

# AKPIA@MIT 30TH ANIVERSARY ALUMNI REUNION

## PRESENTATIONS BY ALUMNI

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 1, 2011, ROOM 56-114**  
**9:00 AM TO 6:00 PM**

**9:00 - 9:30 COFFEE AND MUFFINS**

**9:30 - 9:40 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

**NASSER RABBAT**  
AKPIA, MIT

**9:40 - 11:20 FIRST SESSION**

*Jerusalem and the History Theory and Criticism of Islamic Architecture*  
**RICHARD BROTHERTON**  
NYC Department of Design + Construction

*Building Identity in Eighth-Century Bilad al-Sham: Reconsidering the Relationship between Ghassanid and Umayyad Architecture*  
**LARA TOHME**  
Wellesley College

*New Technologies for Interpreting and Representing a Medieval Islamic Suburban Villa*  
**GLAIRE ANDERSON**  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

*The Sliver of the Oxus Borderland: Medieval Cultural Encounters between the Arabs and Persians*  
**MANU P. SOBTI**  
University of Wisconsin Milwaukee

**11:50 - 1:30 SECOND SESSION**

*Space of Resistance: The Return of the Avant-garde to the Streets of Iran*  
**TALINN GRIGOR**  
Brandeis University

*Walls of Oleograph: Print Culture, Gender, and Architecture in Late Qajar Iran*  
**PAMELA KARIMI**  
University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth

*Hidden Hands and Divided Landscape: A Penal History of Singapore's Plural Society*  
**ANOMA PIERIS**  
University of Melbourne

*On Expectation: Re-visioning the Square*  
**LINA SERGIE ATTAR**  
Architect, Writer, Co-Founder Karam Foundation, NFP

**2:30 - 4:10 THIRD SESSION**

*Discourses and Practices of Cultural Significance on Open Spaces Transformation(S) in Old Cities of the Mediterranean*  
**BIANCA MARIA NARDELLA**  
University College London

*Seascape Urbanism: Conserving Port Cities in Al Khalij*  
**SAMIA RAB**  
American University of Sharjah

*Case Studies of Built Forms: Seeking out the 'Pastness' of the Past*  
**HAFIZ SHERALI**  
Chairman, Aga Khan Planning and Building Services, Pakistan  
**This presentation by Mr. Sherali has been cancelled but he will give an AKPIA@MIT lecture on Monday 10/3 at 6:00 pm in the AVT, room 7-431**

*If You Fix It- Will They Come?: Cultural Tourism & the Challenges of Marketing Adaptive-Reuse Conservation Projects*  
**ZARMINAE ANSARI**  
Architect, writer, marketing consultant, producer

**4:30 - 5:45 FOURTH SESSION**

*Cultural Landscapes: Reconciling the Material with the Sublime*  
**MINAKSHI M. AMUNDSEN**  
Cornell University

*Middle Eastern Portfolio of Architecture*  
**HATICE YAZAR**  
WZMH Architects

**5:45 - 6:00 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION OF SYMPOSIUM**

Free & open to the public. For further information please call 617 253 1400 or email [akpiarch@mit.edu](mailto:akpiarch@mit.edu)

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