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CALL FOR PAPERS

ORIENTALISM, NEO-ORIENTALISM AND POST-ORIENTALISM IN AFRICAN, MIDDLE EAST, LATIN AMERICAN, ASIAN/CHINESE STUDIES

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OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION:

Area Studies within Western academia has a long and multifaceted history, and was essentially established in the mind of Orientalists in the late 19th century. After the 1950s, Area Studies was dominated by hardcore policy-oriented circles and funded by governmental organizations. This was a direct result of the Cold War between the USSR



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and the United States. During the Cold War era, the United States and European countries funded Area Studies scholars and “volunteers” who then poured into Africa, Latin America and Central America, Asia, and the Middle East to study history, society and politics; however, this was a classical representation of Orientalism motivated by political objectives. However, in recent years, especially after the 1980s neoliberal era, we began to see other academics interested in studying Modern Asia, Africa, Central and Latin America, and Middle East politics from diverse fields of scholarship, for instance, political scientists, anthropologists, linguists, sociologists and so on. On the other hand, there was a transformation taking place within Western academia, based on grant-seeking and scholarship opportunities, which were and continue to be embedded in the neoliberal education system. Unlike classical Orientalists, newer forms of scholarship are more political than its predecessors and funded by state agencies within Western academia. We call this process of knowledge production neo-Orientalism. Many of today’s scholars have studied neoliberal terms and concepts such as human rights, democracy, ethnic and religious minorities, etc. According to William Robinson, this is the promotion of polyarchy, rather than the pursuit of pure academic knowledge. However, in the last few years, we have witnessed critical perspective toward Area Studies emerging from “native” scholars. This is just the beginning stage of re-mapping Area Studies in the 21st century. We call this new era post-Orientalism.

This is the first conference on this topic, and we would like to examine this transformation in Area Studies. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Orientalism, Neo-Orientalism, and Post-Orientalism in African, Latin and Central American, Asian and Middle East Studies
- Orientalism, Neo-Orientalism, and Post-Orientalism in Research on Democracy, Human Rights, Press Freedom, Academic Freedom, Women’s Rights, and so on
- Imperialism and New-Imperialism (Neil Smith and David Harvey)
- Sociology of Orientalism, Neo-Orientalism, and Post-Orientalism
- Global/International Studies and Orientalism/Neo-Orientalism/Post-Orientalism
- Political Science/International Relations and Orientalism/Neo-Orientalism/Post-Orientalism
- Think Tanks, International Organizations, and NGOs and Orientalism/Neo-Orientalism/Post-Orientalism
- Liberal and New Left Discourse and Orientalism/Neo-Orientalism/Post-Orientalism
- Development Studies and Orientalism/Neo-Orientalism/Post-Orientalism
- Post-Colonial Studies and Orientalism/Neo-Orientalism/Post-Orientalism



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IMPORTANT DATES □

- Abstract Submission for the Conference: **February 29, 2018**
- Official Acceptance Letter: **March 5, 2018**
- Official Invitation Letter for VISA: **March 19, 2018**
- Confirmation of Your Participation: **April 16, 2018** □
- Conference Draft Paper Submission: **May 7, 2018** □
- The Conference Dates: **May 17 and 18, 2018** □
- Selected Papers for Publication: **June 25, 2018**

Before you submit your proposal, please see the following articles and books related to our conference themes:

- China and Orientalism: Western Knowledge Production and the P.R.C. Daniel F. Vukovich. Routledge, 2012.
<https://www.routledge.com/China-and-Orientalism-Western-Knowledge-Production-and-the-PRC/Vukovich/p/book/9780415592208>
- Sociology of Africa: A Non-Orientalist Approach to African, Africana, and Black Studies. Tugrul Keskin. *Critical Sociology*, July 2012, 40(2), 187–202.
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- Why Do We Need “Myth-Busting” in the Study of Sino–African Relations? Miwa Hirono and Shogo Suzuki. *Journal of Contemporary China*, 2014, 23(87), 443–461,
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10670564.2013.843889>
- End Human Rights Imperialism Now. Stephen Kinzer. *The Guardian*, December 31, 2010.
<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/cifamerica/2010/dec/31/human-rights-imperialism-james-hoge>
- Humanitarian Imperialism: Using Human Rights to Sell War. Jean Bricmont. *Monthly Review Press*, November 2006. https://monthlyreview.org/product/humanitarian_imperialism/
- Orientalism and Identity in Latin America: Fashioning Self and Other from the (Post)Colonial Margin. Erik Camayd-Freixas (Ed.). University of Arizona Press, 2013.
<http://www.uapress.arizona.edu/Books/bid2419.htm>
- Promoting Polyarchy Globalization, US Intervention, and Hegemony. William I. Robinson. Cambridge University Press, 1996.
<http://www.cambridge.org/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=9781139241090&ss=cop>
- American Empire: Roosevelt’s Geographer and the Prelude to Globalization. Neil Smith. University of California Press, 2004.
<http://www.ucpress.edu/book.php?isbn=9780520243385>
- Imperialist Feminism Redux. Saadia Toor. *Dialectical Anthropology*, December 2012, 36(3–4), 147–160.
<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs10624-012-9279-5>



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- Language Education and Imperialism: The Case of Title VI and Arabic, 1958-1991. Jeffrey Bale. *Journal for Critical Education Policy Studies*, 2011, 9(1), 375–409.
<http://www.jceps.com/wp-content/uploads/PDFs/09-1-14.pdf>
- Decolonizing Dialectics. George Ciccariello-Maher. Duke University Press, 2017.
- Critical Impairments to Globalizing the Western Human Rights Discourse. Nikitah O. Imani. *Societies Without Borders*, 2008, 3(2), Article 4.
<http://scholarlycommons.law.case.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1214&context=swb>
- Feminism, Imperialism and Orientalism: The Challenge of the “Indian Woman.” Joanna Liddle and Shirin Rai. *Women’s History Review*, 1998, 7(4), 1998.
https://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/pais/people/rai/publications/feminismimperialism_femiimperialoriental.pdf
- The Peace Corps: An Altruistic or Imperialistic Enterprise. Justin P. Phalichanh. Master’s Thesis-Brandeis University, May 2010.
https://bir.brandeis.edu/bitstream/handle/10192/23862/PhalichanhJP_MAGlobalStudiesThesis.pdf?sequence=1
- Orientalism and African development studies: the ‘reductive repetition’ motif in theories of African underdevelopment. Stefan Andreasson. *Third World Quarterly* (2005).
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/01436590500089307>
- Who Will Watch the Watchmen? Amnesty International and the Human Rights Industry. Daniel Kovalick. *Counter Punch*, November 08, 2012.
<https://www.counterpunch.org/2012/11/08/amnesty-international-and-the-human-rights-industry/>

Please submit the following information for abstract submission:

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- Title of your paper;
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application.

ABSTRACT AND PAPER SUBMISSION:

In case your abstract is accepted, a draft paper of around 4000–5000 words is due **May 7, 2018**. We intend to compile an edited volume with the best papers for publication in an international peer-reviewed reference publisher.

All submissions will be reviewed and judged on originality, theoretical strength, in-depth knowledge, relevance to the conference themes, significance, quality of presentation, and relevance to the special issue topics of interest. Submitted papers may not have appeared in or be under consideration for another workshop, conference, or journal, nor may they be under review or submitted to another forum during the review process.

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There is no fee for this conference.

*Please note that **we will cover your accommodations and food during your stay in Shanghai**; therefore, you need to confirm your participation to the conference.*

ACCOMMODATIONS:

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THURSDAY, May 17, 2018

9:00 - 9:30 AM **Opening Ceremony**

9:00 - 9:15 AM **Welcome Speech by**

9:15 - 9:30 AM **Keynote Speech**

10:00 - 11:30 AM **Panel**

1. Panel:

11:30-13:00 PM **Lunch**



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13:00-14:30 PM Panels

2. Panel:

14:30-15:00 PM Coffee Break

15:00-16:30 PM Panel

3. Panel:

FRIDAY, May 18, 2018

10:00-11:30 AM

4. Panel:

11:30-13:00 PM Lunch

13:00-14:30 PM Panels

5. Panel:

14:30-15:00 PM Coffee Break

15:00-16:30 PM Panel

6. Panel:

18:00-20:00 PM DINNER

Closing Remarks by