CEMA, the Center for Maghrib Studies in Oran, Algeria, is a non-governmental American academic research institute established in 2004 to facilitate research on Algerian and North Africa across all academic disciplines. CEMA is the overseas office of the American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS), a professional organization fostering scholarly expertise on North Africa. CEMA facilitates academic exchanges between U.S., Algerian and North African scholars via different fellowship programs, conferences, lectures and scholarly meetings. CEMA operates under an agreement with the Algeria Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research and has close working relationships with universities and research institutes across Algeria.

LETTER FROM CEMA DIRECTOR DR. ROBERT P. PARKS

This March, CEMA will celebrate its fifth anniversary. Much has been accomplished during this time. In the past five years, CEMA has organized close to a hundred lectures, multiple working days, and two AIMS conferences. We have assisted the research of close to two hundred American and international scholars. The Maghrib-related research of more than twenty-five Algerian scholars has been funded by the AIMS Maghrebi Grant Program, and via CEMAT and TALIM, we have put many more Algerian scholars in contact with their Maghrebi peers. And the quality of their research can be seen in expert opinion pieces, doctoral dissertations, articles in the *Journal of North African Studies* and elsewhere, and books.

CEMA is more than just a network. It too is a *lieu* for Algerian and international scholars to study and to exchange ideas. As a place, CEMA has grown. Thanks to multiple AIMS-member donations, a one-time small book collection has blossomed into a veritable library of close to three thousand volumes, with an important collection of work on the Saharan region. Thanks to the hard work of CEMA Librarian Mrs. Hayet Lansari, our materials can be located in the Digital Library for International Research online catalogue. And we now have borrowing services. To further encourage use of our library materials – the bulk of which are in English – this month we will inaugurate a twenty-four week language course to teach thirty-six local scholars how to read English-language texts in the social sciences and humanities. Attracted to our lectures, the library, and access to JSTOR, more than six thousand scholars visited CEMA last year – so many that we had to purchase a fourth public computer. While we would like to think that all of these visitors are ‘future Maghrib specialists,’ in reality, many are simply undergraduate and graduate students who use CEMA as a welcoming study space.

None of this could have been possible without the encouragement and support of AIMS and the Algerian Ministries of Higher Education and Scientific Research and Foreign Affairs. We could not be where we are without the solidarity of AIMS members and the Algerian research community. If you haven’t been to Algeria or CEMA yet, please come. Algeria is a wonderful place. CEMA and the Algerian research community look forward to welcoming you.

*Robert P. Parks*
Since 2007, CEMA has worked closely with local academic community and Algerian public institutions alike. CEMA has worked hard to coordinate research and frame intellectual collaboration between researchers from Algeria and abroad. Our lectures, workshops, conferences, and short courses (English Training Courses, Methodology Courses, etc.) promote continued national and transnational inter-university collaboration, intensifying links between researchers interested in Algeria and the Maghrib from all over the world. All these activities have an impact on the academic research in Algeria, the Maghrib and the United States. In my opinion, and from the point of view of an associate researcher at the Centre de Recherche en Anthropologie Sociale et Culturelle, CEMA’s dense cooperation projects has played a role in the recent social sciences revival in Oran.

In order to bring enhanced focus on Algerian research activities and output, CEMA promises more special lecture series and conferences on Maghrebi and Saharan research (such as our Student Lectures, ‘The Oran Lectures,’ ‘The Saharan Lectures,’ et cetera). CEMA continues to contribute to Maghrebi research through these activities and other joint efforts with universities and research centers across North Africa.

The success of CEMA activities would not have been possible without the dynamism of AIMS, AIMS members, and of our Algerian friends and colleagues. I would like to thank all of them for supporting us over the past five years and into the future.  

Karim Ouaras

NEW PROGRAM: Reading English-Language Texts in the Social Sciences

Over the past five years, we have received hundred requests for English language training from our peers in the social science research community. Thanks to a generous grant from the American Embassy Public and Cultural Affairs section in Algiers, we no longer have to tell people that we do not have the funds to do this. Next month, CEMA will offer a twenty-four week course on how to read English-language texts in the social sciences.

Participants will be doctoral students and young instructors who have recently received their Ph.D. from four Algerian higher education institutions: the Centre de Recherche en Anthropologie Sociale et Culturelle (CRASC); the École Nationale d’Enseignement Supérieur et Technique (ENSET); the Laboratoire de Recherche sur l’Anthropologie de la Santé (GRAS); and the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Oran. Nine scholars from each institution are participating, and judging from what our colleagues at these institutions are saying, demand is great.

University of Oran Professor of Comparative Literature, Si Mohammed ‘Hami’ Lakhdar Barka, will run this pilot program. Hami wrote his dissertation on Anglophone West African literature at the University of Algiers and has more than thirty years of teaching experience. He has proposed that the courses focus on the canon of Anglophone anthropology on the Maghrib. We are delighted to have such a good friend and colleague on board.

We are very excited about this pilot program. Given both the intensity of demand and quality of pedagogical, we are confident that we will be reporting on its success at next year’s MESA.
SAHARAN STUDIES AT CEMA

CEMA is looking South! It is actively taking a lead in promoting Saharan Studies, an initiative that will foster academic exchange and research collaboration between scholars from North Africa and sub-Saharan universities. The recent co-organized conferences by the West Africa Research Association and AIMS in 2009 in Tangier, Morocco, and 2011 in Niamey, Niger, are a testimony to the importance of not only establishing lines of communication between scholars on both sides of the Sahara but also strengthening them. CEMA hopes to build on these foundations.

The CEMA Saharan Book Collection

Two years ago, CEMA purchased 232 books from a private German library. Focused on the Sahara, they are the core of what we hope will someday be a very important collection at CEMA. While most of the volumes are from the middle / late colonial period (1910-1962) and early post-colonial era, several of the books date from the nineteenth century, such as:


New Lecture Series on the Greater Sahara:

‘THE SAHARAN LECTURES’

Once we had purchased the Saharan book collection, we began to think about how we might best exploit this new holding. Inspired by the joint West African Research Association (WARA) and AIMS conference series, “Saharan Crossroads: Views from the North and South,” we approached the Centre de Recherche en Anthropologie Sociale et Culturelle (CRASC) with an idea to promote a bi-annual lecture series on the Sahara region, called “The Saharan Lectures.”

“The Saharan Lectures” underscore the historical cultural, economic, and political ties that bind the various peoples of the Saharan region, not only to themselves, but also with the Northern Maghrib and Sahel. Dr. Ghislaine Lydon from UCLA Department of History inaugurated the series in February 2011 with a discussion on economic *fetwa* in the Trans-Saharan trade titled: “Local Options, Trans-local Concerns: A Reflection on Fatwa Literature in Northwestern Africa from the Tenth to the Nineteenth Century.” In September 2011, anthropologist Dr. Judith Scheele from All Souls’ College at the University of Oxford gave the second lecture titled: “The Foggara Enigma: Commerce, Credit, and Agriculture in the Pre-Colonial Touat.” Too focusing on the economic ties that bind the Maghrib to the Sahel, Dr. Scheele’s discussion was based on a chapter from her forthcoming book on the Sahara.

Working with our colleagues at the West African Research Center (WARC), in Dakar Senegal and with the Centre Nationale de Recherche Préhistoriques, Anthropologiques et Historiques (CRNPAH), in Algiers, we hope to identify and invite a range of scholars from the Maghrib, the Sahel and beyond to participate.
‘THE ORAN LECTURES’
In October 2009, CEMA and the University of Oran Faculty of Social Sciences created a new lecture series called ‘The Oran Lectures.’ The goal of ‘The Oran Lectures’ is three-fold: 1) to diversify the social sciences in Oran by bringing non-Orani North African and international scholars to lecture on their most recent empirical work and methodological innovations; 2) to introduce Orani social scientists with their peers from the Maghrib and beyond; 3) and to also introduce these scholars to the new generation: students from Algerian Masters and Doctoral programs.

Guest lecturers are asked to prepare two talks, one public, one closed. The public talk is based on their most recent research, and primarily targets the established Algerian research community. The second talk is reserved to graduate students from the Faculty of Social Sciences, and focuses on sharing new methodology and techniques for doing field research.

Past Lectures
- “Women, Identity and Public Spheres in the Maghrib” by Professor Mohammed Kerrou, Department of Political Science, University of Tunis.
- “Women in the Arab World: Progression Toward a Research Agenda” by Professor Rita el-Khayat, Department of Anthropology, University of Chieti.
- “Forms of Collective Identity in the Maghrib” by Professor Hassan Rachik, Faculty of Social Science, University of Casablanca.
- “Local Mutations in Mozab Ibadite Society” by Professor Fatma Oussedik, Department of Sociology, University of Algiers.
- “The Normative Foundations of Public-Private Relations in the Maghrib: A North-South Comparison” by Professor Nadir Marouf, Department of Anthropology, University of Picardie.
- “The Language Question in Algeria” by Professor Khaoula Taleb Ibrahimi, Faculty of Languages, University of Algiers.
- “Neighborhood Politics: The PPA Between the Casbah and Belcourt, 1939-1954” by Professor Omar Carlier, Department of History, University of Paris VII.
- “Shrinking Space: Geographical Reflections on Palestine” by Professor Sid Ahmed Souiah, Department of Geography, University of Cercy-Pontoise.
- “The Politics of Urbanism in the Maghrib” by Professor Nadir Boumaza, Department of Geography, University Pierre Mendez.
- “Soccer as a Social Field” by Professor Stéphane Beaud, Department of Sociology, École Normale de Paris.
- “Legal Documents and Institutions in the Beylik of Tunis” by Professor Sami Bargaoui, Department of History, University of Tunis.

Putting Faces to Names: ‘The Oran Lectures’ in Photo

Left Photo: Professor Mohamed Kerrou, University of Tunis, and colleagues.
Right Photo: Professor Khaoula Taleb Ibrahimi, University of Algiers, and colleagues.
CEMA’S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

CEMA is more than just a space; it is a partnership. Without the goodwill and efficiency of our partners, and their drive to see continually strengthening Algerian-American academic and intellectual relations, CEMA could not exist. There are too many individual supporters to thank separately here. You know who you are, and you know how happy we are for your continued support. Below is a list of the most important institutional partners we would like to expressly thank.

AIMS / CAORC

CEMA’s activities continue to benefit from the financial support of our parent organizations. CEMA is the American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS) Overseas Research Center in Oran, Algeria, and it is one of three centers that AIMS operates throughout North Africa. AIMS is a member of the Council for American Overseas Research Centers and we are the only member of CAORC to operate throughout an entire region. Funding from both organizations helps finance Algerian research trips to other Maghrebi countries, as well as run its regular and special lecture series.

CAORC actively encourages collaboration between AIMS and the West African Research Association (WARA), specifically in our various Sahara initiatives: CAORC played a federating role in our two AIMS-WARA conferences, and financed Dr. Ghislaine Lydon’s inaugural Saharan Lecture earlier this year. CAORC also negotiated CEMA access to JSTOR – a major center attraction. Finally, through CAORC, AIMS is sponsoring the 2012 Getty Research Exchange Fellowship Program for the Mediterranean Basin and Middle East. In 2012, CEMA will host Mediterranean-basin scholars for a six-week project, Art and Archaeology of the Sacred. This program of research fellowships and seminar will build cooperative networks among scholars from the Mediterranean Basin and Middle East whose research and professional interests focus on art and archaeology. The program will draw on the resources, facilities, and contacts of CEMA to enable the recipients to further their research and to build professional networks in Algeria.

United States Embassy in Algiers

CEMA-Embassy relations are cordial and enduring. His Excellency Henry Ensher was introduced to AIMS before he became United States Ambassador to Algeria in August 2011: all five Algeria experts invited to brief him in June are long-time AIMS members! In October, Chargé d’Affaires Elizabeth Aubin organized a dinner in honor of CEMA for the six AIMS scholars attending the Algerian Ministry of Culture’s conference on the Arab Spring: Laryssa Chomiak, John Entelis, Robert Mortimer, William Quandt, Yahia Zoubir, and Stephen Zunes. And we could never offer our new program, Reading English-Language Texts in the Social Sciences, without support from Public Affairs Officer Tashawna Bethea. Mrs. Bethea and her section have been remarkably energetic and generous, backing AIMS-CEMA’s mission to encourage Algerian-American and Algerian-Maghrebi intellectual cooperation. CEMA thanks the American Embassy for its on-going support.

Algerian Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research

CEMA also has excellent relations with the Algerian Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MESRS), our key partner in Algeria. The Ministry is very committed to the spirit of the protocol it signed with AIMS in 2004. The number and density of collaborative projects between CEMA and the Ministry’s universities and research institutes is a testament to this relationship. In addition to sponsoring the two AIMS conferences organized in Oran, Ottoman Influences in North Africa (2007) and Viewing the Scene: the Local and the Global in North Africa (2010), well over three-quarters of CEMA lectures are jointly organized with the Ministry’s research institutes and universities. Noteworthy examples of this are ‘The Oran Lectures,’ organized with the University of Oran Faculty of Social Science, and ‘The Saharan Lectures,’ organized with the Centre de Recherche en Anthropologie Sociale et Culturelle. Without the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, and its local institutions, the CEMA project would be impossible. CEMA, AIMS, and CAORC are very grateful for this very good partnership, and look forward to further identifying new and multiplying existing venues of cooperation.
Algerian Embassy in Washington, D.C.
The Algerian Embassy in Washington, D.C. too continues to promote the spirit of the 2004 protocol. Its good offices have issued visas to more than a hundred American scholars applying to do research in Algeria. Its unwavering and continued support needs to be highlighted. AIMS, CEMA and CAORC sincerely thank His Excellency Abdallah Baali and his Consular Services for the considerable amount of work they do to promote US-Algerian intellectual exchange.

Regular LECTURE SERIES

In addition to ‘The Oran Lectures’ and ‘The Saharan Lectures,’ CEMA has a regular lecture series that spotlights Algerian, American, and international research. Between October 2010 and present, CEMA organized forty-eight lectures, listed below. CEMA lectures are generally held in the Michael Suleiman Conference Room, which takes its name from political scientist Michael Suleiman, an early supporter, and major library donator. While Michael passed away in 2010, his name and memory carry on at CEMA.

New technology is changing how we do things, and affects CEMA two ways. First, CEMA is happy to announce that beginning in December 2011, it will film its lectures and post them on its website so that scholars in and outside of Algeria can virtually attend. Second, we have now successfully organized two videoconferences with partners outside of Algeria. CEMA looks forward to being contacted by AIMS members who would like to use this new technology to project Algerian scholars into their classrooms and vice-versa.

2010-2011 Lectures in the Michael Suleiman Conference Room

- “Risk Management in Algerian Industry,” 17 October 2010. Dr. Abdelkader Belkhatri, RITE Laboratory Research Associate
  Dr. Omar Bouamran, RITE Laboratory Research Associate
  “Monitoring Security and Bayesian Newtorks”
  Mr. Khadir Abdelkrim, Manager AFIA International
  “Safety Measures at AFIA International”
  Ms. Hakima Hamida, Department of Industrial Risks and Safety, Sonatrach-Aval
  “Work Culture and Safety: The Case of Sonatrach-Aval”
  Working day organized by the Laboratory of Industrial and Environmental Risks, Univ. d’Oran

  Dr. Moussa Kacem, Department of Biology, Université d’Oran es-Senia
  Conference co-organized by CEMA and the CCF, Science Week

  “Biodiversity: Assessment and Perspectives”
  Dr. Abderrezak Djabeur, Biologist, Université des Sciences et de Tech. d’Oran (USTO)
  “Algerian Flora: Toward Preservation”
  Dr. Meriem Kaid Harche. Biologist, USTO
  Working day co-organized by CEMA and the CCF, Science Week

  Dr. Amine Bougdhene Stambouli. Engineer. USTO
  Conference co-organized by CEMA and the CCF, Science Week

  Dr. Abdelouahib Mokhbi. Biologist. Université Mentouri de Constantine
  Conference co-organized by CEMA and the CCF, Science Week

- “Place and Efficiency of Terrain in Human Development,” 28 October 2010.
  Dr. Hassini Tsaki. Biologist. Université d’Oran es-Senia
  Co-organized by CEMA and the CCF, Science Week

- “The Mitidja: Myths and Realities,” 7 November 2010.
  Dr. Amar Imache, Agricultural Engineer. Université de Montpellier
  Dr. Tarik Hartani, Dean of International Relations. École Normale Supérieur-Paris
  Dr. Samia Bouarfa, Biologist. École Polytechnique d’Alger
  Dr. Marcel Kuper, Environmental Studies, Institut Agronomique et Vétérinaire de Rabat
  Round Table co-organized by CEMA and the CCF Oran, Science Week
  Dr. Ammara Bekkouche, AIMS Grantee, Urban Planner, CRASC
  Conference organized by CEMA

• “The Language Question in Algeria,” 25 November 2010.
  Dr. Khoulala Taleb Ibrahim, Sosciologist, Université d’Alger
  ‘The Oran Lecture’ co-organized by CEMA and the Fac. of Soc. Sciences, Univ. of Oran

  Mr. Karim Ouaraas, Sosciologist, Université d’Alger, CEMA Associate Director
  Conference co-organized by CEMA and the Centre Pierre Claverie

  Dr. Lahouari Addi, Institute for Political Studies, University of Lyon
  Conference co-organized by CEMA and CRASC

  Dr. Omar Carlier, History, University of Paris VII
  ‘The Oran Lecture’ co-organized by CEMA, CCF, and the Fac. of Soc. Sc., Univ. of Oran

  Dr. Sid Ahmed Souiah. University of Cercy-Pontoise
  ‘The Oran Lecture’ co-organized by CEMA, CCF, and the Fac. of Soc. Sc., Univ. of Oran

  “Police Repression and the 14 July 1953 Algeria Nationalist Demonstrations in Paris”
  Dr. Emmanuel Blanchard. University of Versailles / Saint-Quentin-en Yvelines
  “Comrades of the Shuyukh: Leftist and the Association of Ulemas in Oran, 1917-1939”
  Ms. Claire Marynower, Institute d’Études Politiques – Paris
  Working Day co-organized by CEMA and CRASC.

• “Local Options, Trans-local Concerns: A Reflection on Fatwa Literature in Northwestern Africa from the Tenth to the Nineteenth Century,” 9 March 2011.
  Dr. Ghisalaye Lydon, History, University of California at Los Angeles
  ‘The Saharan Lecture’ co-organized by CEMA and CRASC, supported by CAORC

  Dr. Malika Rahal, History, Institut d’histoire du temps present, CNRS
  Conference co-organized by CEMA and CCF

  Dr. Laurie Brand, Carnegie Grantee, Political Science, University of Southern California
  Dr. Hassan Remaoun, History, Univ. of Oran / CRASC
  Workshop co-organized by CEMA and CRASC

• “Notary Sources and the Social History of Beylical Tunis,” 30 March 2010.
  Dr. Sami Bargaoui, Historian, University of Tunis
  The Oran Lecture’ co-organized by CEMA, CCF, and the Fac. of Soc. Sc., Univ. of Oran

• “From Akfadou to Colorado: Memoires of Col. Amirouche’s Particular Secretary,” 26 Apr. ’11.
  Dr. Hammou Amirouche, Political Scientist, University of San Diego
  CEMA Conference, Moderated by Dr. Saddek Benkada, CRASC

• “Reflections on Fieldwork and Methodology,” 26 April 2011.
  Dr. Hugh Roberts, Political Scientist, Tufts University
  Closed methodology seminar co-organized by CEMA and CRASC

  Dr. Stéphane Beaud, Sociologist, École Normale Supérieur – Paris
  ‘The Oran Lecture’ co-organized by CEMA, CCF, and the Fac. of Soc. Sc., Univ. of Oran

• “Popular Assembly Elections and State-Society Negotiations in Kabylia during the First Decade of Independence,” 27 April 2011.
  Dr. Hugh Roberts, Political Scientist, Tufts University
  Conference co-organized by CEMA and CRASC, Moderated by Dr. Saddek Benkada

• “Reflections on Fieldwork and Methodology,” 28 April 2011.
  Dr. Stéphane Beaud, Sociologist, École Normale Supérieur – Paris
  Methodology seminar co-organized by CEMA, CCF, and the Fac. of Soc. Sc., Univ. of Oran

• “The Enigma of the Kingdom of Koukou,” 28 April 2011.
  Dr. Hugh Roberts, Political Scientist, Tufts University
  Conference co-organized by CEMA and CRASC, Moderated by Dr. Mohand Ameur, CRASC

  Dr. Clement Henry, Political Scientist, Univ. of Texas at Austin / American Univ.of Cairo
  Conference co-organized by CEMA and the Institute for the Development of Human Resources, Moderated by Dr. Saddek Benkada

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  Dr. Todd Shepard, Historian, Johns Hopkins University
  CEMA Conference, Moderated by Dr. Saddek Benkada
• “Reflections on Fieldwork and Methodology,” 30 May 2011.
  Dr. Nadir Boumaza, Social Geographer, Pierre Mendez University
  Methodology seminar co-organized by CEMA, CCF, and the Fac. of Soc. Sc., Univ. of Oran
  Dr. Nadir Boumaza, Social Geographer, Pierre Mendez University
  ‘The Oran Lecture’ co-organized by CEMA, CCF, and the Fac. of Soc. Sc., Univ. of Oran
• “Litigation and Land Policy in Algeria,” 1 June 2011.
  Dr. Nadir Marouf, Anthropologist, University of Picardie-Jules Verne
  CEMA Conference, Moderated by Dr. Saddek Benkada
  Dr. Judith Scheele, Anthropologist, All Souls' College, University of Oxford
  ‘The Saharan Lecture’ co-organized by CEMA and CRASC
  Dr. Anissa Bouayed, Historian, University of Paris / CRASC
  Dr. Laurie Brand, Political Scientist, University of Southern California
  Dr. Olivia Harrison, French Literature, University of Southern California
  Mr. Ali Haroun, Former FLN-F Leader, Minister of Human Rights
  Dr. Amar Mohand-Amer, Historian, CRASC
  Dr. Hassan Remaoun, Historian, University of Oran / CRASC
  Video Conference organized by the University of Southern California, CEMA and CRASC
  Dr. Clement Henry, Political Scientist, American University of Cairo
  Dr. Robert P. Parks, Political Scientist, CEMA
  Video Conference organized by the American University of Cairo, CEMA, and the Middle East Institute-Singapore
• “Healing Muslim Women in Colonial Algeria, 1900-1930,” 15 November 2011.
  Dr. Claire Fredj, Historian, University of Paris-Nanterre
  Conference co-organized by CEMA and the Laboratoire de Recherche en Anthropologie de la Santé
• For an exhaustive list of CEMA conferences today, see the annex of this newsletter.

The Regular CEMA Lecture Series in Photos
2010-2011 CEMA Scholars

**Dr. Hamou Amirouche**, University of San Diego, “From Akfadou to Colorado: Memoires of Col. Amirouche’s Particular Secretary”

**Prof. Stéphane Beaud**, École Normale Supérieur – Paris, “Football as a Social Arena: Another Look at the ‘Bleus’s South African Strike”

**Mr. Eric Bird**, University of Oxford, “From Akfadou to Colorado: Memoires of Col. Amirouche’s Particular Secretary”


**Prof. Nadir Boumaza**, Pierre Mendez University, “The Politics of Urbanism in the Maghrib”

**Prof. Omar Carlier**, History, University of Paris VII, “Neighborhood Politics: The PPA Between the Casbah and Belcourt, 1939-1954”

**Ms. Julie Champrenault**, Institut d’Études Politiques – Paris, “Cultures and Empire: a Theater Society in Colonial Situation”

**Mr. Luc Chauvin**, Institut d’Études Politiques – Lyon, “Rap Music, Languages and Identities in Algeria”

**Dr. Laryssa Chomiak**, CEMAT Director, Attended Arab Spring Conference, Algerian Ministry of Culture


**Ms. Muriam Davis**, New York University, “Development and Decolonization: European Integration and the Constantine Plan in Algeria, 1958-1962”

**Ms. Virginia DiGaetano**, McGill University, “Parallel Trajectories: Economic and Social Relations Between Algeria and France”


**Dr. Neil Doshi**, University of Pittsburg, “Memories of Liberation: Popular Theater in Independent Algeria”

**Mr. Moritz Feichtinger**, Universität Bern, “Les Nouveaux Villages: Camps de Regroupement and Resistance in Colonial Algeria”

**Ms. Corisande Fenwick**, Stanford University, “Landscapes of Power: Fashioning State and Subject in Late Antique and Medieval North Africa, 500-800”

**Mr. Nathan Fonder**, Harvard University, “The Bureaux Arabes in Colonial Algeria”

**Dr. Claire Fredj**, University of Paris, “Healing Muslim Women in Colonial Algeria, 1900-1930.”

**Dr. Alexandra Gueydan**, Swarthmore College, “Kaleidoscopic Visions of Algeria(s): Writing at Home and Abroad”

**Prof. Clement Henry**, University of Texas at Austin / American University of Cairo, “The Algerian Muslim Students’ General Union (UGEMA), 1955-1962”


**Mr. Dennis Kumetat**, London School of Economics, “Renewable Energy Policy in OAPEC States”


**Dr. Abderrahman Ounissi**, University of Tunis, “Tuberculosis in Colonial Algeria”

**Dr. Hugh Roberts**, Tufts University, “The Enigma of the Kingdom of Koukou”

**Dr. Judith Scheele**, All Souls’ College, University of Oxford, “The Foggara Enigma: Commerce, Credit, and Agriculture in the Pre-Colonial Touat”

**Dr. Todd Shepard**, Johns Hopkins University, “French Laïcité: Between Zionism and Algerian Nationalism”

**Ms. Farida Souiah**, Institut d’Études Politiques – Paris, “Harraga Phenomenon in Algeria”

Dr. Sid Ahmed Souiah, University of Cercy-Pontoise, “Shrinking Space: Geographical Reflections on Palestine”
A Note from CEMA Intern Ms. Virginia DiGaetano, Ph.D. Candidate, Université de Paris

My doctoral research concerns the informal relations between Algeria and France, and the way in which the historical difficulties between the two states are present and indeed reproduced through the movement of people, goods and ideas along these channels. As such, I have spent the past two and a half years traveling between Algeria and France in order to observe these phenomena, and have been based in Oran, Algeria, since June 2010. Due to both my areas of interest as well as my academic and professional background, I was able to assist CEMA as a research intern. During my time with CEMA, I assisted in the maintenance of daily activities both in the center and via their online resources, and eventually became involved in researching more specific topics concerning art and archaeological resources throughout Algeria. I believe that the results of my participation in CEMA’s initiatives will make a positive contribution to their already existing resources, and that my continuing dissertation research will continue to be indebted to the academic mission of the center and its directors.

Virginia DiGaetano

CEMA Library & Library Partners

As noted above, CEMA library continues to grow, thanks to the valued and valuable donations AIMS scholars have made over the years. Our collection is now close to 3000 volumes in English, French, and Arabic. And the paper collection is buttressed by access to millions of articles on JSTOR. In addition to the regular library collection, we also house special collections, such as the Saharan Collection, the Debates of the 1962-1963 Algerian Constituent Assembly, the entire War of Independence collection of Moudjahid, the FLN’s paper, and an important collection of close to 400 maps, most of which date from the colonial period. Researchers can get basic metadata for these documents on our online catalogue, in collaboration with the Digital Library for International Research.

CEMA is happy to announce that in collaboration with the Centre de Recherche en Anthropologie Sociale et Culturelle it is scanning its entire map collection as well as the Debates of the 1962-1963 Algeria Constituent Assembly. These documents will be preserved for future generations, and now be accessible to a larger body of Algerian and international scholars.

2010-2011 Algerian AIMS Maghrebi Grant Recipients:
The following Algerian scholars received an AIMS grant for research in Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, or Tunisia in 2010 and 2011. CEMA sends them a sincere congratulation!

- Dr. Amara Bekkouche
- Dr. Amel Boubekeur
- Dr. Lila Chabane
- Dr. Yasmina Chaid Saouidi
- Dr. Belkacem Iratni
- Dr. Djaouida Lassel
- Dr. Amina Leghima
- Dr. Hind Amel Mostari
- Dr. Ouerdia Yermeche

2010 Algerian AIMS Maghrebi Grantee, Dr. Amara Bekkouche
GETTY FELLOWSHIPS
The Getty Foundation awards grants through CAORC and the American Overseas Research Centers for foreign scholars to do research relating to Mediterranean Studies. CEMAT organizes the competition each year for Tunisian scholars. CEMA happily works closely with these scholars during the grant-writing process.

The 2010 Getty Fellowship was awarded to Dr. Amara Bekkouche and Dr. Hocine. Dr. Bekkouche used her grant to study the role and use Murdoch Park in post-independence Casablanca; Dr. Hocine travelled to Istanbul to compare Sufi manuscripts located in the Turkish National Archives with a collection he had already identified at the zawiya of Ali Bin Umar, located in Tolga, Algeria.

The 2011 Getty Fellowship was awarded to Dr. Halima Belhandouz, Dr. Anissa Daoudi, and Dr. Azeddine Belakehal. Dr. Belhandouz worked on the use of language in popular tales in Morocco. Dr. Daoudi’s timely project took her to Egypt and Tunisia, where she studied Internet use. Finally, Dr. Belakehal’s project focused on the architecture of pre-colonial residences in Tunis.

The 2012 Getty Fellowship Competition was announced in November 2011. Applicants are invited to apply for research in Algeria on “Art and Archaeology of the Sacred” or in Turkey to work on “Vision and Visual Culture in Byzantium”.

Up Coming Events at CEMA
CEMA is currently preparing the 2012 “Art and Archaeology of the Sacred” Getty Seminar. The seminar will bring five to six fellows to Algeria for a six-week program of seminars and research. We are currently working closely with Dr. Nacéra Benseddik, an archaeologist from the Algiers School of Fine Arts, in preparation for the event.

CEMA is also currently discussing the possibility of organizing a conference marking the 50th anniversary of Algerian independence with several local institutions. While nothing yet is concrete, we hope to have news for AIMS members by the next newsletter.

2010 AIMS Conference Participants,
Oran, Algeria
CEMA Regular Lecture Series (2007-2011)

• “American Politics and the Middle East: The Bush Moment,” Prof. William Quandt, University of Virginia
• “French Administration and the ‘Indigenous Question,’” Dr. Benjamin Brower, UT Austin
• “A Bitter Return: the Social History of Algerian Former Combatants: 1945-1962,” Dr. Thomas De Georges, American University of Sharjah
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