

Coercion or Empowerment?

Official Anti-Veiling Campaigns in the Middle East and Central Asia

Dahrendorf Room, St. Antony's College, Oxford.

Friday, Sept 23, 2011

Convened by Dr Stephanie Cronin, Faculty of Oriental Studies, Oxford

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Registration: 10.15 – 10.45 a.m. (morning coffee and tea)

Welcome and opening remarks: 10.45 – 11 a. m.

Morning session: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. **IRAN**

Chair and discussant: Soraya Tremayne (Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology and St. Antony's College, Oxford)

Unveiling and Women's Response During the Reza Shah Pahlavi Period Hamideh Sedghi (Harvard University and the New School University)

God Fights Back? Authoritarian Modernization and the Islamist Response Touraj Atabaki (University of Leiden and the International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam)

Dressing Up: Veils and Consumer Fashion in Interwar Iran Firoozeh Kashani-Sabet, (University of Pennsylvania)

Representations of Women and Veiling with the Advent of Cinema in the Middle East Anna Fahr (Tisch School of the Arts, New York University)

Lunch 1 – 2 p.m.

Afternoon session: 2 – 3.30 p.m. **CENTRAL ASIA AND AFGHANISTAN**

Chair and discussant: Edmund Herzig, (Soudavar Professor of Persian Studies and Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford)

"Coercion or Empowerment? A woman-centred analysis of Uzbekistan's unveiling campaign" Marianne Kamp (University of Wyoming)

Religiosity and “modernization” in Soviet Central Asia: unveiling campaigns in Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan recollected Timur Dadabaev (University of Tsukuba and University of Tokyo)

The Veil in Afghanistan Tom Wide (D.Phil candidate, Balliol, Oxford)

Afternoon tea and coffee 3.30 – 4 p.m.

Afternoon session: 4 – 5.30 p.m. **TURKEY**

Chair and discussant: Laurent Mignon (Oriental Institute and St Antony's College, Oxford).

From the Face Veil to Cloche Hat: The Backward Ottoman v. Modern Turkish Woman in Urban Public Discourse. Kathryn Libal (University of Connecticut)

Negotiating the Kemalist Image of Woman: Everyday Forms of Resistance to Unveiling in Early Republican Turkey Murat Metinsoy (Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey)

Anti-Veiling Campaigns and Women's Agency in Early Republican Turkey: A View from the Local Sevgi Adak (Leiden University and the International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam)

REGISTRATION: (as space is limited registration in advance is strongly advised). Please register by email to Dr Stephanie Cronin <stephanie.cronin@orinst.ox.ac.uk>

ADMISSION: £10 (payable at the door; cash and cheques only, includes morning and afternoon tea and coffee)