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Challenges for Arab & Islamic Studies



Conference Program at a Glance

April 1–4, 2009
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April 1, 2009

- 5–6 P.M. **Registration**
CONNELLY CENTER, MAIN LOUNGE
- 6–9 P.M. **Conference Opening**
CONNELLY CENTER, CINEMA
Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., Ph.D.
President, Villanova University
- Film Screening**
CONNELLY CENTER, CINEMA
Featuring Cannes Award-winning film *Caramel*
with director and star, Nadine Labaki in person
Introduced by Nasser Chour
- 9–10 P.M. **Reception**
CONNELLY CENTER, PRESIDENTS' LOUNGE
Hosted by Silvia Nagy-Zekmi, Director
Nasser Chour, Associate Director
Center for Arab and Islamic Studies, Villanova University

April 2, 2009

- 8:30–9 A.M. **Registration with Light Breakfast**
CONNELLY CENTER, MAIN LOUNGE
- 9–10:30 A.M. **Sessions**
CONNELLY CENTER
ST. DAVID'S ROOM PANEL 1/A
The Media: Reflections and Representations
HAVERFORD ROOM PANEL 1/B
Roots of Arab Philosophy
BRYN MAWR ROOM PANEL 1/C
Approaches to Terrorism
- 10:30–10:45 A.M. **Coffee break**
CONNELLY CENTER, MAIN LOUNGE
- 10:45 A.M.–12:15 P.M. **Sessions**
CONNELLY CENTER
ST. DAVID'S ROOM PANEL 2/A
*Roundtable Discussion: Law in the Arab
World: Religious and Secular*
HAVERFORD ROOM PANEL 2/B
Islamic Law and Legal Procedures
DEVON ROOM PANEL 2/C
Workshop on Arab Calligraphy
- *12:15–2 P.M. **Lunch with Saad Eddin Ibrahim**
CONNELLY CENTER, VILLANOVA ROOM
Introduced by Hasan Shahpari

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- 2–3:30 P.M. **Sessions**
CONNELLY CENTER
ST. DAVID'S ROOM PANEL 3/A
Qur'an and the Gender Jihad
HAVERFORD ROOM PANEL 3/B
Natural Resources in the Middle East
BRYN MAWR ROOM PANEL 3/C
*Justice, Human Rights and Democratization
in the Maghreb*
- 4–5:30 P.M. **Meet the Authors**
FALVEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Susan Abulhawa, Habib Tengour, Eric Sellin read
their work. Moderated by Pierre Joris
- 5:30–7 P.M. **Reception and book signing,
book exhibit, photo exhibit**
FALVEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Hosted by Joseph Lucia, Director of Falvey Library
- 7:30–9 P.M. **My Name is Rachel Corrie**
CONNELLY CENTER, CINEMA
Compiled by Katherine Viner and Alan Rickman
A play based on the diaries of Rachel Corrie. Directed
by Sean O'Donnell. Actress: Courtney Day Nassar

April 3, 2009

- 8:30–9 A.M. **Registration with Light Breakfast**
CONNELLY CENTER, MAIN LOUNGE
- 9–10:30 A.M. **Sessions**
CONNELLY CENTER
ST. DAVID'S ROOM PANEL 4/A
Tribute to Mahmoud Darwish
HAVERFORD ROOM PANEL 4/B
*Islam-based Self Representation and
Political Movements*
BRYN MAWR ROOM PANEL 4/C
Economic Foundations of Islam
- 10:30–10:45 A.M. **Coffee break**
CONNELLY CENTER, MAIN LOUNGE
- 10:45 A.M.–12:15 P.M. **Sessions**
CONNELLY CENTER
ST. DAVID'S ROOM PANEL 5/A
Workshop on Iraqi Refugees
HAVERFORD ROOM PANEL 5/B
*Culture and Politics in the Context of the
War on Terror*
BRYN MAWR ROOM PANEL 5/C
Al Andalous



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is celebrating its 25th anniversary with an international conference April 1–4, 2009.

The Center organizes events, lectures, film series, conferences and outreach programs for the University and the Greater Philadelphia communities.

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

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April 3, 2009

- *12:15–2 P.M. *Lunch with James Zogby*
CONNELLY CENTER, VILLANOVA ROOM
Introduced by Marwan Kreidie
- 2–3:30 P.M. *Sessions*
CONNELLY CENTER
ST. DAVID'S ROOM PANEL 6/A
Roundtable Discussion: U.S. Promoting Democracy in the Middle East: Smart Strategy or Naïveté?
HAVERFORD ROOM PANEL 6/B
Conflict, Resistance and Democratization
BRYN MAWR ROOM PANEL 6/C
Approaches to Postcolonial Writing
- 3:30–3:45 P.M. *Coffee break*
CONNELLY CENTER, MAIN LOUNGE
- 3:45–5:15 P.M. *Sessions*
CONNELLY CENTER
ST. DAVID'S ROOM PANEL 7/A
New Literary Consciousness: Studies in Exile
Dedicated to the memory of Abdelkebir Khatibi
HAVERFORD ROOM PANEL 7/B
The Abrahamic Other
BRYN MAWR ROOM PANEL 7/C
The Religious Divide?
- 5:30–7 P.M. *Keynote address: Juan R. I. Cole*
CONNELLY CENTER, CINEMA
Introduced by Rev. Kail Ellis, O.S.A.
Dean of Arts and Sciences
- *7–10 P.M. *Banquet*
CONNELLY CENTER, VILLANOVA ROOM
Hosted by Dr. John Johannes,
Vice President for Academic Affairs
Tribute to Dr. Hafeez Malik, founding member of the Villanova Center for Arab and Islamic Studies by Rev. Kail Ellis, O.S.A. and Robert Langran, Chair of the Department of Political Science

April 4, 2009

- 8:30–9 A.M. *Registration with Light Breakfast*
CONNELLY CENTER, MAIN LOUNGE

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- 9–10:30 A.M. *Sessions*
CONNELLY CENTER
ST. DAVID'S ROOM PANEL 8/A
Academe and Arab and Islamic Studies
HAVERFORD ROOM PANEL 8/B
Mathematics in the Islamic World
BRYN MAWR ROOM PANEL 8/C
Diasporic Identities
- 10:30–10:45 A.M. *Coffee break*
CONNELLY CENTER, MAIN LOUNGE
- 10:45 A.M.–12:15 P.M. *Sessions*
CONNELLY CENTER
ST. DAVID'S ROOM PANEL 9/A
Perspectives on Muslim Women
HAVERFORD ROOM PANEL 9/B
Contemporary Arab Literature
BRYN MAWR ROOM PANEL 9/C
The Ottoman Empire
- 12:15–2 P.M. *Lunch*
DOUGHERTY HALL CAFETERIA
(\$5 with conference coupon)
- 2–3:30 P.M. *Sessions*
CONNELLY CENTER
ST. DAVID'S ROOM PANEL 10/A
A Clash of What? Western Notions of the East
HAVERFORD ROOM PANEL 10/B
Teaching Arab and Islamic Studies
BRYN MAWR ROOM PANEL 10/C
Many Faces of Islam: Shi'a and Sufi
- 3:30–3:45 P.M. *Coffee break*
CONNELLY CENTER, MAIN LOUNGE
- 3:45–5:15 P.M. *Sessions*
CONNELLY CENTER
ST. DAVID'S ROOM PANEL 11/A
Palestinian Identity at Home and Abroad
HAVERFORD ROOM PANEL 11/B
Diversity in Islamic Tradition
BRYN MAWR ROOM PANEL 11/C
Texts and Contexts in Arab Literature
- 4–6 P.M. *Women Take the Camera in the Middle East*
CONNELLY CENTER, CINEMA
One-on-one with leading music video producer Mayada al-Hiraki and film director Nadine Labaki
- APRIL 2–APRIL 4
9 A.M.–12 P.M.
1–4 P.M. *Continuous Film Screening*
CONNELLY CENTER, CINEMA
video clips, documentaries and feature films