

Visiting Speaker Series

The Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies is
pleased to present a talk by esteemed academic

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"Intimate Violence and the Politics of Ethnographic Representation in the Middle East"

Wednesday, 29 March 2017, 5.15 pm

LT1, IAIS Building, Streatham Campus, Exeter EX4 4ND

Tea & Coffee to be served from 4.30 pm in the Common Room,
Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies.

All are welcome – no registration required.



Using an ethnographic case study of intimate violence, this paper examines the link between love and desire, pain and violence, kinship and gender roles, and uses that as a springboard for examining a dilemma of representation: when ethnography is always political, how can we write about, and write against, gender violence in the Middle East? In drawing public attention to Egyptian women's experiences of gender violence, activists present the victims from experiencing gender violence in isolation, they identify the cultural and political roots of the violence, and they bring it to national and international attention in their efforts to effect systematic

reform. The irony is that international attention often translates these activists' efforts into fuel for the stereotypes that demonize Arab men (Amar 2011).

Lisa Wynn received her PhD from Princeton University and completed a post-doc at the same institution before moving to Australia where she is Associate Professor and Head of the Anthropology Department at Macquarie University, Sydney.

WARNING: This paper will include a brief narrative of sexual assault which may trigger strong reactions for some listeners.