The Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society  
Auburn University  
March 16-18, 2018

Friday, March 16
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Registration
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Opening Reception
8:00 – 9:00 p.m. SERMEISS Executive Board meeting

Saturday, March 17
9:00 – 9:40 a.m. “Saints and Warriors: Strategic Choice in Rebel Recruitment in the Syrian Civil War”
  • Holger Albrecht, University of Alabama

9:45 – 10:25 a.m. “Morocco’s Jewish Minority: Ethics, Memory, and Monuments”
  • Kristin L. Hissong, Air War College

10:30 – 11:10 a.m. “Protecting Women, Protecting the State: Security Threats and Government Action on Violence Against Women in Jordan”
  • Summer Forester, Purdue University

11:15 – 11:55 a.m. “The Challenges of teaching Arabic language and culture to adult non-Arabic speakers”
  • Asmaa Benbaba, Auburn University

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
2:00 – 2:15 p.m. Business Meeting
Saturday, March 17 (cont’d)

2:20 – 3:00 p.m. “The Journey from It to Thou in Interfaith Trialogue”
- Elizabeth M. Pope, University of West Georgia

3:10 – 3:50 p.m. “Policing the Arab Spring in the Gulf Cooperation Council”
- Jill Crystal, Auburn University

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Keynote Address:

The 6th Annual Herbert L. Bodman Memorial Lecture:

"Practicing Contention in Time and Space: Protest Repertoires in Egypt, Tunisia, and Morocco"
- Dina Bishara, University of Alabama

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner

Sunday, March 18

9:15 – 9:55 a.m. “Muslim Women under the Deobandi Reform: Female Piety in British India, 1867-1947”
- Faiza Rahman, Emory University

10:00 – 10:40 a.m. “The Sting of Strelas: The Proliferation of Shoulder-Fired Air Defense Technologies in Post-Soviet Afghanistan”
- Lydia LaFavor, Auburn University

10:45 – 11:25 a.m. “Neither Tariqa nor Sharia: How to Conceptualize Alevi Religiosity?”
- Riza Yildirim, Emory University

11:30 a.m. Closing Remarks
- SERMEISS President Krista Wiegand, University of Tennessee