



SEPAD

Sectarianism, Proxies &
De-sectarianisation

Discoursing Sectarianism: Patterns, Trajectories and Identities From 1979 Onwards 30th June 2021

9:00-9:15 – Introduction

9:15-10.45 – Panel 1: Discoursing Saudi-Iranian Relations

- 'Let us Rid the World of Wahhabism': Saudi Arabia in Iran's Foreign Policy Discourse
[Olivia Glombitza - Autonomous University of Barcelona](#)
- Discourses of Sectarianism, State Apparatus and cross sectarian Harmony in Middle East: A Comparative Study of Iran and Saudi Arabia
[Sadia Rafique & Daman Nadeem - University of Lahore](#)
- Understanding Visual Propaganda in the Iranian-Saudi rivalry.
[Tom Walsh – Durham University](#)

11:00-12:30 – Panel 2: Discoursing Sectarianism and Strategy

- Iran's using of Shiite heritage in creating a case for negotiations with the West
[Ali Hashem - Royal Holloway University](#)
- Exposing the Enemy's 'Sectarianism' as a Mobilisation Tool: Lebanese Communists' Discourse on Christian 'Sectarianism' during the Lebanese Civil War
[Hideaki Hayakawa - The University of Tokyo](#)
- Cold War Sectarianisms: The Politics of Pan-Islam in Revolutionary Iran
[Bita Mousavi - New York University](#)
- Same Revolution, Different Outcome: Why Did the Syrian Regime Survive the Arab Spring?
[Adam Alrowaiti – West Virginia University](#)

13:30-15:00 – Panel 3: Beyond the Gulf and the Multifacetedness of Discoursing Sectarianism

- ‘We are not Muslims’: Sectarian and post-sectarian identities of Assyrians/Syriacs in Sweden
[Marta Woźniak-Bobińska - University of Lodz](#)
- Monuments, Tolerance and Integration: Solidifying of the Refugee Identity
[Vicky Panossian - Lebanese American University](#)
- Discursive Game of (De) Sectarianization: Assad’s Acting ‘As if Not’
[Mustafa Elmenshawy - Lancaster University](#)

15:15-16:45 - Panel 4: Discoursing Sectarian Rhetoric, Symbolism and Power

- Iraq’s Tishreen [October] protests’ slogans and chants: Reframing narratives, reclaiming identity
[Balsam Mustafa - University of Birmingham](#)
- Maintenance of Sedimented Hegemony: Articulation of Sectarianism Discourse
[Betul Dogan-Akkas - Qatar University & Durham University](#)
- De-Sectarianization within the Saudi Religious Fold: Evolving Institutional Discourses and New Leaderships
[Umer Karim - University of Birmingham](#)
- Legacy and Securitization: A Content Analysis of Hassan Nasrallah’ speech in YouTube about Syria Crisis
[Rashed Al-Rasheed – Lancaster University](#)

16:45-17:00 – Closing remarks