

TABLE OF CONTENTS

FROM THE EDITOR 1

ESSAYS

VIRGINIA AKSAN 3
MESA 2009 Presidential Address: How Do We “Know” the Middle East?

EDMUND BURKE III 13
“There is No Orient”: Hodgson and Said

ARCHIVAL RESOURCES

MICHAEL J. REIMER 19
The Mansuri Collection at the Library of Congress: An Underutilized Resource for the Study of Muslim Religious, Intellectual, and Social History

MOHAMMAD REZA HAMEDİ 33
A Glance at Persian, European, and Russian Historical Sources on the Manghit Dynasty in the 19th Century

FEATURED REVIEWS

MOHAMED ELSHAHED 48
Italian Architecture in Colonial Libya

ANNE ELISE THOMAS 51
Art of the Early Egyptian Qanun

İCLAL ÇETİN 54
Middle Eastern Women Filmmakers of This Century

BOOK REVIEWS

SHUKRI B. ABED. *Focus on Contemporary Arabic (Conversations with Native Speakers)* (BARBARA ROMAINE) 60

SAMER AKKACH. *Letters of a Sufi Scholar: The Correspondence of ‘Abd al-Ghanī al-Nābulusī (1641–1731)* (JUSTIN STEARNS) 62

MOHAMMED AYOUB AND HASAN KOSEBALABAN, EDITORS. <i>Religion and Politics in Saudi Arabia: Wahhabism and the State</i> (DANIEL E. SPECTOR)	64
ALBERT J. BERGESEN, ED. <i>The Sayyid Qutb Reader: Selected Writings on Politics, Religion, and Society</i> (WILLIAM SHEPARD)	66
STUART J. BORSCH. <i>The Black Death in Egypt and England: A Comparative Study</i> (WARREN C. SCHULTZ)	68
JONATHAN A.C. BROWN. <i>Hadith: Muhammad's Legacy in the Medieval and Modern World</i> (AYISHA Y. MUSA)	69
MICHAELLE L. BROWERS. <i>Political Ideology in the Arab World: Accommodation and Transformation</i> (FREDERIC VOLPI)	71
GARY R. BUNT. <i>iMuslims: Rewiring the House of Islam</i> (ROXANNE D. MARCOTTE)	73
FREDERICK S. COLBY. <i>Narrating Muḥammad's Night Journey: Tracing the Development of the Ibn 'Abbās Ascension Discourse</i> (GABRIEL SAID REYNOLDS)	75
PAUL CRAWFORD, TRANS. <i>The "Templar of Tyre": Part III of the "The Deeds of the Cypriots"</i> (WARREN C. SCHULTZ)	77
SALMA S. DAMLUJI, ED. <i>The Architecture of the United Arab Emirates</i> (MOHAMMAD GHARIPOUR)	78
RICHARD C. FOLTZ. <i>Animals in Islamic Tradition and Muslim Cultures</i> (MARTYN SMITH)	80
FRANK GRIFFEL. <i>Al-Ghazālī's Philosophical Theology</i> (MOHAMMAD HASSAN KHALIL)	82
AYŞE GÜRSAN-SALZMANN. <i>Exploring Iran: The Photography of Erich F. Schmidt, 1930-1940</i> (GEOFFREY D. SUMMERS)	84
WAEEL B. HALLAQ. <i>An Introduction to Islamic Law</i> (MOHAMMAD H. FADEL)	86
ESTHER HERTZOG, ORIT ABUHAV, HARVEY E. GOLDBERG, AND EMANUEL MARX, EDS. <i>Perspectives on Israeli Anthropology</i> (MICHAEL FIEGE)	88
KONRAD HIRSCHLER. <i>Medieval Arabic Historiography: Authors as Actors</i> (ERIC HANNE)	90
ROY JACKSON. <i>Fifty Key Figures in Islam</i> (MOHAMAD NASRIN NASIR)	92

R. KEVIN JAQUES. <i>Authority, Conflict, and the Transmission of Diversity in Medieval Islamic Law</i> (JUSTIN STEARNS)	94
P. K. KUMARASWAMY, ED. <i>Caught in Crossfire: Civilians in Conflicts in the Middle East</i> (HAYAT ALVI)	97
ROBERT D. LEE. <i>Religion and Politics in the Middle East: Identity, Ideology, Institutions, and Attitudes</i> (SEAN FOLEY)	99
ARIEL LEWIN. <i>The Archaeology of Ancient Judah and Palestine</i> (SAMUEL M. PALEY)	101
LEONARD LEWISOHN AND CHRISTOPHER SHACKLE, EDs. <i>‘Aṭṭār and the Persian Sufi Tradition: The Art of Spiritual Flight</i> (ALIREZA KORANGY)	102
SHARI L. LOWIN. <i>The Making of a Forefather: Abraham in Islamic and Jewish Exegetical Narratives</i> (MICHAEL PREGILL)	104
MUHAMMAD KHALID MASUD, RUDOLPH PETERS AND DAVID S. POWERS, EDs. <i>Dispensing Justice in Islam: Qadis and their Judgments</i> (KAREN KERN)	106
KATHRYN A. MILLER. <i>Guardians of Islam: Religious Authority and Muslim Communities of Late Medieval Islam</i> (LUIS F. BERNABÉ PONS)	108
KHALEEL MOHAMMED AND ANDREW RIPPIN, EDs. <i>Coming to Terms with the Qur’an: A Volume in Honor of Professor Issa Boullata</i> (AISHA GEISSINGER)	111
DANIEL MONTERESCU AND DAN RABINOWITZ, EDs. <i>Mixed Towns, Trapped Communities: Historical Narratives, Spatial Dynamics, Gender Relations and Cultural Encounters in Palestinian-Israeli Towns</i> (REBECCA L. TORSTRICK)	113
SHEILA PAINE. <i>Embroidery from Afghanistan</i> (SUMRU BELGER KRODY)	115
DAVID S. POWERS. <i>Muhammad Is Not the Father of Any of Your Men: The Making of the Last Prophet</i> (DANIEL M. VARISCO)	117
URI RAM. <i>The Globalization of Israel: McWorld in Tel Aviv, Jihad in Jerusalem</i> (BEN HERZOG)	119
NERINA RUSTOMJI. <i>The Garden and the Fire: Heaven and Hell in Islamic Culture</i> (TODD LAWSON)	121
SPENCER D. SEGALLA. <i>The Moroccan Soul: French Education, Colonial Ethnology, and Muslim Resistance, 1912-1956</i> (JULIA CLANCY-SMITH)	123
AZADE SEYHAN, <i>Tales of Crossed Destinies: The Modern Turkish Novel in a Comparative Context</i> (ROBERT P. FINN)	125

NANCY UM. <i>The Merchant Houses of Mocha: Trade & Architecture in an Indian Ocean Port City</i> (MOLLY PATTERSON)	127
RICHARD YEOMANS. <i>The Art and Architecture of Islamic Cairo</i> (CAROLINE WILLIAMS)	129

CORRESPONDENCE

A Response to MESA President Virginia Aksan's Keynote Address (MEHRAN KAMRAVA)	132
--	-----