

# **Conference: Regime-Critical Media and Arab Diaspora Challenges and Opportunities post-Arab Spring**

**5-6 Sep. 2019**

**4A.0.69**

**Organizer: Mediatized Diaspora (MEDIASP)**

**University of Copenhagen**

**Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies**



**Thursday Sep. 5 2019**

**Auditorium 4A.0.69**

**08.15-08.50** Registration

**09.00-09.15** *Project leader Ehab Galal and Head of Studies Annika Hvithamar*  
Welcome & practicalities

**09.15-10.15** *Naomi Sakr*

The Political Economy of Media that Criticize Arab Regimes: Reflections Funding, Staffing and Innovation.

**10.15-10.45** *Zenia Yonus*

Media Practices Among Syrians in Scandinavia.

**10.45-11.00** **COFFEE BREAK**

**11.00-11.30** *Jørgen B. Simonsen*

When is Change Change? The Arab Spring in Structural Context.

**11.30-12.00** *Mostafa Shehata*

Media Usage and Identity Formation Among Tunisian Diaspora in Europe

**12.00-12.30** *Thomas Fibiger*

Silencing the Voice of Bahrain? Regime Critical Media and Bahrain's London Diaspora.

**12.30-13.30** **LUNCH**

**13.30-14.30** *Myria Georgiou*

Bordering as a New Regime of Migration Governance in Europe and its Communicative Dimension.

**14.30-15.00** *Ehab Galal*

Converging Politics and Religion within Diaspora.

**15.00-15.15** **COFFEE BREAK**



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### DIASPORA MEDIA

**15.15-15.45** *Hanan Badr & Basma Elmahdy*

Habermas in Tahrir and Out Again: How Shrinking Public Sphere Affected Egyptian Journalists in Exile.

**15.45-16.15** *Rua Alsheikh*

The Role of Media Among Egyptian Diaspora in the UK During 2011. Egyptian uprising and Afterwards.

**16.15-16.45** *Ahmed El Gody*

Diaspora Network Journalism in post Egyptian Revolution.

**16.45-17.00 COFFEE BREAK**

### DIASPORA AND POLITICAL ACTIVISM

**17.00-17.30** *Joshua Sabih*

Inverted Diaspora: Community Media, Playing National Politics Among Moroccan Migrants in Belgium, France and Denmark.

**17.30-18.00** *Asmaa Azizi*

Between the Past and the Present. An Overview of Moroccan Immigrants' Mediatized Political Practices.

## Room 4A.0.68

### MEDIA FREEDOM AND RESTRAINTS

**15.15-15.45** *Jiyan Faris*

The Media System of Iraqi Kurdistan: Theoretical and Methodological Perspectives.

**15.45-16.15** *Mariam Alkazemi & Edward Boone*

An Exploration of the Influence of Media Freedoms in Six Arab Nations on Sentiments on Twitter.

**16.15-16.45** *Nawaf Altamimi*

New Media in the Hands of the New Arab Revolutionists.

**16.45-17.00 COFFEE BREAK**

### POLITICIZATION OF CRITICAL MEDIA

**17.00-17.30** *Christine Crone*

Turning Opposition Upside-down.

**17.30-18.00** *Mohammed Almahfali*

Discourse of Yemeni TV Channels and the Dilemma of Regime Criticism.



**Friday Sep. 6 2019**

**Auditorium 4A.0.69**

**09.00-10.00** *Tourya Gaaaybess*

Critical Media Censorship and Ownership.

**10.00-10.30** *Nadia Leihs*

A Case Study: Mada Masr- A Progressive Voice in Egypt and Beyond.

**10.30-10.45 COFFEE BREAK**

**THE CRITICAL POSITION OF SATELLITE TV**

**10.45-11.15** *Mohammed Alrmizan*

Arab Diasporic Media in Turkey: A story of a (Trans)national Regime-Critical Narratives in the Middle East.

**11.15-11.45** *Ismail Telci*

The Role of Media in Revolutionary Survival Strategy: Regime-Critical Egyptian TV Channels in Turkey.

**11.45-12.15** *Rana Arafat*

Towards a New Understanding of Digital Activism and Protest Mobilization in Diasporic Contexts: A Study on Arab Refugee Activists in Switzerland.

**12.15-13.15 LUNCH**

**13.15-14.00** *Carola Richter*

Arab Refugees' Media Produsage - A Source for Regime Criticism?

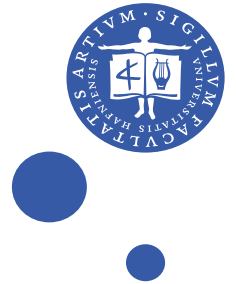
**SECOND WAVE OF ARAB SPRING**

**14.00-14.30** *Khalil Alagha*

Political Activism in the Age of Digital Media.

**14.30-14.45 COFFEE BREAK**

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**ARAB SPRING'S ARCHIVES**

**10.45-11.15** *Maj Ørskov*

Don't Steal Our Revolution.

**11.15-11.45** *Josepha I. Wessels*

Artistic Expression, Regime-Critical Activism and Social Networks of Syrians in Denmark and Sweden.

**11.45-12.15** *Gala Hernández*

Silvered Water Syria Self-Portrait: The Camera, a Weapon to the Regime?

**12.15-13.15 LUNCH**

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**CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

**14.00-14.30** *Kiki Santing*

Two Egyptian Journals During the early Mubarak Years.

**14.30-14.45 COFFEE BREAK**

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**14.45-15.15** *Farah Bahgat*

Where Freedom Exists, Quality Exists: Examining Journalistic Quality in Sudanese News Outlets in Sudan and Europe.

**15.15- 15.45** *Nofret B. Vilchis*

The Palestinian Journalistic Tradition. Difficulties of being Professional in a Troubled Fieldwork.

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**14.45-15.15** *Lana Kazkaz*

Political and Religious Polarization by New Opinion Leaders on Social Media.

**15.15-15.45** *Alessandra Burg*

Forced Mobility: Digital Nomads in Citizenship Deserts.



## Mediatized diaspora (MEDIASP) - Contentious politics among Arab media users in Europe \*

This project investigates the impact of mediatization on transnational political action formation among Arab diasporic communities in Europe after the Arab Spring in 2011. The project consists of four sub-projects studying and comparing the use and users of Syrian, Tunisian, Egyptian and Bahraini media.

The project will explore the mediatized diasporas by identifying the relations between political action formation in its various forms and media use in a transnational social sphere. Taking a point of departure from user practices, the analytical and theoretical perspectives are qualitative and interdisciplinary. The aim is to understand how multi-modal media use by Arab diasporas, eased by the access to different media platforms, stimulate or confine particular and context-sensitive political action formation across national borders.

### Central research questions

How have Arab diasporic communities in Europe used Arab media in transnational political action formation since 2011?

How does the use of different media platforms stimulate or confine particular diasporic action, and what does this mean for our understanding of mediatized diaspora?

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