

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

PROGRAM

Rethinking the Lebanese Civil War National Struggle, Regional Stakes, and Global Entanglements

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December 16

Workshop Day 1

Location: Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, 54 Boulevard Raspail (Room BS1_05/BS1_28)

9:30am -
10am

Workshop Introduction
N. George, J. Hassine, and C. Raymond

10am -
12pm

Panel 1: Class, Sect, and Ideological Dynamics
Discussant: **Gilles Dorronsoro** (Panthéon-Sorbonne University)

- **Diala Lteif** (University of Cambridge): "Power, Space, and Social Mobility: Karantina and the Class Dynamics of Christian Militias during the Lebanese Civil War" - Peer comment by **Susann Kassem**
- **Fares Damien** (University of Basel): "Reflections on the 'Bishop for After Tomorrow': Grégoire Haddad between Lebanon and the World" - Peer comment by **Aya Khalil**
- **Rossana Tufaro** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice): "Keeping Class to the Forefront: Workers' Committees in the Lebanese Civil War" - Peer comment by **Anna Reumert**

12pm -
2pm

Lunch Break

2pm -
4pm

Panel 2: Liberation Struggles
Discussant: **Reem Abou-El-Fadl** (SOAS, University of London)

- **Aya Khalil** (Université Paris 8 - Cresppa-LabTop): "Liberation Struggle and Global Sixties in Beirut: The Making of Revolutionary Arabist Intellectuals (1967-1982)" - Peer comment by **Fares Damien**
- **Jonathan Hassine** (University of Cambridge): "The Last Free Officers: National Liberation, Sectarianism, and the Aborted Revolution in Wartime Lebanon" - Peer comment by **Nathaniel George**
- **Susann Kassem** (University of Oxford): "Whose map are you implementing?": The Experience of South Lebanese Border Communities and their Turn to Resistance" - Peer comment by **Diala Lteif**

7:30pm

Dinner at: Restaurant Qasti Bistro, 205 rue Saint Martin (3rd Arrdt.)

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Workshop Day 2

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9am -
10:30am

Panel 3: Sectarian Mobilization and Violence

Discussant: **Xavier Bougarel** (CNRS)

- **Dima De Clerck** (Université Saint-Joseph): "The War in the Mountain Before the Mountain War: Challenging the Myth of a Peaceful Haven Before the 1982-1983 Rift" - Peer comment by **Jonathan Hassine**
- **Sean Lee** (American University of Cairo): "Making Christians by Force: Attempts at Mobilizing Armenians during the Lebanese Civil Wars" - Peer comment by **Dima de Clerck**

10:30am
- 11am

Coffee Break

11am -
12:30pm

Panel 4: Militias and Militiamen Outside the Battlefield

Discussant: **Elizabeth Picard** (CNRS)

- **Anna Reumert** (Brandeis University): "Sex and Masculinity in the City: A New Mapping of Lebanon's Civil War" - Peer comment by **Sabah Haider**
- **Pierre France** (Aix-Marseille University): "Do Militias Only Dream of the State? Disgust for Bureaucracy, Institutional Repertoire, and Demand for Entrepreneurship" - Peer comment by **Rossana Tufaro**

12:30pm
- 2pm

Lunch Break

2pm -
3:30pm

Panel 5: Imperialism and the Cold War

Discussant: **Nicolas Badalassi** (Sciences Po Aix)

- **Nathaniel George** (SOAS, University of London): "Kissinger's Congo Men: US Empire and Counterrevolution in Congo, Southeast Asia, and the Eastern Mediterranean" - Peer comment by **Pierre France**
- **Jeffrey Karam** (Lebanese American University): "Strategic Ambiguity and Imperial Contradictions: The CIA and the PLO in the Early Years of the Lebanese Civil War" - Peer comment by **Sean Lee**

3:30pm - 4pm	Coffee Break
4pm - 5:30pm	Panel 6: Transnational Armed Groups Discussant: Laurent Gayer (CNRS) • Carlo De Nuzzo (Sciences Po Paris): "The Last Crusaders: Italian Far-Right Militants in the Lebanese Civil War" - Peer comment by Jeffrey Karam • Sabah Haider (AUB): "Pakistani Fedayeen as "Accidental" Participants in the Lebanese Civil War" - Peer comment by Carlo De Nuzzo
5:30pm - 6pm	Wrap-Up: Collective reflections on the future edited volume
7:30pm	<i>Dinner at: Restaurant LM, 13 rue de Médicis (6e Arrdt.)</i>

Workshop Panel Format

The workshop proceedings will adopt the following format for each panel:

- All presenters should read all papers and prepare questions or feedback.
- Each presenter will be given **10 to 15 minutes** to present their work. Visual aids or presentation slides may be used, but they are not required.
- The presentation will be followed by a **5-minute (maximum)** peer commentary by another conference participant.
- After all panelists have presented, a discussant will respond to all the presentations collectively.
- We will then open to a general question and answer period in which all can participate.

Please note that we must all be rather vigilant on sticking to the allotted timings to make this participatory format work optimally.