

**DR. JENS-PETER HANSEN**  
*Curriculum Vitae*

A. **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

**PERSONAL**

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**DEGREES**

<u>Degree:</u>	<u>Year:</u>	<u>Institution:</u>
D.Phil., Modern History	2001	Oxford University
M.Phil., Oriental Studies	1995	Oxford University
B.A., Arabic & Islamic Studies (1 <sup>st</sup> class degree with Distinction)	1993	Durham University

- Title of Thesis: “*The Effect of Ottoman Rule on Fin de Siècle Beirut; The Province of Beirut, 1888-1914*”
- Supervisor: Dr. E.L. Rogan.

**EMPLOYMENT**

*Associate Professor*

- Present appointments: Dpts. of Historical Studies (UTM), History, Near & Middle Eastern Civilizations (NMC) - University of Toronto, St. George Campus:

*Assistant Professor*

July 2005-July 2010 (Tenure Track)

*Contractually Limited-Term Appointment*

July 2002-July 2005

- Appointment to graduate school: 2003

*Visiting Lecturer*

Summer semester 2002

- University of Erlangen, Centre for Contemporary Middle East Studies

*Tutor*

Trinity Term 1999

- Oxford University, Institute of Oriental Studies

*Postdoctoral Fellow*

October 2001-July 03

- Thyssen Foundation

## HONOURS

- Honouree, "Students' Administrative Council, Equity Commission", recognition of contribution in combating Islamophobia on campus.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

### Organisational Memberships:

- Middle East Studies Association (MESA) of North America
- Canadian Middle East Studies Association.
- Archnet.
- Planning Committee, International University of Baghdad (2003-06).

### Professional Activities:

- *MIT-EJMES*, Book Review Editor (2002-04), Editorial Board (2004-08).
- Screener for the International Dissertation Field Research Fellowships for Social Sciences and Humanities, SSRC, New York (2002-04).
- Nominating Committee for MESA president and board members, 2008-09.
- Committee for Academic Freedom in the Middle East and North America, 2008-present.

## ACADEMIC HISTORY

### RESEARCH AWARDS

Fellowship in the Research Cluster "Cultural Foundations of Integration" at the Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Konstanz, Germany, Oct. 09-Jul 10 (declined)

- Connaught New Staff Matching Grant, University of Toronto, 2008-09: *Self-fashioning Arabs: Political Culture, Aesthetics and the Quest for Modernity during the Arab Renaissance (1840-1920)*. Research Funding: Can. \$9,935.

- SSHRC Standard Research Grant, 2007. Recommended but not funded.

- SSHRC Aid to Research Workshop Grant, 2005: \$25,000

- Connaught New Staff Start-Up Grant, University of Toronto, 2005-2007: "Ottoman Governmentality." Research Funding: Can. \$10,000.

- Two-year postdoctoral project funded by the Thyssen Foundation: "Visions of a New Social Order; Sociological Dimensions of Arab Thought in the Nineteenth Century" (2001-05; second year staggered over three summer months, 2003-05). Sole co-investigator; principle investigator: Prof. T. Philipp, Univ. of Erlangen.

Total volume of research funding: DM 230,000.

- Research grant from the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft for a three-year, multi-disciplinary research project, *Das Viertel Zokak Al-Blat in Beirut; Geschichte, Struktur und Wandel eines Zentrumsnahen Wohnquartiers*; principle investigator: Prof. A. Neuwirth, Free University of Berlin. Eight co-investigators. (2001)

Total volume of research funding: Euro 200,000.

- Doctoral Research Fellowship of the DAAD, 1997-98 (18 months).

- Skilleter Scholarship for Ottoman Studies, Cambridge University for archival research in Istanbul, 1996 (4 months).

- Scatcherd Scholarship for European Studies, Oxford University, for research in France, April-Aug. 1996.

- Graduate Scholarship, Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC, UK) towards my M.Phil. (1993-95).

## **PRE-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS**

- Jan-March 2001: Socrates Fellow, at La Maison Méditerranéenne des Sciences de l'Homme (University of Aix-en-Provence/Marseille).
- 1998-99: Junior Research Fellow and Conference Organizer, Orient Institute in Beirut.
- Sept. 1998: Fellow at the Summer Academy of the Centre for Advanced Studies, Berlin. Participant in working group on *Islam and Modernity*. Topic: "Crisis and Memory in Islamic Societies," held in Beirut.
- 1997-99: Research Associate at the Center for Behavioral Research, American University of Beirut.
- 1996: Visiting Scholar, Orient Institute in Istanbul.
- 1996: Visiting Scholar, Institut des Recherches et d'Etudes sur le Monde Arabe et Musulman (IREMAM), Aix-en-Provence (France).

## **MEETINGS AND SYMPOSIA**

### **1. Symposia Organized And Convened**

#### 2009-10

Co-Convenor of a Jackman Working Groups seminar series on "Crossing Boundaries: New Perspectives on Middle Eastern and North African Studies" (Toronto)

#### 2009

Co-organizer (with my graduate students) and discussant of MESA Panel: "Counterspaces of Modernity in Turkey and Palestine." (November, Boston)

January

Co-organizer (with my graduate students) of a teach-in on "The War on Gaza"

#### 2005:

- "Notes from the Field; Prospects and Challenges for Canadian Research in Middle East and Islamic Studies Post 9/11" (November, Toronto)

#### 2004:

- Co-organizer of an International Workshop on: *Mapping The Mediterranean*. Funded by the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, held at the Orient Institute in Beirut. (December, Berlin)

#### 1999:

- *Arab Provincial Capitals in the late Ottoman Empire*. Six-day conference at the German Orient Institute, Beirut, in collaboration with the Lebanese Ministry of Culture and Higher Education, the American University of Beirut, the German Archaeological Institute in Damascus, University of Erlangen, the Economic and Social Council for Western Asia (United Nations). Funding raised: DM 35.000 from German National Research Council (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft); \$ 3.000 from Mellon Fund.

### **2. PRESENTATIONS HELD AT MEETINGS AND SYMPOSIA**

#### 2010

- October (Orient Institute, Beirut), "Reading Hannah Arendt in the Middle East," at conference on *European Totalitarianism in the Mirrors of Contemporary Arab Thought*.
- March (George Washington University), "History, Heritage and Modernity: Cities in the Muslim World Between Destruction and Reconstruction," at one-day symposium on *The urban imaginary: Cities in the Modern Middle East*.
- February (UCLA), "Nasif's Network: al-Yaziji and the emergence of an Arab 'oecumunity' of discourse," at two-day symposium on *Circuits and Networks: Muslim Interactions in the First Age of Globalization*.

2009

- May (Göttingen University), "*al-Nabha's Paradise: Aesthetics and the Botanical Imagination in the Arabic Renaissance*," at an international symposium on *Roads to Paradise: Eschatology and Concepts of the Hereafter in Islam*.

2008

- June (Oxford University), "After the War is Before the War is After the War: Urban Crises and Cultures in Modern Beirut." Presentation at *Negotiations of Space: the Politics and Planning of Destruction and Reconstruction in Lebanon*, conference at St. Antony's College.

2007:

- November (Montreal), "Metamorphoses in Ottoman Art of Government" *Middle East Studies Association* paper.

- Discussant, Panel "Cities at Stake," *Middle East Studies Association*

2006:

- Panellist at Roundtable organized by Near & Middle Eastern Civilization Undergraduate Students Union on Israel's Invasion of Lebanon.

- April (Salt Lake City) "Education After 1860; Missionaries, Arab Intellectuals and the Ottoman State" Invited presenter at symposium on *Diversity of Modern Arab Thought*, at the Tanner Center for the Humanities, University of Salt Lake City.

- March (Toronto), "Ottoman-Arab Governmentality; A History of Centre-Periphery Relations" Invited presenter at *Great Lakes Ottomanist Workshop*.

- Panellist: "The Jyllands-Posten Muhammad Cartoons Controversy" A public discussion at Hart House's Debating Chamber, (February, University of Toronto).

- Co-Organizer and panellist: "Cartoons of the Prophet Mohammad: Implications of the Crisis," University of Toronto Mississauga Campus.

2005:

- Chair and panel co-organizer, Middle East Studies Association, Washington, Nov. 19-22, 2005: "Between a Spring and a Fall: Lebanon and Syria at a Crossroads." (November)

- Roundtable organizer, Middle East Studies Association, Washington, Nov. 19-22, 2005: *Cities and the Making of the Modern Middle East*, and presenter: "Colonizing Baghdad"

- "Nafir Suriyya and the Creation of a Moral Society on Post-1860 Bilad Al-Sham." Conference: *The Roots of Liberal Thought in the Arab World*, (July, University of Erlangen).

2004:

- "Beirut Versus Damascus; The Struggle for a Provincial Capital" Workshop: *Mapping the Mediterranean*, Orient Institut Beirut, Lebanon. (December, Beirut)

- American Historical Association Meeting, Washington, D.C.: Organizing Committee's Special Panel on *Iraq Under Occupation*, based on our fact-finding Mission to Baghdad in June 2003. (January)

- Panellist on "Orientalism Beyond Germany: Perspectives From Central Europe, Russia and the Middle East" Roundtable discussant, Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto. (October)

2003:

- "Public Hygiene and Sexuality in 19th Century Lebanon" Conference on *Sexuality in the Middle East*. American University of Beirut. (December)

2002

- "Middle East History through Lefebvre-tinted Spectacles," Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Washington, DC. (November)

1999

- “Nineteenth Century Beirut: A Tanzimat City?” conference on *Building City, Building Nation: Space, History, Memory, Identity*. American University of Beirut (July)  
1998
- “Bayrut: Madinat lil-Tanzimat,” conference on *‘Asr al-Nabda: Muqaddimat Libraliyya lil-Hadatha* (The era of Arabic Revival: Liberal Preludes to Modernity). American University of Beirut (November)  
1997
- “Public Construction and the Ritual of Commemoration: Ottoman Public Image under Abdülhamid II,” conference on *Projecting Beirut: Episodes on the Construction and Reconstruction of a Modern City*. Graduate School of Design, Harvard University (April)

### 3. INVITED LECTURES

#### External:

2010

- “Translating Sectarianism: The Place of *Nafir Suriyya* (1860-61) in Modern Arab Culture” February, Hamburg University & FU Berlin (February)

2009:

- “Malhamé-Malfamé: The Ambiguity of Empire in the late Ottoman Levant,” Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies, Tufts University (January).

2008:

- “*Fin de Siècle* Beirut”, Middle East Center, Ohio State University (April).

2007:

- “Reforming Paradigms, Power and Places: 19<sup>th</sup> Century Middle Eastern Cities in Comparison” Middle East Center, University of Michigan (October).
- “*Fin de Siècle* Reflections on Beirut” 2006-07 Speaker Series: *New Directions in Ottoman Studies, Program in Ottoman Studies*, New York University (April)
- “Ottoman Governmentality: Explorations in Political Reason” Ottoman Research Workshop, New York University (April).

2006:

- “*Fin De Siècle Beirut.*” Near East Studies Department, Cornell University (April).

2005:

- “Beirut Versus Damascus: The ‘Cedar Revolution’ in Historical Perspective.” History Department, Oberlin College (February)

2004:

- “Historical Echoes and Territorial Blind Spots; The Beirut-Damascus Rivalry and the Arab Nationalisms Debate” History Department, Yale University (December).
- “Colonial and Post-Colonial Readings of *Fin De Siècle* Beirut.” History Department, Minnesota University (November).

2003:

- “Report from Iraq with B.H. Yael & Jens-P. Hanssen” Screening of my Baghdad Documentary and lecture on my experience in Iraq, hosts: Science for Peace (November).
- “Baghdad Under Occupation” Lecture at the American University of Beirut; host: Centre for Behavioral Research (October).

2001

- “Statuts, fonctions et des marginaux à Beyrouth à la fin de l’époque ottomane,” graduate seminar at the Université de Provence, Aix/Marseille. (January).

2000

- Domestic and Public Architecture in *fin de siècle* Beirut,” the British Museum, London (October).
- “Osman Hamdi Bey and the Saida Excavation of 1887,” Rhodes Race Relations Seminar, Oxford University (June).