



## Workshop: Ethno-religious 'Minorities' and Mobilisation in the Middle East Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30am-5.45pm

The Fellows' Dining Room, Hilda Besse Building, St Antony's College, University of Oxford

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### Programme:

**09.30-10.00 Registration & Coffee**

**10.00-10.15 Opening Remarks and Welcome**

**10.15-11.30 Session 1: Between nationalism and communalism**

Chair: **Dr Philip Robins** (Oxford)

**Dr Hiroko Miyokawa** (Oxford) *The making of 'modern sons of Pharaohs' in early twentieth century Egypt*

**Dr Elizabeth Monier** (Cambridge) *Minority-ness in the modern Middle East*

**11.30-11.45 Refreshments**

**11.45-13.00 Session 2: War and ethno-religious mobilisation since 2011**

Chair: **Dr Laurent Mignon** (Oxford)

**Dr Erica C. D. Hunter** (SOAS/Cambridge) *Christians and Yazidis in northern Iraq: what next after Da'esh?*

**Dr Durukan Kuzu** (Coventry) *Religious sectarianism among the Kurds and its impacts on their capacity to mobilise*

**13.00-13.45 Lunch**

**13.45-15.00 Session 3: Negotiating power and 'minority' identity in Syria and Egypt**

Chair: **Dr Ahmed al-Shahi** (Oxford)

**Dr Amjed Rasheed** (Durham) *Alawites of Syria, past and future*

**Dr Mariz Tadros** (Sussex) *Copts under el Sisi, for better or for worse for whom?*

**15.00-16.15 Session 4: 'New' sectarianism in the post-2011 Middle East**

Chair: **Dr Toby Matthiesen** (Oxford)

**Dr Michael David Clark** (Cambridge) *Understanding the Shia response to ISIS*

**Dr Ceren Lord** (Oxford) *Securitisation of sectarianism? The Turkish state and the Alevis in the post-2011 era*

**16.15-16.30 Refreshments**

**16.30-17.45 Session 5: Challenges of research, methodology and comparative approaches**

**Dr Laurent Mignon** (Oxford) *The People of the Other Books: New Religions and Alternative Spiritualities in Turkey*

**Dr Ahmed Al-Shahi** (Oxford)

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