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Ruptured Atlas Symposium

Wednesday 2 October, 16:00 – 18:00 BST

Vera Anstey Room, Old Building, LSE

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Advocacy with Yazidis through Creative Mapping

Join us for a symposium led by Dr Sana Murrani, Associate Professor in Spatial Practice at the University of Plymouth and Visiting Senior Fellow at the LSE Middle East Centre. This event highlights the transformative power of creative mapping in empowering the Yazidi community, enabling them to champion their own cause through increased capacity and targeted training within the framework of Dr Murrani's 'Ruptured Atlas' project.

About the Project

The 'Ruptured Atlas' is a spatial justice initiative in partnership with Sinjar Academy, Yazda, the International Organization for Migration in Iraq (IOM Iraq), and the LSE Middle East Centre. This project uses participatory mapping not only to document the intricate displacement journeys of the Yazidis since the 2014 genocide but also to enhance their abilities for self-advocacy through training in creative mapping techniques.

<https://ruptured-atlas.shorthandstories.com/ruptured-atlas/>

Symposium Details

The symposium will showcase the project's findings and explore the impact of these advocacy and training efforts. The objective is to foster collaborative discussions among academics and practitioners to improve policymaking concerning displacement and settlement in Iraq, as well as migration in the UK for Yazidis.

Speakers include:

- Dr Sana Murrani, project lead;
- Kimbal Bumstead, multi-disciplinary artist and researcher;
- 15 Yazidi researchers: Amsha, Basma, Faeza, Ghazi, Haifa, Ibrahim, Jamila, Jurya, Maisaa, Murad, Naji, Noori, Omeed, Saada, Zela
- Murad Ismael, president of Sinjar Academy;
- Natia Navrouzov, director of Yazda;
- Alannah Travers, journalist

We would be delighted if you are able to join us at this event and would be grateful if you could reply to Nadine Almanasfi (n.almanasfi@lse.ac.uk) by Friday 20 September.

Best regards,



*Dr Sana Murrani, Associate Professor at the University of Plymouth
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