UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA - MAY 18TH AND 19TH

HISTORIES OF ECONOMY
IN THE MIDDLE EAST

MAY 18

1:30-1:45: Introduction
Adam Sabra, University of California, Santa Barbara
Sherene Seikaly, University of California, Santa Barbara

1:45-3:15: Commerce and Capital
Adam Hanieh, “Space, Scale, and the Middle East’s Contemporary Political Economy”
Jessica Goldberg, “Sea Change in Medieval Ifriqiyya”
Ziad Abu-Rish, “Complicating the Post-Colonial Narrative”

3:15-3:30: Break

3:30-5:00: Money and Finance
Warren Schultz, “Numismatics and Islamic Economic History”
Aaron Jakes, “Colonial Economism”
Munther al-Sabbagh, “Measuring Interest Rates in the Ottoman Periphery”

MAY 19

11:00-12:30: Rural Economies and Communities
Astrid Meier, “Rural Societies in an ‘Economy of Rights’”
Bethany Walker, “Locating Economic Behavior in Rural Communities”

12:30-2:00: Lunch

2:00-3:00: The Environment
Jennifer Desi, “Parasites of Political Economy”
Alan Mikhail, “The Nature of the Ottoman Economy”

3:00-3:15: Break

3:15-4:45: Roundtable Summary
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