CALL FOR PAPERS

Scholars engaged in relevant research are invited to join the Panel:

“Imagining Middle East in Northern Europe: representations, domestication, naturalization, and immersion”

to be submitted for the

Ninth Conference of the Nordic Society for Middle Eastern Studies: “Everyday Life in the Middle East”, Lund, Sweden, 19-21 September 2013

Panel abstract:
The panel is envisioned to be a platform for those researchers who are engaged in research on production and transmission in the Nordic and Baltic countries (e.i. Northern Europe) of discourses on (perceived) norms and narratives (as in story-telling) of the everyday life in the Middle East as told by journalists, politicians, businessmen, tourists, “experts”, local converts to Islam and, not the least, individuals and groups of Middle Eastern origins (such as Muslim communities, ethnic organizations), thus in effect facilitating secondary or even counter-norms and narratives with consequences for inclusion or exclusion, domestication and naturalization of things “Middle Eastern”. Though not strictly related to physical immigration the panel is open to papers on immigration of people and ideas, artifacts, symbols, and ways of life associated with the Middle East and their reception in Northern Europe.

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Deadline for submission of paper abstracts (up to 150 words) – is March 15, 2013.

Confirmed paper presenters may receive partial funding for travel and/or participation.

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