



Whither the Nation?

National Identities in the Modern Middle East and South Asia

September 27-29, 2013

Orient-Institut Beirut (OIB)

and

Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES) /

American University of Beirut

Conference venue: American University of Beirut, College Hall, Auditorium B1

Saturday September 28, 2013

8.45 – 9.15 *Coffee*

9.15 – 9.30 Welcome and opening remarks

9.30 – 10.30 **Keynote:**
Lisa Wedeen / University of Chicago:
Nationalism, Sentimentality, and Judgment

Discussant: Ghassan Hage

Panel I

10.30 – 12.30 **Faisal Devji** / University of Oxford:
Muslim Zion: Pakistan as a Political Idea

Shruti Kapila / University of Cambridge:
Hindutva's war and the battlefield of India

Discussant: Tareq Tell

12.30 – 14.00 *Lunch Break*

Panel II

14.00 – 16.00 **Reza Zia-Ibrahimi** / King's College London:
Dislodging the Iranian Nation from the Islamic Umma: Iranian Nationalists and Gobineau

Bashir Saade / American University of Beirut:
Writing Space, using and confronting the state: Hizbullah's politics of legitimacy

Karim Sadek / Oxford Center for Islamic Studies:
The Islamic Umma vs the Political Umma: Islamic politics, apostasy, and the non-Muslims

Discussant: Faisal Devji

16.00 – 16.30 *Coffee Break*

16.30–17:30 **Talk 1:**

Marc Nichanian / Sabancı University Istanbul:
The Specters of the Nation

Discussant: Lisa Wedeen

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9.00– 9:30 *Coffee*

Panel III

9.30 – 11.30 **Hussein Omar** / University of Oxford:
'Posing in transparent garments ' ; a non-identitarian approach to Egyptian nationalism

Umar Ryad / Leiden University:
Neither Visitors, nor Colonial Victims: Muslim Political Activities in Interwar Europe

Nadia Bou Ali/ American University of Beirut
The Arab Nahda and the Nation Form

Discussant: Shruti Kapila

Panel IV

11.30 – 13.30 **Monika Halkort** / Queens University:
Expressive sovereignty

Tim Jacoby / University of Manchester:
Turkish Nationalism and the Crisis of the State

Ahmed Daleimi / University of Oxford:
Revisiting the National Paradigm: Bahrain Workers' Movement in the Early 20th Century

Discussant: Angela Harutyunyan

13.30 – 14.30 *Lunch Break*

Panel V

14.30 – 16.00 **Rohit Goel** / University of Chicago:
War and Peace in Lebanon

Angela Harutyunyan / American University of Beirut:
The Dialectic of Betrayal and Fidelity of the Armenian Avant-garde

Discussant: Ghassan Hage

16.00 – 16.30 *Coffee Break*

16.30 – 17.30 **Talk 2:**
Walid Sadek/ American University of Beirut:

Beirut Open City

Discussant: Ghassan Hage

17.30– 18.00

Concluding Remarks: Nadia Bou Ali and Faisal Devji