Spring 2020

**Council on Middle East Studies Colloquium**

**Breaking All Borders?: Separatists as Spoilers in Yemen, Libya, Syria, and Iraq**  
ARIEL AHRAM – Virginia Tech University

February 20  
12:00 pm

**The Politics and Anxieties of Comparison in Turkey and the United States**  
BEGÜM ADALET – Cornell University

February 6  
12:00 pm

**Pain as Epistemology: Ali Shari’ati and the Poetics of Politics**  
BEHROOZ GHAMARI-TABRIZI – Princeton University  
Co-sponsored by the Yale Program in Iranian Studies

February 20  
12:00 pm

**Protests in Time and Space: Generating Contention in Authoritarian Regimes**  
DINA BISHARA – Cornell University

March 5  
12:00 pm

**Hagia Sophia: Sacred Museum, Contested Heritage**  
TUĞBA TANYERI-ERDEMIR – University of Pittsburgh

March 26  
12:00 pm

**Margins of Freedom: Censorship, Critique, and Contemporary Art in the UAE**  
BETH DERDERIAN – Yale University

April 1  
12:00 pm

**The King’s Adviser: Assessing the Role of Experts in the Gulf Monarchies**  
CALVERT JONES – University of Maryland

April 16  
12:00 pm

*Unless otherwise noted, all lectures will be held at 203 Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Avenue*