



## AMES Research Seminar Series 2026

### Sound, image, faith, space: sites of aesthetic and political transformation in Middle East/North Africa

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 5:00pm, @Sam Alex\_A112

**Songs and poems of Gaza during the Genocide**

Dr Atef Alshaer, University of Westminster

Host: Dr Moshe Behar



Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 5:00pm, @Sam Alex\_A112

**Women in Egyptian cinema: shifting narratives, roles and aesthetics**

Dr Dalia S. Mostafa, University of Edinburgh/University of Manchester

Host: Dr Ruth Abou Rached



\*Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 5:00pm, @Sam Alex\_A112 (1pm USA/EST)

**Debating Issues of War and Peace in the Islamic Tradition**

Professor Asma Afsaruddin, Indiana University (online)

Host: Dr Tom Woerner-Powell



\*Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 4:30pm @Sam Alex\_A112

**Alternative democratic spaces: environmentalism and Algerian Youth politics**

Dr Jessica Northey, Coventry University

Host: Dr Ikram Bennai



\*Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 4:30pm @Sam Alex\_A112

**The Arab *Nahda* and the Rise of the 'Moroccan Ear'  
(Talk and Book Launch)**

Dr Samuel Llano, University of Manchester

Hosts: Dr Ruth Abou Rached & Dr Ikram Bennai