



## **MEISA Network Official Launch and Members Workshop**

### **Programme**

#### **Official Launch Event**

Date: Monday 3 May 2021

Time: 5:00pm - 7.00pm

Venue: Small Lecture Theatre, Level D, University of Otago, Wellington, 23A Mein Street, Newtown

#### *Programme:*

5:00pm Mihi whakatau

5:05pm Welcome and introduction to MEISA

5:20pm Ibrahim Omer MP: *A MP's reflection on the importance of MEISA for Aotearoa New Zealand*

5:30pm Emeritus Professor William Harris: *Middle East studies from a New Zealand perspective*

5:45pm Keynote Address: Tony Lynch, (Lead official for the Government's response to the Royal Commission report into the 15 March terrorist attack in Christchurch)

6:10pm Reception

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#### **Workshop Event**

Date: Tuesday 4 May 2021

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Venue: Room H06, Level H, University of Otago, Wellington, 23A Mein Street, Newtown

#### *Programme:*

#### **Morning Tea and Registration (9:00-9:30)**

#### **Session 1 (9.30-10.30):**

“Whither Middle East Studies? Studying the Middle East and Islam beyond the Arab Uprisings and into Covid-19” (Featuring Professor Bill Harris, Professor Janine Clark)

[from Toronto via Zoom]

**Session 2 (10.35-11.20):**

Graduate School, Publishing, and Job Market Tips Roundtable (Featuring both domestic and international scholars, including, Dr Matthew Buehler, Dr Dilan Okcuoglu)

**Session 3 (11.25-12:10):**

Conducting Research from Aotearoa New Zealand Roundtable (Featuring domestic scholars, including Dr Nadine Kreitmeyr, Dr Leon Goldsmith)

**Lunch (12:10-13:10)**

**Session 4 (13:15-14:00):**

Teaching about the Middle East in Aotearoa New Zealand Roundtable (Featuring domestic scholars, including Dr Hanlie Booyesen, Dr Alexander Maxwell, Dr Ayca Arkilic)

**Session 5 (14:05-14:50):**

Experiences in Graduate School in New Zealand Aotearoa: Q&A Session with Graduate Students

Speakers: Okan Tan (Otago), Carmen Fulco (Otago), Eric Jeunot (VUW), Hend Zaki (Auckland)

**Closing remarks and future plans 14:50-15:00**

Workshop closes

Please register via the Otago Events Wellington invitation email (If you did not receive this email please contact Faith Atkins at [faith.atkins@otago.ac.nz](mailto:faith.atkins@otago.ac.nz))

Nāku noa, nā

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