-11:00 - 4. ARCHIVES AND MEMORY

Chair: **Vanessa GUÉNO** (CNRS-IREMAM)

**Ammar AL SAMAR**, “الأرشيف السوري على مفترق طرق” [“The Syrian Archive at a Crossroads”], Archivist, Syria - Arabic

**Jack McGINN**, “Revolutionary Inheritance: Traces of 1925 in 2011 and Trans-Mediterranean Lineages of Revolt”, London School of Economics, UK - English

**Hratch TOKATLIAN**, “Sélim Tabrizi, un photographe sous le mandat français en Syrie et au Liban, 1890-1974” [“Sélim Tabrizi, a Photographer During the French Mandate in Syria and Lebanon, 1890-1974”], Université Saint-Joseph, Liban - French

**Stefan WINTER**, “Les archives militaires turques comme source pour l'histoire des résistances locales” [Turkish Military Archives as Sources for the History of Local Resistance], Université du Québec à Montréal / Koç University, Istanbul - French

11:00-11:30 - Coffee break

### 11:30-13:00 - 5. POLITICAL AGENCIES

Chair: **Luca NELSON-GABIN** (IREMAM)

**Aaron BERMAN**, “Unexpected Allies: Americans and the Great Syrian Revolt”, Hampshire College in Amherst, USA - English

**Victoria ABRAHAMYAN**, “The Armenian Refugees and the Great Syrian Revolt, 1925-1927”, University of Geneva, Switzerland - English

**Joel VELDKAMP**, “The 1926 Elections in Aleppo and the Great Syrian Revolt”, Graduate Institute in Geneva, Switzerland - English

13:00-14:30 - Lunch

