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Middle Eastern, North African, and South Asian
Staff Organization

Dear MENASA community,

Thank you to those who made it to the MENASA Mixer on February 14th! It was a great event and we loved seeing everyone mingle and connect with other MENASA staff and faculty.

For those who couldn't make it, hope you can make it to our next event. It won't be the same without you.

As always, if there is any specific content you would like us to include, please send your suggestions to menasa@berkeley.edu.

MENASA Leadership Team



MENASA Events



Norooz Celebration

You're Invited!

Join us in celebrating Norooz with our friends and colleagues! This is a great opportunity to meet other MENASA staff and faculty members. You can swing by at any point during the event or stay the whole time and connect with other MENASA members.

Please see the flyer for more details and RSVP through the bCal when you receive it or through menasa@berkeley.edu. Refreshments will be provided.



MENASA Upcoming Events

Stay Tuned!

More events will be planned in the future, so stay tuned!



MENASA Spotlight



Maryam Irfan

Maryam Irfan (she/her) is one of the Assistant Directors for the Destination College Advising Corps/Early Academic Outreach Program. She has been at Cal since 2022 and prior to that, worked at UC Davis. She recently finished her Master's in Educational Leadership at CSU East Bay.

Maryam is of Pakistani descent, and one of her favorite traditions from childhood was playing Ludo (a board game) with her siblings and parents. She enjoys long conversations with her friends discussing the positive and challenging impacts of her South Asian culture and identity.

Her favorite Pakistani dishes include dal (lentils) and chana masala (chickpea curry). Maryam looks forward to meeting more of the UC Berkeley MENASA staff community at future events.

Nominations

Do you want to get featured on our next newsletter?

Please send us a photo(s), short bio (100 words), and your favorite traditions. For any further suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out directly to us at menasa@berkeley.edu.





Foodie Adventures

MENASA Leadership would like to share with you some of our favorite local restaurants in the bay area. If you try any of these, let us know what you think ^_^

Dish n Dash

Middle Eastern Cuisine

Owner Emad Ibrahim is a Palestinian immigrant from Jerusalem. Him and his wife, Nadiyah Mshasha, opened their first Dishdash in 2001 in Sunnyvale, California. High standards have made it possible for the Dishdash Restaurant Group to expand to multiple locations in the Bay Area- including a bakery.

- Locations: Milpitas, San Jose, Cupertino, Fremont, Sunnyvale



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Ghazni Afghan Kabob

Afghan Cuisine

Their delicious food is the product of a lifelong dream of sharing their family recipes from Afghanistan with people who want to try new cuisines. They are committed to keep going forward with their mission of serving high quality food, friendly service and a clean atmosphere for their guests and community.

- Locations:
 - 1235 A St, Hayward, CA 94541
 - 217 W Winton Ave Hayward, CA 94544



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DeAfghanan Kabob

Afghan Cuisine

Owner Aziz Omar from Kabul, Afghanistan and his immediate family made his vision a reality by preserving the authenticity and exquisiteness of true Afghan flavors found within the various dishes served.

- Location:
 - 321 Kearny Street, San Francisco, California 94108



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Daryoush

Persian Cuisine

They strive to provide guests with quality ingredients and outstanding service in an unforgettable atmosphere. Their guests come to Daryoush expecting the best kabob and Middle Eastern food in town.

- Location:
 - 2144 Center Street, Berkeley, CA 94704



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Falafel Drive In

Persian Cuisine

Anton and Zahie Nijmeh passion for home cooking drove them to open up a Drive-In. Their commitment to authentic ethnic cuisine and fresh ingredients are key to their success.

- Location:
 - 2301 Stevens Creek Blvd., San Jose, CA 95128



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Please scan the QR codes for further information about each of the restaurants.

Do you have a favorite local restaurant in the bay area that is not on this list, please share it with us at menasa@berkeley.edu

Library Resources

We will be highlighting scholarly sources, library guides, databases, and digital primary source materials that serve our community. To access library resources off-campus, please use [VPN](#) (Virtual Private Network).

Central Asia, Persia and Afghanistan, 1834-1922

Explores the history of Persia (Iran), Central Asia, & Afghanistan from the decline of the Silk Road in the first half of the 19th century to the establishment of Soviet rule over parts of the region in the early 1920s. This resource comprises correspondence, intelligence reports, agents' diaries, minutes, maps, newspaper excerpts & other materials from the FO 65, FO 106, FO 371, & FO 539 series at the UK National Archives.

India, Raj and Empire

First-hand accounts from journals & diaries document the East India Company's foundation & India's independence. The resource consists of the manuscript collections of the National Library of Scotland relating to South Asian history between 1615 - 1947. It covers material on India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Malaysia, & Singapore. Resources include diaries, journals, private & official papers, letters, sketches, paintings & other original documents related to Indian history & literature. Sources include the East India Company, government documents & papers of British military officers & civil servants in India.

Early Arabic Printed Books from the British Library

A full-text searchable database of early printed books in Arabic script. Covering religious literature, law, sciences, medicine, geography, travel, history, & literature. It includes books of European/Arabic translations. [1475-1900]. The databases consist of 3 modules: (1) Religion & Law; (2) Sciences, History, & Geography; (3) Periodicals, Literature, Grammar, Language, Catalogues & General Works. Search in Arabic or Roman scripts.



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Other Events

Saree Makdisi | Tolerance Is a Wasteland: Palestine and the Culture of Denial

March 5th, 5-7pm

The International Consortium of Critical Theory Programs presents "Thinking from Palestine: Dispossession, Liberation, and Return: Conversations on Three Recent and Forthcoming Books."

- Location: Dwinelle Hall

Mudit Trivedi | Archaeologies of Iman: Fragility, Ornament and the embrace of Islam in Medieval North India

March 7th, 5-6:30pm

A lecture by [Mudit Trivedi](#), Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Stanford University. Mudit Trivedi is an archaeologist with interests in religious subjectivity, materiality, craft and historical anthropology.

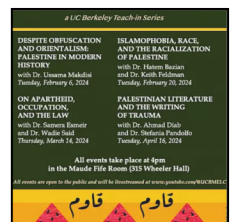
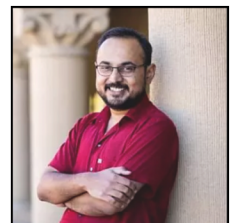
- Location: Institute for South Asia Studies

Let's Talk about Palestine | Samera Esmeir & Wadie Said | On Apartheid, Occupation, and the Law

March 14th at 4pm

In "On Apartheid, Occupation, & the Law," Dr. Samera Esmeir and Dr. Wadie Said will each present lectures on the intersection of law, the state, & the settler-colonial paradigm in Palestine. The lectures will be followed by a conversation between the scholars, moderated by Dr. Hatem Bazian.

- Location: Wheeler Hall, Maude Fife room



For more details and other upcoming events, visit the Center for Middle Eastern Studies here: events.berkeley.edu/cmes

Career Opportunities

Job ID#	Department	Position	Salary/Hourly	Application 1st Review Date
65105	Haas School of Business	Exec. Director, Masters in Financial Engineering Program	\$105,500 - \$167,000	March 24th
65058	Ethics, Risk & Compliance Svcs	Assistant Campus Risk Manager	\$95,300 - \$178,100	March 16th
65358	Career Education & Engagement	Associate Director	\$90,000-\$100,000	March 12th
65320	Space Sciences Laboratory	Detector Engineer	\$100,000-\$130,000	March 8th

More career opportunities can be found [here](#).

Cal Birthday Celebration

Charter Day 2024 - Berkeley's 156th Birthday

March 13th, 10am-2pm, Sproul Plaza

Stop by and check out the photo booth, giveaways, food and birthday cupcakes. There will be a rally at noon with student group performances and a few works from Chancellor Christ and other campus leaders. If you require an accommodation, please call 888.UNIV.CAL (888.864.8225) or email events1@berkeley.edu 7 to 10 days before the event.



Recognition & Awards

Oski Student Leadership Awards

Deadline March 5th

The Oski Student Leadership Awards celebrates students, organizations, faculty, and staff who have contributed to the growth, development, and vitality of the University of California at Berkeley and the broader community. You can nominate for the following specific awards: (1) Outstanding Undergraduate Student Organization, (2) Outstanding Graduate Student Organization, (3) Outstanding Student Staff Member, (4) Outstanding Campus Partnership, (5) The Dean's Award for Inclusive Excellence, (6) Outstanding Faculty and Staff Advisor, (7) Vice Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Student Leadership, (8) Priestley Award. Further information regarding each of the awards can be found in the form. If you have any questions, please reach out to OskiAwards@berkeley.edu.



Application can be found by scanning the QR code.