

RE-IMAGINING DEMOCRACY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN **Ottoman, Middle Eastern and North African perspectives c1780-1880**

Hilary Term: 11.15 Thursdays, Meeting Room 4, Humanities Building, ROQ

Tea and coffee served from 11.00

This informal group aims to promote cross-disciplinary conversation and mutual education about government, political culture and society in the Mediterranean region. It is not necessary to attend all sessions, but all interested are encouraged if possible to attend the opening session, where the group's aims and modes of proceeding will be discussed. No prior knowledge of the topic is required.

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Programme by week:

- 1 Reading group: introduction to the project and to this group**
All those interested in attending some sessions in this series are warmly encouraged to attend and join in discussion at this initial orientation session
Those who indicate interest in advance will be pre-circulated with the Introduction and Synergies chapters from the forthcoming book, Joanna Innes and Mark Philp (eds.), *Re-imagining Democracy in the Age of Revolutions*
- 2 Reading group: indigeneous political structures**
Karen Barkey, *Empire of Difference: the Ottomans in Comparative Perspective*, 2008
- 3 Seminar presentation:** Olivier Bouquet (Nice): Ottoman provincial administrators: work, mobility, careers
- 4 Reading group: political interactions and the movement of peoples**
Julia Clancy-Smith, *Mediterraneans*, 2010
- 5 Seminar presentation:** Amina Maslah (Rennes) on Sicily as a hinge for migration between Europe and North Africa
- 6 Reading group: the role of islands**
Thomas Gallant, *Experiencing Dominion: Culture, Identity and Power in the British Mediterranean*, 2002
- 7 Seminar presentation:** Mohamed-Salah Omri (Oriental Studies, Oxford), Al-Shidyaq and Malta as cultural entrepot
- 8 Seminar presentation:** Marc Aymes (Paris), Outlandish empire: sketches from the Ottoman archipelago

The programme will continue in Trinity Term, building on the foundations laid in Hilary to further explore political interactions and the exchange of ideas