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Day	Time	Program
Workshop Day (November 20)	13:00	Dr Emmanuel Karagiannis Conducting Research on Islamists and Political Islam Movements in the Middle East and Central Asia
	14:00	Tea
	14:15	Dr Inge Amundsen It's the Economy, Stupid!" Political Economy Analysis and Political Corruption Studies
	15:15	Tea
	15:30	Dr Kirill Nourzhanov Collecting Data on Fieldwork: Maximising Results (and fun) When Time and Money are in Short Supply
Day 1 Conference (November 21)	9:00	Opening Remarks with Professor James Piscatori
	9:15	Dr Emmanuel Karagiannis The New Political Islam in the Middle East and Central Asia: Activists, Politicians, and Militants
	10:15	Tea
	10:30	Dr Inge Amundsen Political Corruption: The Middle East, Authoritarianism and Wasta in a Global Perspective
	11:45	Lunch
	13:00	Richard Iron Iraq between America and Iran

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Day 1 Conference (November 21)	14:00	Tea	
	14:15	Parallel Session A1 Syria, The Kurds, and Politics of External Intervention	Parallel Session A2 Contemporary Issues in Pakistan and Afghanistan
		Ian Parmeter: Russia's Intervention in Syria: New Dilemmas. Tamas Dudlak: The End of Democratic Opposition: Turkey's Kurds from Peace to War, 2015-2019. Iain MacGillivray: The paradox of Turkish-Iranian Relations in the Syrian Crisis.	Muhammad Waqar Anwar: Asymmetric Economic Exchange and Insecurity: A Case Study of CPEC. Abbas Farasoo: Contestation Between Great and Regional Powers in South Asia: The US-Pakistan Interaction during the War on Terror. Tayyaba Malik: Incentives to join Islamist parties: A study of halqa-e-Khawateen Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan
	15:45	Tea	
	16:00	Parallel Session B1 Foreign Policy and Economic Development in Saudi Arabia	Parallel Session B2 Contemporary Issues in Central Asia
		Abdulla Al-Etaibi: Role Theory and Foreign Policy: The Role of Tribal Protector & The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Dr Ben Rich: From Defence to Offence: Realist Shifts in Contemporary Saudi Foreign Policy. Khalid Alhumaidi: Structural Distortions in The Gulf Economy: The Case of Saudi Arabia.	Dr Kirill Nourzhanov: In the Region but Not of the Region? How Afghanistan is Situated in the Central Asian Discourse of Interconnectedness. Azima Akhmatova: Russia and China in Central Asia: Pragmatic Partners or Prospective Rivals? Berikbol Dukeyev: General Narratives of Repatriating Former ISIS Families to Kazakhstan. Dilnoza Ubaydullaeva: Political Liberalization and Emerging Civil Society in Uzbekistan: the Cases of Public Reaction to Demolition Program and the Use of Forced Labour.
	18:00	Conference Dinner	

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Day 2 Conference (November 22)	9:00	Parallel Session C1 Turkey's Changing Political Discourse	Parallel Session C2 Issues of Contemporary Memory in Lebanon and Iraq
		Ibrahim Genc: The Analysis of Erdoğan's Changing Discourse. Dr Tezcan Gümüş: President Erdoğan, the Latest Chapter in Turkey's Authoritarian Leaders. Roman Darius: Socio-Economic Coalitions and Democratisation: A Study of Turkey from the Late Ottoman Era to the Republic.	Nayree Mardirian: Lebanon's Age of Apology: An Examination. Isaac Kfir: The Need for Transformative Justice: Iraq and the Halabja 'Genocide'. Indi Phillips: The Return of the Islamic State Fighter: The Effects of IS Members in Incarceration - A Case Study of the Northern Regions of Lebanon.
	10:15	Tea	
	10:30	Parallel Session D1 Contemporary Issues Across the Middle East: Security, Militias and the Art of Martyrs	Parallel Session D2 Palestine: Paradoxes of Governance and Resistance
		Dr Enayatollah Yazdani: Sustainable Security: An Essential Security Structure for Stability and Peace in the Middle East. Jon Norling: Iraq: Militias and Governance. Mohsen Solhdoost: Iran's External Relations with Non-State Armed Groups. Miniature Malekpour: The Art of the Martyrs: The Taziyeh and Street Art in Contemporary Tehran.	Ayah Abubasheer: Introducing Religion and the Pious Modern Female in the Local Security of Gaza Strip. Dr Tristan Dunning: Hamas, Israel and Peace. Anas Iqtait: The Palestinian Authority's Securitized Regional Policy.
	12:00	Lunch	
	13:00	Session E Discourses of Conflict: Propaganda, Strategic Communications and Information Operations	
		Katja Theodorakis: Mujahedeen's Constructing the 'Good Place': Ethical Contestations and the Propaganda Techniques of Jihadi Insurgents in the Middle East and Afghanistan. Levi West: Propaganda and Information Warfare: Owning Narratives and Disrupting Discourse for Strategic Effect? Mick Cook: Information Operations and Target Language Nuances in Propaganda.	
	14:30	Tea	

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Day 2	14:45	Session F Dynamics of Insurgencies: Old and New, Local, Global and Otherwise
		<p>Dr Charles Knight: Does Repression Reduce Support for Insurgents: the Case of the PKK 1984-1999?</p> <p>Mick Cook: Insurgents, Born or Made? A Criminological Perspective on Insurgent Development.</p> <p>Dr Bob Bowker: Lessons of Syria.</p>
	16:15	Closing remarks

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