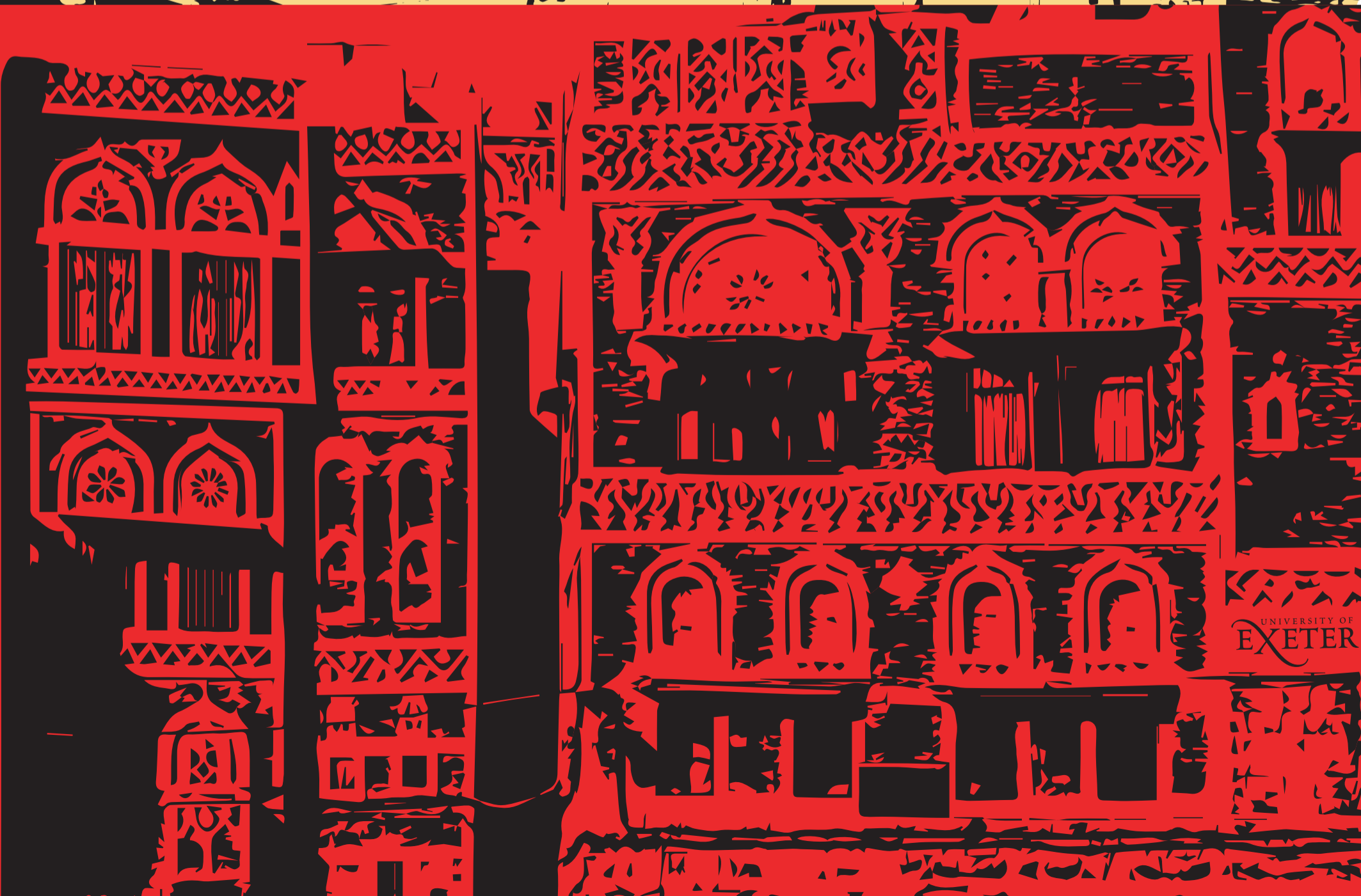


ZONES OF THEORY IN THE STUDY OF

YEMEN

31st EXETER GULF CONFERENCE

1st - 2nd July, 2019



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Programme

Monday 1st July

9:00 - 9:30 Tea and Coffee (IAIS Common Room)

9:30 - 10:00 Welcome Address (LT1): Gareth Stansfield (University of Exeter)

10:00 - 11:00 **Keynote:**

Steven Caton (Harvard University) –



11:00 - 11:30 Tea and Coffee

11:30 - 1:00 **Panel 1: Knowledge Production**

Chair: Ross Porter (University of Exeter)

Martha Mundy (London School of Economics) – Forgotten Terms: Agrarian Transformation and Class Formation in Yemen

Laurent Bonnefoy (Centre Français d'Archéologie et de Sciences Sociales, Kuwait) – What War Does to Social Scientists Working on Yemen

1:00 - 2:00 Lunch

2:00 - 3:30 **Panel 2: Research Perspectives on the South**

Chair: Marc Valeri (University of Exeter)

Susanne Dahlgren (Tampere University) – Studying the State in Yemen: Past, Present and Future of the South

Thanos Petouris (School of Oriental and African Studies, London) – The 1948 Port Workers' Strikes and the Transformation of Labour Relations in Aden: Antecedents of the Anti-Colonial Movement

Anne-Linda Amira Augustin (Academic Forum Muhammad Ali Luqman, Berlin) – Intergenerational Resistance in the Southern Independence Struggle

3:30 - 4:00 Tea and Coffee

4:00 - 5:30 **Panel 3: Fieldwork: Struggles and Imperatives**

Chair: Kawa Morad (University of Exeter)

Nathalie Peutz (New York University Abu Dhabi) – Fieldwork in a Yemeni "Village" Displaced and Constituted by War

Marina de Regt (Vrije University Amsterdam) – Anthropology in War-torn Yemen: A Plea for Engaged Scholarship

Vincent Planel (Independent researcher) – Islam and the Ecology of Mind: The Cognitive Reframing of an Ethnographic Approach in Pre-War Taiz

6:30 Dinner at The Turf Hotel (Exminster)

Tuesday 2nd July

9:00 - 9:30 Tea and Coffee

9:30 - 11:00 **Panel 4: Rethinking Political Authority**

Chair: Claire Beaugrand (University of Exeter)

Marine Poirier (Centre d'Etudes et de Documentation Economiques, Juridiques et Sociales, Cairo) – Inside Out. Social and Political Mobilities of Former Ruling Elites in Exile

Luca Nevola (University of Sussex) – The Power of Mediation: Observing Subnational Elites' Social Networks in Contemporary Yemen

11:00 -11:30 Tea and Coffee

11:30 - 1:00 **Panel 5: Development and Mediation in Times of Crisis**

Chair: Helen Lackner (School of Oriental and African Studies, London)

Raiman al-Hamdani (School of Oriental and African Studies, London) – The Potential Role of Yemeni Tribes in Ending the Civil War

Yasmeen Al-Eryani (University of Helsinki) – Floating Civil Society: Legitimation Practices and the Social Positioning of Yemeni Civil Society in the Context of Development Aid

1:00-2:30 Lunch

2:30-4:00 **Panel 6: Research and/through Arts**

Chair: Katie Natanel (University of Exeter)

Katherine Hennessey (American University of Kuwait) – “Wait, So You’re Saying Yemenis Make Theatre?” The Challenges and the Benefits of Researching Cultural Practice in Yemen

Anahi Alviso-Marino (University of Paris VIII/Paris Nanterre University) – Visual Art and War: A Critical Engagement with Artistic Creation in Yemen (2014-2019)

Mohamed Saleh Al-Haj (Sana’a University) – Environmental and Cultural Heritage Vulnerability in Yemen

4:00-4:30 Tea and Coffee

4:30-5:00 **Final Remarks:**

Marc Valeri (University of Exeter)

6:00 Drinks at The Imperial (Meet outside front of IAIS)