



رواق العربية

**Arabic Linguistics Forum Conference**  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018**  
**Programme**



**SOAS**  
University of London

<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
From 12.00	Registration – Paul Webley Wing, ground floor lobby	
13.00-13.45	<i>Lunch (a complementary buffet lunch provided in the area adjacent to registration)</i>	
	<i>Alumni Lecture Theatre (ALT)</i>	<i>S209</i>
13.45-14.00	Opening words and welcome	–
	<i>Session 1 – Psycholinguistics</i>	<i>Session 2 – Syntax</i>
14.00-14.30	<b>Ali Idrissi, Leen Hasso, Sarah Al-Alami and Michael Grosvald</b> – Visual word recognition in Arabic: Do vowel diacritics matter?	<b>Eisa Alrasheedi</b> – The Expression of Attributive Possession in Najdi Arabic and English
14.30-15.00	<b>Andreas Hallberg</b> – Reading case in Arabic	<b>Lindley Winchester</b> – Adjectives and Optional Definite Marking in Maltese
15.00-15.30	<b>Linnéa Öberg, Rima Haddad and Ute Bohnacker</b> – Non-word repetition tasks as a screening tool for Language Impairment	<b>Atef Al-Sarayreh</b> – On the Distribution of N-words in Arabic
15.30-16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
	<i>Session 3 – Copulae in Arabic dialects</i>	<i>Session 4 – Tunisian Arabic</i>
16.00-16.30	<b>Faruk Akkus and Elabbas Benmamoun</b> – A Syntactic Analysis of the Distribution and Development of Verbal Copulas in Arabic Varieties	<b>Karen McNeil</b> – <i>Maniš nfadlak!</i> The use of “nominal” negation with Tunisian verbs
16.30-17.00	<b>Maris Camilleri and Louisa Sadler</b> – The emergence of yet another copula construction in vernacular Arabic	<b>Amel Khalifaoui</b> – The semantics and pragmatics of the Tunisian Arabic discourse marker <i>?ama</i>
17.00-18.00	<b>Marie-Aimée Germanos</b> – (invited talk) <i>Functions and semantic values of Standard-Vernacular code-switching in a Lebanese political speech</i>	
18.00-19.00	<i>Welcome reception (drinks and nibbles in the area adjacent to reception)</i>	

## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July

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	<i>Alumni Lecture Theatre (ALT)</i>	S209
	<i>Session 1 – Child Language Acquisition</i>	<i>Session 2 – Phonology</i>
9.00-9.30	<b>Ghada Khattab</b> – Lexical and phonological development by Lebanese-Arabic-speaking children	<b>Sara Al Tubuly</b> – The production and perception of Arabic stress patterns by English learners: A comparison with native speakers
9.30-10.00	<b>Rima Haddad, Linnéa Öberg and Ute Bohnacker</b> – Exploring the lexical abilities and language exposure patterns of Arabic-Swedish bilingual children (4-7) in Sweden	<b>Luke Galea</b> – Word-initial geminates in Maltese
10.00-10.30	<b>Reem Khamis-Dakwar, Hanan Asaad and Iman Salam</b> – An exploratory study of MSA use in Arabic-speaking children with Autism Spectrum Disorders	<b>Sarah Ahmed and Michael Grosvald</b> – Long-distance coarticulation in Arabic: Effects of pharyngealization and consonant length
10.30-11.00	<b>Alaa Almohammadi and Gabriella Rundblad</b> – Metaphor Comprehension in Arabic-Speaking Children	<b>Maya Barzilai</b> – Morphological paradigms predict surface phonological forms
11.00-11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
	<i>Session 3 – Language and the law</i>	<i>Session 4 – Discourse</i>
11.30-12.00	<b>Yaron Matras</b> – Arabic in LADO: UK asylum applications of Syrian refugees	<b>Ahmad Tawalbeh</b> – Rhetorical Structure of the Methods Section in English and Arabic Research Articles: A contrastive genre analysis
12.00-12.30	<b>Christopher Lucas and Hanadi Ismail</b> – How and why to test lexicon in LADO for Arabic	<b>Majedah Alaiyed</b> – Diglossic Code-switching Between Standard Arabic and Najdi Arabic in Religious discourse
12.30-13.00	<b>Nancy Hawker</b> – Metalinguistic comments on three varieties of Arabic in reactions to testimonies of violence against women	<b>Nadia Makouar</b> – Media narratives around the «fake news» issue on the recent Gulf Crisis
13.00-14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.00-15.30	<b>Maris Camilleri</b> – (invited early-career tutorial) <i>Issues in research in Arabic syntax and semantics</i>	
15.30-16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
	<i>Session 5 – Language contact</i>	<i>Session 6 – Definiteness</i>
16.00-16.30	<b>Ahmed Echcharfi</b> – An Amazigh Substrate in Maghrebi Arabic	<b>Bettina Leitner and Stephan Procházka</b> – The indefinite marker /fard/ in the Arabic Dialects of Iraq and Khuzestan
16.30-17.00	<b>Fabio Gasparini</b> – Jibbali and Arabic in contact: the case of color terminology	<b>Sara Al Sheyadi</b> – Null definite article in the dialect of Yāl Sa'ad in Oman
17.00-18.00	<b>Sam Hellmuth</b> – (invited talk) <i>Contact and variation in Arabic intonation</i>	

*Conference dinner from 7pm (Salaam Namaste – 68 Millman Street, WC1N 3EF)*

<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
	<i>Alumni Lecture Theatre (ALT)</i>	<i>S209</i>
	<i>Session 1 – Dialect contact and sociolinguistics</i>	<i>Session 2 – Language change</i>
9.00-9.30	<b>Uri Horesh, Enam Al-Wer and Najla M. Alghamdi</b> – Quantifying contact through regionality and education	
9.30-10.00	<b>Nina van Kampen</b> – Linguistic Representations and Dialect Contact: the Palestinian Refugees in Beirut	<b>Marijn van Putten</b> – A Historical Account of the Restructuring of the Urban Arabic Verb
10.00-10.30	<b>Rana Almbark and Dima Malahmeh</b> – Regional dialects in contact: Syrian Arabic first generation migrants in Jordan	<b>Luca D'Anna</b> – Diachronic aspects of agreement in Arabic
10.30-11.00	<b>Ori Shachmon</b> – When language doesn't meet religion: Language Transitions among the Christian, Arabic-speaking, Lebanese community in Israel	<b>Simone Bettega</b> – Rethinking agreement in spoken Arabic: the question of gender
11.00-11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
	<i>Session 3 – Sociolinguistics</i>	<i>Session 4 – Egyptian Arabic</i>
11.30-12.00	<b>Bruno Herin</b> – Vestigial variants in sedentary Jordanian	<b>Liesbeth Zack</b> – <i>ḍarabûh 'alqa melyḥe</i> : Semantic change in Cairene Arabic
12.00-12.30	<b>Wisam Alshawi</b> – Depalatalisation of (ḍ) as a Koineising or Levelling Phonological Feature in a Southern Iraqi Dialect	<b>Yasser Aman</b> – Problems of Translating Oral Egyptian Poetry With Reference to Selected Mawwāls by Hefny Ahmad
12.30-13.00	<b>Navdeep Sokhey</b> – Stylistically Vowel-Rounding in “Bo7rain”	<b>Dina El Zarka</b> – Grammar or not grammar? Prosodic reflexes of information structure in Egyptian Arabic
13.00-14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
	<i>Session 5 – Varia</i>	<i>Session 6 – Contrastive studies</i>
14.00-14.30	<b>Khadija Alsaleh, Michael Ingleby and James Dickins</b> – Linguistic Features of Verbs in the Qur'ān in the Plurality of Its Variant Readings	<b>Roula Seghaier</b> – Beyond Essentialist Ideals and Binary Confinements: Translation as a Queer Encounter
14.30-15.00	<b>Eqab Shawashreh, Marwan Jarrah and Malik Zuraikat</b> – The use of the verb to say in Jordanian Arabic context	<b>Sarah Schwartz</b> – Moroccan Rappers and Street-Conscious Language: Comparing Casual Speech to Performance
15.00-15.30	<b>Alina Kucherenko</b> – Language Game in Arabic Internet Memes	<b>Ekhlas Mohsin</b> – Blend formation tendencies, from English to Arabic
15.30-16.30	<b>Lameen Souag</b> – (invited talk) Arabic in Contact	

*Conference ends*