Anthropologists on the Middle East: Youth Protest, Islam, Israel, Archaeology


These topics in Middle Eastern affairs will be featured at the 113th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), held Dec. 3-7.

The conference will feature more than 5,000 sessions and special events with the theme, Producing Anthropology. Anthropologists will offer a provocation to examine the truths we encounter, produce and ultimately the communities in which we live. Selected sessions on the Middle East include:

Thinking About Islam? Problematizing the Study of Islam and Muslims through Western Paradigms, Wed, Dec. 3, 4-5:45 p.m., Marriott Wardman Park – Marriott Balcony B

Adaptations: Reconfiguring Urban, Personal, Economic, and Domestic Arrangements in the Middle East, Wed, Dec. 3, 2-3:45 p.m., Marriott Wardman Park – Virginia Suite A


Israel Has a Jewish Problem: Can the Jewish State Provide Equality of Religious Rights for Its Jewish Citizens? Fri, Dec 5, 3:30 p.m., Marriott Wardman Park – Washington Room 3


Making Islam in Multiple Media: Internet, Therapy, Romance, and Schooling in the Formation of Muslim Identities, Sun, Dec 7, 12-1:45 p.m., Marriott Wardman Park – Park Tower 8222

Mapping on Afghanistan's Archaeology and Natural Resources, Sat, Dec. 6, 12:15 p.m., Marriott Wardman Park – Thurgood Marshall West


Afghanistan’s Cultural Heritage 2014 and Beyond, Sat., Dec. 6, 11:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Marriott Wardman Park – Thurgood Marshall West

The AAA Annual Meeting will be held at the Marriott Wardman Park and Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C., where more than 6,000 anthropologists will tackle some of the world’s most pressing issues, including: Ebola, public health, food security, social change climate change. There will also be a week-long media festival.

Many sessions are open to the public, registration is required.

To participate, press must register by Dec. 1, 2014. Press will receive complimentary registration to the Annual Meeting sessions, press conferences, admittance to invited sessions, special events and access to press-only workspace. The AAA has a new Press Credential Policy to better serve press and their editorial coverage. Onsite press registration will not be granted.

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