



Baha Abu-Laban, *An Olive Branch on the Family Tree: The Arabs in Canada* (1980)

16:30 - 18:30 Panel 5

Transnationalism: Between the Arab World and North America

Discussant: Jonathan Adjemian
(York University)

- Amir Al-Azraqi (University of Toronto): *Waiting for Obama: The Forgotten Blacks in Iraq*
- Andrew Gayed (Carleton University): *The Exilic Aesthetic: Articulations of Patriotism by the Expatriate*
- Mark Ayyash (Mount Royal University): *Writing the Erasure of Homeland*

18:30-18:45 Closing Remarks

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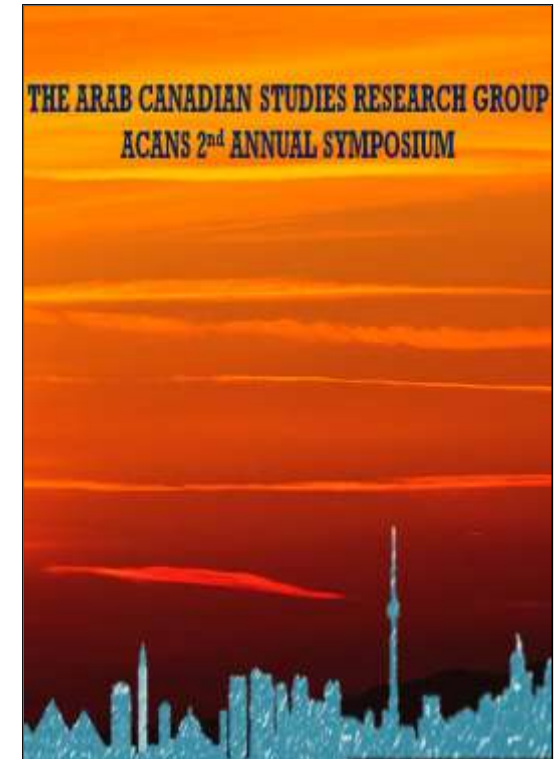
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH Founders College, Room 305

9:00 - 9:30 Registration and Coffee

9:30 - 10:00

Introductory Remarks on Participants and Major Questions by Walid El Khachab and Ratiba Hadj-Moussa

Welcoming Remarks

- Associate Dean External Affairs, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, Thabit A.J. Abdullah
- Master of Founders College, Mauro Buccheri

10:00 - 12:00 Panel 1

Immigration and Citizenship
Discussant: Thabit A.J. Abdullah (York University)

- Yasmeen Abu Laban (University of Alberta): *Our Home and Native Land: Arab Canadians and the Antinomies of Canadian Citizenship and Belonging*
- May Telmissany (University of Ottawa): *The Right to Nomadic Citizenship: Arab Canadians and the Arab Revolutions*
- Qais Ghanem & Elie Nasrallah (Authors): *My Arab Spring, My Canada*

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch

13:00 - 14:00 Keynote Address

KAMAL AL-SOLAYLEE (Ryerson University): *My Journey to Canada* (Based on his book *Intolerable*)

14:00 - 14:15 Coffee Break

14:15 - 16:15 Panel 2

Arab Canadians and the Media
Discussant: Rachad Antonius (UQAM)

- Ahmed Al Rawi (Erasmus University): *The Media Consumption Patterns of Arab Canadians*
- Radamis Hany (University of Ottawa): *Location of Social Movements: Comparing the Canadian Press Framing Strategy of Social Movements Home and Abroad*
- Dina Salha (University of Ottawa): *The West Within the Rest: Émigré Films and the Empathic Imagination of Social Mobility Within the Arab Diaspora.*

16:15 - 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 - 18:00 Film Screening and Presentation
B.H. Yael (OCAD): *Arab Jewish Exile*

"I wanted it (Canadian Citizenship) so badly for one reason: Canada, or at least Toronto, was home. It was the fifth country I had lived in but the one that welcomed me the most. I loved its liberal society and what was then its neutral stance in the Middle East."

Kamal Al-Solaylee, *Intolerable: A Memoir of Extremes* (Toronto Book Award 2013)

THURSDAY, MARCH 6TH Founders College, Room 305

9:00-9:30 Registration and Coffee

9:30 - 11:30 Panel 3

Canada, the Arabs and the World

Discussant: Sabah Elnasseri (York University)

- Mary-Kay Bachour (University of Toronto): *Transnational Identities, Colonial Legacies and Sectarian Divisions in the Lebanese Diaspora*
- Danielle Blab (McMaster University): *The Aesthetic Turn Meets Critical Race Theory. The Racialization of Muslims in Homeland*



Keynote Speaker: Dr. Mona Nemer (University of Ottawa)

- Kyle Gamble (University of Toronto): *The Long Journey 'Home' in Intolerable and Niko*

11:30 - 12:00 Homage to Baha Abu-Laban: *Thirty Four Years of Arab Canadian Studies*

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch

13:00 - 14:00 Keynote Address

Introduced by Associate Vice-President Research, Walter Tholen (York University)

Dr. MONA NEMER, Vice-President Research (University of Ottawa): *Of Hearts and Bridges: Science and the Community*

14:00 - 14:15 Coffee Break

14:15 - 16:15 Panel 4

Secularism and Democracy

Discussant: Ratiba Hadj-Moussa (York University)

- Rachad Antonius (Université du Québec à Montréal): *Arabs and the Quebec Charter: a Complex Set of Relationships*
- Miloud Chennoufi (Canadian Forces College): *Secularism in Quebec: Identity Discourses and Illiberal Democracy*
- Muhammad Ali Khalidi (York University): *The Arab North American Intellectual as a Global Critic of Power. Edward Said in Conversation with Noam Chomsky*

16:15 - 16:30 Coffee Break