

NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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VISITING SCHOLARS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST

The Middle East Studies Association has received a grant from the Ford Foundation to bring five visiting scholars from the Middle East and Europe to attend our annual meeting in November and to spend three to six weeks around that date visiting leading Middle East centers and programs in the United States and Canada. Three scholars have accepted MESA's invitation for the spring of 1978 only. They are:

- 1) Abdel Ghaffar M. Ahmed, Dean, College of Social and Economic Studies, University of Juba, Sudan. Tentative date of visit: March 1 -- April 12.
- 2) Roger Arnaldez, Professor at the Département d'Islamologie, Université de Paris-Sorbonne. Date of visit: March.
- 3) Javad Safi-Nezhad, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Institute for Social Studies and Research, University of Tehran. Tentative date of visit: March 20 -- April 12.

A summary of their curriculum vitae is given below. Any inquiries concerning these visits should be directed to the MESA Secretariat, New York University, Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, Washington Square, New York, N.Y. 10003.

ABDEL GHAFFAR M. AHMED

Ph.D. (Doctor Philosophicum) University of Bergen, Norway, 1973. Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Khartoum. Also, Dean of the College of Social and Economic Studies of the University of Juba, Sudan.

Publications: Shaykhs and Followers: Political Struggle in the Rufa's al Hoi Nazirate in the Sudan, Khartoum University Press, 1974; Economic Anthropology and Problems of Development in the Sudan, Khartoum University Press, 1975; Some Aspects of Nomadism in the Sudan (editor), Sudan National Population Committee and The Economic and Social Research Council, 1976; Development and Settlement of Nomads (editor), Economic and Social Research Council, 1976; Some Issue in Development Projects in the Sudan (editor), Economic and Social Research Council, 1977. Also numerous contributions to journals.

Suggested lecture topics: (1) Integrated rural development: the case of the Dinka and the Nuer of the Jonglei Project area in the Sudan. (2) The Sudanese cultural diversity in the context of the African-Middle East relations. (3) The relevance of university education in the Third World: the case of the Sudan. (4) Development planning and the role of the elite in the Sudan. (5) The relevance of indigenous systems of production to development planning.

ROGER ARNALDEZ

A curriculum vitae of Professor Arnaldez will be included in the February 1, 1978 issue of the Bulletin. His suggested lecture topics are: (1) La pensée juridique et théologique d'Ibn Hazm de Cordoue, en relation avec l'école zāhirite; (2) Ontologie et mystique dans l'oeuvre d'Ibn 'Arabī de Murcie; (3) La conception de la Métaphysique chez Ibn Sīnā et Ibn Rushd; (4) La pensée scientifique de Bīrūnī. Professor Arnaldez will lecture in English but will need an interpreter for the discussion period which is to follow the lecture.

JAVAD SAFI-NEZHAD

M.A. in Social Science, University of Tehran, 1961.

Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Institute for Social Studies and Research, University of Tehran.

Publications: Taleb-abad (Study of a village near Veramin Central Province), Institute for Social Studies and Research, University of Tehran, 1967. 2nd edition, 1976. Fehrest-e Maqalat-e Joghrafia'i (Bibliography of Geographical articles), The Geographical Institute, University of Tehran, 1962. Shekl-e Vahedha-ye Keshavarzi (Boneh-ha) Qabl va Ba'ad az Eslahāt-e Arzi (The Structure of Agricultural Work Units (Boneh) before and after land reform in Iran), Institute of Social Studies and Research, University of Tehran, 1972. Revised second edition, 1974. 3rd edition, 1976. Also, other contributions in books and journals. In press: Shenakht-e Asnad-e Boneh-ha (Recognition of Documents of the Boneh). Volume I: Asnad-e Boneh-ha-ye Shahr-r Rey (The Documents of the Boneh in Shahre Rey, south of Tehran), Institute of Social Studies and Research, University of Tehran, forthcoming.

Suggested lecture topics to be announced in February 1, 1978, issue of Bulletin.

The following persons are either new members of MESA or have had their membership category revised. Student members are urged to contact the MESA Secretariat upon receiving their Ph.D. so that their membership category can be updated. Any member may have his membership category revised by filling out a new application form available from the MESA Secretariat.

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