



## MEISA Annual Report No. 1 (Dec. 2021)

### PROCEEDINGS OF MEISA EVENTS, 2020-21

“Aotearoa New Zealand and the Gulf” (Zoom panel, 28 October 2021)

Michael Webb

Lucia Dore

Geoffrey Miller

Leon Goldsmith (chair)

“Parsing the Possibility of Peace in Syria: Insights from Syrian and Aotearoa New Zealand Scholars” (Zoom panel, 14 September 2021).

Dr. Mhd Hosam Hafez

Mr. Louay Hussein

Hanlie Booyesen (discussant)

Leon Goldsmith (chair)

“Being Muslim: Perspectives from Aotearoa New Zealand Converts” (Zoom panel, 29 July 2021).

Noeleen Van de Lisdonk

Bronwyn (Aisha) Wood

Abdullah Drury

Ayca Arkilic (chair)

“What is Iran’s future?” (Zoom panel, 24 June 2021)

Negar Partow

Mehran Kamrava

Houchang Hassan-Yari

Hanlie Booyesen (chair)

Official MEISA launch and Workshop (Wellington, 3–4 May 2021)

*sponsored by the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO, the University of Otago, and the Otago Politics Programme*

Okan Tan, “Turkey’s Constitutional Transformation Under AKP Rule,” MEISA research seminar (5 February 2021).

Nashie Shamoon, "Shadows of the Past: The Role of Persecution in the Self-identification of the Young Assyrian Diaspora in New Zealand and Australia", MEISA research seminar (27 November 2020).

Eric Jeunot, "Tribe-State relations: Reconsidering Sovereignty in Yemen", MEISA research seminar (30 October 2020).

Tasmia Tahia, "Civil-military Relations in Pakistan following the 2008 Democratic Transition", MEISA research seminar (25 September 2020).

Hend Zaki, "Muslims in New Zealand, Identity and the Emergence of a Western Muslim Identity".MEISA research seminar (28 August 2020).

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS**

Meeting with the Ethnic Communities Development Fund (DIA), December 2021  
Attended by Nadine Kreitmeyr

New Zealand Terrorism Threat Environment Conference, NZSIS and DPMC, 6 October 2021  
Attended by Hanlie Booysen and Ayca Arkilic

Christchurch Hui, DPMC, 15 June 2021  
Attended by Hanlie Booysen, Nadine Kreitmeyr, Ayca Arkilic, Leon Goldsmith, Negar Partow, Tasmia Tahia, James Ockey, Naimah Talib

U3A Invercargill talk on Middle East climate crisis, 6 August 2021  
Presented by Leon Goldsmith

## **COLLABORATIONS**

UNESCO funding support to the MEISA Official Launch

### Upcoming:

Australian Association of Islamic and Muslim Studies (AAIMS) joint book launch with MEISA (date TBD)

Indiana University's Center for the Study of the Middle East, shared hosting of the online conference "Shia Studies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" (31 May - June 1, 2022), <https://csme.indiana.edu/conference/index.html>



Future funding efforts: University of Otago Network funding; Ministry for Ethnic Communities

## MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC OPINION

- <https://www.newsroom.co.nz/ideasroom/israels-military-occupation-of-palestine-not-sustainable>
- <https://theconversation.com/ten-years-on-from-the-syrian-uprising-what-has-prevented-an-end-to-the-tragedy-156854>
- <https://theconversation.com/social-inclusion-is-important-in-aotearoa-new-zealand-but-so-is-speaking-honestly-about-terrorism-167429>
- <https://www.newsroom.co.nz/ideasroom/israels-military-occupation-of-palestine-not-sustainable>
- <https://www.newsroom.co.nz/ideasroom/talibans-takeover-no-surprise>
- <https://www.newsroom.co.nz/ideasroom/us-pakistan-tension-obscures-afghanistans-future>
- <https://www.newsroom.co.nz/ideasroom/no-room-for-naivety-on-the-middle-east>

## MEMBERS' RESEARCH

### Articles:

Arkilic, A. (2021). "Explaining the evolution of Turkey's diaspora engagement policy: a holistic approach," *Diaspora Studies*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/09739572.2020.1839688>

Arkilic, A. (2020). "Empowering a fragmented diaspora: Turkish immigrant organizations' perceptions of and responses to Turkey's diaspora engagement policy," *Mediterranean Politics*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/13629395.2020.1822058>

Arkilic, A. & Gurcan, A. E. (2020). "The Political Participation of Alevis: A Comparative Analysis of the Turkish Alevi Opening and the German Islam Conference," *Nationalities Papers*, doi:10.1017/nps.2020.49

Arkilic, A. (2021). "Turkish Populist Nationalism in Transnational Space: Explaining Diaspora Voting Behavior in Homeland Elections," *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, doi: 10.1080/19448953.2021.1888599

Booyesen, H. Teaching (2021). "Islam and Politics in the Wake of the Christchurch Terrorist Attack," *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs* (2021), doi:10.1080/13602004.2021.1997270

- Booyesen, H. (2021). "Martyrs as a conduit for legitimacy – explaining Iran's foreign policy towards Syria." *Third World Quarterly*, doi: 10.1080/01436597.2021.1952067
- Goldsmith, L. T. (2020). "Dancing between raindrops: Politics education in the Sultanate of Oman 2012-2019." *Arabian Humanities*, 13. doi: 10.4000/cy.5913
- Goldsmith, L. T. & Shaikh, A. K., (2021). "A conceptual model for e-participation by Omani citizens using blockchain technology." *WAS Science Nature*, 4(1). Retrieved from <https://worldascience.com/journals/index.php/wassn/article/view/27>
- Hussein, Z. & Goldsmith, L. (2020, September). "Gender politics in Oman: Between state, sect and tribe. Middle East Institute." Retrieved from <https://www.mei.edu/publications/gender-politics-oman-between-state-sect-and-tribe>
- Jeunot, E. (March 2021). "Why do we keep misunderstanding Yemen," *Diplosphere*, <https://www.diplosphere.org/post/yemen>
- Kreitmeyr, N. & Isleyen, B. (2021). "Authoritarian Neoliberalism' and Youth Empowerment in Jordan." *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding* 15(2) (together with Beste Isleyen)
- Mirzanejad, M., Amerian, S., & Partow, N. (2021). "On Democracy in Iran in the Islamic Republic Era: A Knowledge-based Social Outline." *Contemporary Review of the Middle East*, 8(2), 236-257. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23477989211002980>
- Partow, N. (2021). "War on Terror and Islamisation of Brunei," *Security Theory and Practice*, No. 3, (XLIV), doi: 10.48269/2451-0718-btip-2021-3-008
- Torabian, P. & Mair, H. (2021). "Insurgent Citizens: Mobility (in)justice and international Travel," *Journal of Sustainable Tourism*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/09669582.2021.1945069>
- Wood, B. P., Ng, P. Y., & Bastian, B. L. (2021). "Hegemonic Conceptualizations of Empowerment in Entrepreneurship and Their Suitability for Collective Contexts." *Administrative Sciences*, 11(1), 28.



#### Books and Chapters:

Arkilic, A. *Diaspora Diplomacy: The Politics of Turkish Emigration to Europe* (Manchester University Press, 2022). Available for pre-order:

<https://manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/9781526148681/>

Goldsmith, L. 'Foreword' to Al-Kawakibi, A. R. *The Nature of Tyranny and the Devastating Results of Oppression* [1901], trans. A. Chaikouni (Oxford University Press, 2022).

Goldsmith, L. "Oman" in Porsche-Ludwig, M. & Ying-Yu, C. *Handbook of Asian States* (Lit Verlag, 2021)

#### Forthcoming Publications:

Shamoon, N., "Support in the Time of COVID-19: The Future of Turkey's Response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis." *New Zealand Journal of Research on Europe*, 17.

Fulco, C. A stalled change process: A Case Study Of the Party of Ennahda Movement, chapter in *Islam and Politics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Competitive discourses and Future Uncertainties*, (forthcoming in Edinburgh University Press).

Fulco, C. The Neoliberal Cage: An Analysis of the rise of populist Tunisia, *Middle East Critique*; under review

Fulco, C. & Goldsmith, L. Internationalising Middle East Studies: A Cross-cultural Study of the Educational Advantages of Internationalisation of Curriculum Initiatives; in progress

Goldsmith, L., Shaikh, A. K. & Yildiz-Tan, H. "Between 'Leviathan' and 'Nakamoto': an evaluation of the opportunities and risks of adopting blockchain technology for e-governance in Oman"; under review.

Wood, B.P., Alserhan, B., Halkias D., Komodromo, M., Ayed T. L., Althawadi, O. The Effect of Religiosity and Demographic Variables on Arab Women Consumers Self-Expression through Luxury Brands: A Mixed Methods Study Publication date forthcoming 2021 *Journal Global Business & Economics Review*

#### **CONFERENCES**

- APSA Conference and ISA Conference 2021 (Ayca Arkilic)
- NZPSA Political Communication Network Workshop and International Relations Network Workshop 2020 (Nadine Kreitmeyr)

- IPSA Virtual Colloquium 2020 (Nadine Kreitmeyr)
- MESA Annual Meeting 2021 (Nashie Shamoon; Nadine Kreitmeyr)
- Millennium 2021 (Nadine Kreitmeyr)

## TEACHING HIGHLIGHTS

Memorandum of Understanding between Sultan Qaboos University (SQU), Oman and the University of Otago, signed 20 August 2021

SQU-Otago Virtual Youth Summits: 15-16 September 2020; 22-23 September 2021

SQU-Otago Joint Policymaking Scenario and virtual visit to the Oman State Council, 10-11 March 2021

Ayca Arkilic, Victoria Early Career Teaching Excellence Award

Hanlie Booyesen published an article on teaching about Islam in Aotearoa New Zealand in the wake of the Christchurch terror attack

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13602004.2021.1997270>

Leon Goldsmith and Carmen Fulco are completing a study evaluating innovations in Middle East studies from adopting new internationalization of curriculum approaches.

Nadine Kreitmeyr delivered guest lectures at VuW and Otago in the respective Middle East Politics courses and is delivering a full Otago Summer School course, *Turkey and its Neighbours*, in January-February 2022.