

Lectures

All lectures start at **6 pm** sharp!

13 October: Letters to Halima 'Uthman in al-Qasr, Dakhla Oasis: Glimpses into the life of the Qurashi family in the 19th and the early 20th century

20 October: Migration and health: The case of Syrians in Egypt

27 October: lecture by Manal el-Sayed. More information will follow shortly on our [website](#).

Films

All films start at **7:30 pm** sharp!

9 October: NVICinema hosts SHNIT short film festival

16 October: Time of my life (Tot altijd)

23 October: Decor + Q&A with director Ahmad Abdalla

[Read more>>](#)

Library News

Opening hours:

Sunday: 9 am - 3 pm

Monday: 9 am - 6 pm

Tuesday: 9 am - 6 pm

Wednesday: 9 am - 6 pm

Thursday: 9 am - 3 pm

The library will be closed on Sunday 2 October for Islamic new year and on Thursday 6 October for Victory day.

Visit our library and enjoy our collection in a quiet environment. We have a great collection on Ancient Egypt, Arabic dialects, linguistics and literature. Free Wi-Fi (ask the librarian) and consulting computers are available.

News October 2016

Visit from prof. Dr Carel Stolker and Mr John Kroes

On the 28th and 29th of September* the President of Leiden University, prof. Dr Carel Stolker, and the lead manager of our institute at Leiden University, Mr John Kroes, paid our institute a visit to discuss various issues. The meetings on Thursday were very successful after which we had a dinner on the Nile in an informal and convivial atmosphere, as may be clear from the photo. On Friday morning we had the chance to pay a brief visit to the Egyptian Museum on Tahrir Square.

* the previous version of this newsletter included an error, stating the visit took place on the 28th and 29th of October.



NVIC welcomes Dr Ildal Elsaket

This month we welcome Dr Ildal Elsaket as our new Assistant Director and Programme Coordinator of Arabic Studies and Islam. We have had the good fortune to receive her as a guest researcher at the institute in the past. She will undoubtedly be a valuable asset to our team and we look forward to working with her!



Preparing for the start of the new BA semesters

The BA semester Arabic & Islamic studies will take place between 29 January and 25 May 2017. For an overview of the programme, click [here](#). Parallel to this semester a new programme, **Middle East Studies semester abroad**, will be taught. The programme combines social sciences, international relations, economics, urban planning, history, and material and cultural studies, with a focus on the Middle-East and Egypt in particular and is open to BA students with a humanities background. Please consult our [website](#) for an overview of the preliminary course descriptions.

Library assistant at the NVIC

We are currently looking to hire a library assistant who can ideally start working this month. Fluency in both English and Arabic is required. Are you interested? Please check the vacancy on our [website](#).

NVIC will host SHNIT short film festival

The great SHNIT International Shortfilmfestival is back in Cairo and we're happy to host them for one night (**Sunday 9 October**) at the NVIC. Be prepared for an evening full of exciting 'Feel Good' short films! All films will have English subtitles. For more information about all of our films this month please check the [website](#).

New lecture programme



This month we will have three interesting lectures. The first one, entitled "Letters to Halima 'Uthman in al-Qasr, Dakhla Oasis: Glimpses into the life of the Qurashi Family in the 19th and the early 20th century," will be given on the **13th of October**, by Dr Fred Leemhuis.

On **20 October** Ayman Zohry from AUC will give a lecture on migration and health, focusing on the case of Syrians in Egypt.

On **27 October** Manal el-Sayed will read a lecture. More information about the content will follow shortly. For the full lecture programme please visit our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

NVIC welcomes Anny Gaul and Mary Elston as new guest researchers

We are happy to welcome two new guest researchers at the institute.



Mary Elston is a PhD candidate in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at Harvard University. She is in Cairo this year conducting research for her dissertation entitled, "Religion and Science at al-Azhar: An Ethnographic and Historical Study."

Anny Gaul is a PhD candidate in Arabic & Islamic Studies at Georgetown University (Washington, DC). She holds an MA from Georgetown and a BA from Yale University. Her project grounds abstract narratives of anticolonial nationalisms in North Africa in the concrete realm of domestic food production and consumption.



To read more about their research, please visit our [website](#).

More information and updates related to our films and lectures can be found on our [Facebook page](#) and [our website](#).

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