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The Egyptian Revolution of 1919: The Birth of the Modern Nation

A conference presented by
the British Egyptian Society,
the London Middle East Institute, SOAS University of London and
the Council for British Research in the Levant

The Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre, SOAS University of London
Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 March 2019

Conference Programme

Wednesday 27 March

- 09.00** Registration
- 09.30–09.45** Welcome and Introduction
The Rt Hon Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean,
James Watt and Dr Hassan Hakimian
on behalf of the BES, CBRL and LMEI
- 09.45–10.45** Session 1 **title tbc**
Keynote Speaker: **Professor Nabil Fahmy**
Dean of the School of Global Affairs and Public Policy at the American University in Cairo
- Chairman: **Professor Magdy Ishak Hanna**
Vice Chairman, British Egyptian Society
- 10.45** Refreshments

11.15–12.00 **Session 2** **Reflections on the 1919 Independence Movement**

Copts in the 1919 Revolution - An Exceptional Participation in Egyptian Political Life

Mounir Fakhry Abdel Nour

Former Egyptian Minister of Trade, Industry and Investment

Moderator: **Sir Derek Plumbly**

Former British Ambassador to Egypt

12.00–13.00 **Session 3** **The Great Theft of History: World War One and the Prelude to Revolution**

Professor Khaled Fahmy

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Sa'id Professor of Modern Arabic Studies, University of Cambridge

Moderator: **Sir Geoffrey Adams**

British Ambassador to Egypt

13.00 **Lunch**

14.00–15.15 **Session 4** **The Strategy and Tactics of the Protests**

Telegraphing Revolt: Protest Diffusion in the 1919 Egyptian Revolution

Dr Neil Ketchley

Lecturer in Middle East Politics, King's College London

Workers on the Canal, Camaraderie within Apartheid

Mohamed Elsayed

MA History, SOAS and Co-founder of Mubtada

Moderator: **Dr May Darwich**

Assistant Professor in the International Relations of the Middle East in the School of Government and International Affairs, Durham University

15.15 **Refreshments**

15.45–17.00 **Session 5** **Britain and Egypt**

The Wafd, the Royal Family and the British

Professor James Whidden

Professor, Department of History, Acadia University

‘No Very Fixed Ideas’. The Foreign Office, the High Commissioners and the Egyptian Nationalists

Dr C. W. Richard Long

Author of British Pro-Consuls in Egypt, 1914-1929

Moderator: **Roger Hardy**

Associate Fellow, Green Templeton College, Oxford

18.00–19.30

PUBLIC LECTURE

EGYPT IN THE WIDER CONTEXT OF POST-OTTOMAN POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE ARAB WORLD

Keynote Speaker: **Professor Eugene Rogan**

Professor of Modern Middle Eastern History, Director, St Antony’s College Middle East Centre, Oxford University

Chairman: **James Watt**

Chairman, Council for British Research in the Levant

Thursday 28 March

09.00–10.15 **Session 6** **The Role of Women in the Independence Movement**

A Ward of Their Own: Mothers, Medical Doctors and the Revolution of 1919

Professor Beth Baron

Distinguished Professor and Director, Middle East and Middle Eastern American Center, The City College of New York

Women and Gender in the 1919 Revolution and Beyond

Professor Margot Badran

Senior Fellow, Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Muslim Christian Understanding, Georgetown University

Moderator: **Nabila Ramdani**

Journalist, author of Women in the 1919 Egyptian Revolution

10.15 Refreshments

10.45–12.00 Session 7 The Historiography of the 1919 Revolution

From Nationalism to Islamism; Revolution, the Wafd and the Rise of the Muslim Brotherhood

Professor Philip Marfleet

Professor, School of Social Sciences, University of East London

Neither Wilson nor Lenin: an Intellectual History of the 1919 Revolution

Dr Hussein Omar

Assistant Professor in Global History, University College Dublin

Moderator: **Dr Anthony Gorman**

Senior Lecturer, Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures, University of Edinburgh

12.00–13.15 Session 8 Impact on Society and Minorities

Copts and the 1919 Revolution: Egyptian Identities and Nationalisms

Mark Bebawi

Doctoral Student, Rice University

The 1923 Egyptian Constitution and the Future of Elementary Education in Egypt

Dr Relli Shechter

Academic Visitor, Middle East Centre, St Antony's College, University of Oxford

Moderator: *tbc*

13.15 Lunch

14.15–15.00 Session 9 The Arts

Long Live Degenerate Art! Art as a Liberator for Egyptian Surrealists

Dr Omneya el Naggar

Department of Political Science, the American University of Cairo

Moderator: **Peter Mackenzie Smith**

Trustee, The British Egyptian Society

15.00–16.45

Session 10 The Revolution and its Influence on the Next Hundred Years (panel session)

Panellist: **Farid Khamis**
Chairman of the Board, British University in Egypt

Panellist: **Dr Anthony Gorman**
Senior Lecturer, Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures, University of Edinburgh

Panellist: **Mona Makram Ebeid**

Panellist: **Nabila Ramdani**
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Moderator: **Professor Robert Springborg**
Italian Institute of International Affairs

16.45–17.00

Closing Remarks: The Right Honourable Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean
Chairman, The British Egyptian Society

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