

International Working Group Annual Report 2014/2015

The main focus for the International Working Group (IWG) continues to be the support of the Arts and Sciences Passport Program. This past year was challenging as the program focused on the Middle East which included 19 countries and we had the issue of dealing with a language that did not use the Roman alphabet. We had to call on faculty who were native speakers in both Arabic and Persian. All in all it was another successful year of programming for the International Working Group.

Fall Semester

- August: Exhibit: Young Atrium – Flags of the Middle Eastern countries as well as a banner announcing major events for the year – Toni Greider
- August: Libguide: *Year of the Middle East*: <http://libguides.uky.edu/YoME/> Roda Ferraro
- September: Exhibit table at the Year of the Middle East kickoff event – Adrian Ho/Toni Greider
- September: Research Guide: *Business in the Middle East* <http://libguides.uky.edu/middleeastbusiness> -- Peter Hesseldenz
- October – August: Exhibit: *Middle Eastern Passages: Calligraphic Manuscripts from UK Special Collections*, an exhibit of uncataloged Arabic manuscripts from the 18th and early 19th century. Description by Dr. Zannoun Ghadir, Arabic Studies and Dr. K.C. Mahbuob, Civil Engineering. Virtual Exhibit: http://uknowledge.uky.edu/world_yome_calligraphy/ Gordon Hogg/Adrian Ho/Roda Ferraro/Toni Greider
- October – February: Book Exhibit: *Arab Spring: A Selection of Books from the UK Libraries Collection* : Libguide: <http://libguides.uky.edu/ArabSpring> – Anna Gault/Heath Martin
- October 14th: Presentation: *The Arab Spring in Social Media* by Dr. Todd Presner, UCLA. In addition to the live audience the presentation was streamed to 29 attendees from around the World .
- November 17 – 21: International Education Week: Events: Vexillology Contest based on the Middle Eastern flags both in print and online;

November 19th, hosted International Game Day in partnership with the Writing Centre and Media Depot – Jennifer Richmond/Toni Greider

Spring Semester

- February 2nd – March 4th : Exhibit: *Jewish Refugees in Shanghai, 1933-1941*, a traveling exhibition from the Shanghai Jewish Refugee Museum . In addition to the exhibit, the libraries hosted *Taking in Strangers: Comparing Asian and Jewish Moral Traditions* sponsored by the History Department, Jewish Studies, and the Confucius Institute. Libguide: <http://libguides.uky.edu/c.php?g=223422&p=1478895> – Roda Ferraro
- March – June: Exhibit: *Touring the Ottoman Empire* images of the Ottoman Empire as depicted on postcards housed in UK Libraries Special Collections. The exhibit was projected on the walls In the Hub. Selected postcards also exhibited in the Fine Arts Library. Virtual Exhibit: http://uknowledge.uky.edu/world_yome_postcards/
- April 27th – August 12th Exhibit: *Arabian Roots: The Pedigree of the Kentucky Thoroughbred* in partnership with Gluck Equine Research Center, Keeneland Library and the Pyramid Society. Virtual Exhibit: http://uknowledge.uky.edu/world_yome_arabian_roots/ Libguide: http://libguides.uky.edu/arabian_roots -- Roda Ferraro/Gracie Hale/Becky Ryder