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SATURDAY, MARCH 8

9.00–9.30 OPENING REMARKS

9.30–10:00 Phrasal and sentential agreement in the inter-language of learners of Arabic
Ghassan Husseinali
Yale University

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Elinor Saiegh-Haddad
Bar-Ilan University, Israel

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Mushira Eid
University of Utah
Arabic or Arabics: The core and the variable

11:30–12:00 Verb innovation in Palestinian Arabic
Lior Laks
Tel Aviv University, Israel

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Yasser Suleiman
University of Edinburgh
Out of place: Language, dislocation and exile

1.45–2.15 The effect of language contact and diachrony on Urban Palestinian phonemics
Uri Horesh
The University of Texas at Austin

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Jonathan Owens
University of Maryland
The early history of Arabic

3.15 – 3.45 Ingrate or honorable: A re-examination of the word kanuud in Qur’an 100 (al-‘Ādiya)"
Munther Younes
Cornell University

3.45 – 4.15 Genre analysis and Arabic legal discourse
Ahmed Fakhri
West Virginia University

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4.30 – 5.00 The feasibility of using the web in building Arabic sense-tagged corpora
Khalid Alghamry
Ain Shams University Egypt

5.00 – 5.30 A Unified analysis of Arabic demonstratives in the extended nominal projection
Kamel Elsaadany & Salwa Shams
Gulf University for Science and Technology

5.30 – 6.00 The syntactic behavior of Arabic idioms
Ashraf Mohamed
University of Manchester

6.00-6.30 Patterns of variation in the adoption of Casablancan gender concord norms by three ethnolinguistic migrant groups
Atiqa Hachimi
University of Florida

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