

Event: Togo Mizrahi and the Making of Egyptian Cinema: A Book Launch Event - 10 March 2021

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Middle East History / Studies, Arabic History / Studies, Film and Film History

Professor Deborah Starr, author of *Togo Mizrahi and the Making of Egyptian Cinema*, in conversation with Professor Yaron Shemer and Dr. Ariel Sheetrit. [Register to attend this virtual event.](#)

Deborah Starr is Professor of Modern Arabic and Hebrew Literature and Film in the Department of Near Eastern Studies, and Director of the Jewish Studies Program at Cornell University. She received a PhD in Comparative Literature from the University of Michigan. She writes and teaches about identity and intercommunal exchange in the modern Middle East, with a focus on the Jews of Egypt. She is the author of *Togo Mizrahi and the Making of Egyptian Cinema* (University of California Press, 2020)

Yaron Shemer is Associate Professor of Israel cultural studies and Jewish Studies at The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. He earned his BFA from Tel Aviv University and his MA and PhD in Film Studies from The University of Texas at Austin.

Shemer is the author of *Identity, Place, and Subversion in Contemporary Mizrahi Cinema in Israel* (U. of Michigan Press, 2013). In addition to his work on Israeli ethnic cinema, Shemer has also published articles on Middle Eastern cinema. His current research project is a comparative study of Israeli and Palestinian political cartoons.

Ariel M. Sheetrit (PhD, Harvard, 2007) is a lecturer in modern Arabic literature and Palestinian film at the Open University of Israel. She has published many scholarly articles and chapters on Arabic autobiography, fiction and film. Her book, *A Poetics of Arabic Autobiography: Between Dissociation and Belonging* was published in 2020. She is currently working on a book on Palestinian literature.

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