# Arab Communication Studies: Towards a Renewed Research Agenda

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<td>9:00 - 9:30</td>
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| 9:30 - 10:30 | **Keynote Plenary: Arab Communication Studies: Forging the Path Ahead**  
**Moderator:** Professor Saba Bebawi, University of Technology Sydney  
**Speakers:**  
- Professor Marwan Kraidy, Northwestern University in Qatar  
- Professor Naila Hamdy, The American University in Cairo |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | **Coffee Break**                                           |
| 10:45 - 12:00 | **Panel 1: Communications Geographies**  
**Moderator:** Dr Zahera Harb, City University of London  
**Presentations:**  
- Alaa Bahabri, La Trobe University  
  Mapping Arab Social Media Studies  
- Dr. Wafa Khalfan, University of Sharjah  
  The Gulf Moment in Arab and Communications Studies  
- Dr. Moosa Al Lawati, Sultan Qaboos University  
  Reviewing Journalistic Practices in Digital Age Media  
- Dr. Nermeen Kassem, Gulf University for Sciences and Technology  
  Media Use and Shape of Citizenship in Egypt |
| 12:00 - 13:15 | **Panel 2: The Question of Palestine and The Media**  
**Moderator:** Dr. Omar Al Ghazzi, London School of Economics and Political Science  
**Presentations:**  
- Dr. Kelly Lewis, Monash University  
  Building an International Community of Research Practice and Solidarity in Times of Crisis  
- Tamer Farag, Freie Universität Berlin  
  Algorithmic Censorship and Activism in Pro-Palestine Campaign  
- Mariam Karim, Northwestern University in Qatar |
Reflecting on Revolutionary Arab Media: Lessons from Palestinian Broadcaster Samira Azzam
- Dr. Sulafa Zidani, Northwestern University
Images and Imagination of Global Solidarity Movements

13:15 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:15 Panel 3: Mediating Revolutions, Activism and Human Rights
Moderator: Prof. Dr. Hanan Badr, Paris Lodron University of Salzburg
 Presentations
- Dr. Chafic Najem, Northwestern University in Qatar
  Arab Prisons as Media Laboratories
- Dr. Mohammad Ben Mousa, University of Sharjah
  Youth Digital Media and Subcultures as New Social Movements
- Dr. Yasmeen Mikawy, Northwestern University in Qatar
  Rewriting History: State Propaganda and Digital Media in the Politics of Revolutionary Memory
- Dr. Sahar Khamis and Dr. Rana Arafat, University of Maryland, City University of London
  Arab Scholarship and New Trends in Cyberactivism
- Nahla Bendefaa, University of Oregon
  Challenges and Imperatives in Studying Dissent and Resistance in the Arab World

15:15 - 16:00 Closing Session: Arab Communication Studies: Towards a Renewed Research Agenda
- Dr. Omar Al Ghazzi, London School of Economics and Political Science
- Prof. Dr. Hanan Badr, Paris Lodron University of Salzburg
- Professor Saba Bebawi, University of Technology Sydney
- Dr. Zahera Harb, City University of London