

Reading Tayeb Salih in the 21st Century

Saturday 9th May 2026
10am - 6pm

Programme

9.45 - 10.00 Registration

10.00 - 10.30 Introduction by Ahmed Al-Shahi and Laurent Mignon

10.30 - 12.30 1st Session: The World of Tayeb Salih (Chair Ahmed Al-Shahi)

10.30 - 11.00 *Mustafa Sa'eed and Mansi: How the British fragmented acquisition of the English language to consolidate their imperial rule in Anglo-Egyptian Sudan*
Mohamed Khalaph (Writer and critic, UK)

11.00 - 11.30 *Time, Space and Belonging in Al Tayeb Salih's Works*
Amal Osman (Writer and educator, UK)

11.30 - 12.00 *Hosna bint Mahmoud: A Study in Character*
Lemya Shammat (King Saud University, Jeddah)

12.00 - 12.30 Discussion

12.30 - 1.40 Lunch break

1.40 - 3.00 2nd Session: Tayeb Salih in the World (Chair Laurent Mignon)

1.40 - 2.10 *Season of migration to the North and the East: Reception in French and Turkish of an Arabic novel*
Timour Muhidine (INALCO, Paris)

2.10 - 2.40 *Mysticism and the Modernist Postsecular in Tayeb Salih*
Apala Das (Bilkent University, Ankara)

2.40 - 3.00 Discussion

3.00 - 3.30 Tea Break



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3.30 - 4.50 3rd Session: Reading Tayeb Salih's Non-Fiction (Chair Laurent Mignon)

3.30 - 4.00 *Tayeb Salih's Non-fiction: an Untold Legacy*
Adil Babikir (Translator, Abu Dhabi)

4.00 - 4.30 *Defamiliarising the Familiar: City Representation in Tayeb Salih's Non-fiction Writing (An Eco-critical Approach)*
Abdelmagid Abdelrahman Awadelkarim (Majmaah University, Saudi Arabia):

4.30 - 4.50 Discussion
Dr Richard Barltrop will moderate the Q&A session on ZOOM

4.50 - 5.15 Concluding Remarks (Ahmed Al-Shahi and Laurent Mignon)

5.15 - 6.30 Reception

All Welcome

Venue: Investcorp Building, St Antony's College, 62 Woodstock Road, Oxford, OX2 6JF

Registration Essential



In-person: Please email Dr Ahmed Al-Shahi: namlas159@gmail.com
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the QR code to receive your personal ZOOM link by email

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