

# Department of Middle Eastern Studies Research Lectures

## Lent 2025 Term Card

**Thursdays 5.15pm**

**Room 10, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies**

Tea and coffee from 5pm

ALL WELCOME

**23 January**

**Harry Munt**

*University of York*

Towards an environmental history of the early Islamic empire:  
the politics of water management in Umayyad and early Abbasid  
Medina

**6 February**

**Vevian Zaki**

*Ludwig Maximilianus Universität-Munich*

Waqf Tradition in Christian Arabic Manuscripts: Insights from  
St. Catherine's Monastery, Sinai

**20 February**

**Sally Abed**

*Trinity College Dublin*

Encountering 'Monsters' in Medieval Arab Culture

**6 March**

**Sonja Mejcher-Atassi**

*American University of Beirut*

An Impossible Friendship: Group Portrait, Jerusalem Before  
and After 1948