**XIAOYUE LI**

Curriculum Vitae

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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2021-2022

Postdoctoral Fellow, Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies (EIHS)

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

**EDUCATION**

2014-2021

2012-2014

2008-2014

Ph.D. in History, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Dissertation:“Taming the Iron Horse: Austerity, Subversion, and Revolution in Colonial Egyptian Railways, 1876-1924”

M.A., Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University

B.A. *summa cum laude* in Arabic Language and Culture, Peking University

B.A. in International Studies, Peking University

**PUBLICATIONS**

2021

“Usurpers of Technology: Train Robbery and Theft in Egypt, 1876-1904,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 53, no. 2 (2021): 195-212.

2021

“China-Egypt Relations: Constructing Images and Perceptions in the ‘Belt and Road Initiative.’” In *Rethinking China, Middle East and Asia in a “Multiplex World.”* Edited by Mojtaba Mahdavi and Tugrul Keskin. Leiden, Netherlands: Brill Publishers, 2021.

**SELECTED GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS**

2019-2020

Rackham Humanities Research Dissertation Fellowship

2019

Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies Summer Fellowship

2018

Rackham Humanities Research Candidacy Fellowship

2016-2017

Graduate Student Research Fellowship, Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies

2016

International Institute Individual Fellowship

2015

Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant

2012-2014

Center for Contemporary Arab Studies Merit-Based Student Tuition Scholarship

**SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2020

“From Privilege to Welfare: The Popularization of the Egyptian Railway, 1870-1920”, Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting, Visual Presentation due to COVID-19

2019

“Innovation and Social Illegality: Rethinking Technology in the Writing of Egyptian Social History,” MESA Annual Meeting, New Orleans

2019

“Iron Horses on *Kemet* and *Heitudi*: A Comparative Study of Two Railways in China and Egypt,” The 5th China and the Middle East and North Africa Conference, Shanghai University, China

2018

“Thinking Railways Spatially: Imaginations of the Railway Connectivity in Late 19th-Century Britain and Egypt,” MESA Annual Meeting, Organizer & Presenter of the panel “Infrastructure and Connectivity in the Middle East,” San Antonio

2018

“Contentions and Supervisions of Railway Technology in Colonial Egypt, 1882-1919,” Society for the History of Technology (SHOT) Annual Meeting, St Louis

2017

“Constructing Images and Perceptions in the ‘One Belt One Road’ Initiative,” The 3rd China and The Middle East Conference: Asia to the Middle East, Shanghai University, China

2017

“Connecting Peripheries to the Center: Imaginations of Railways in Late 19th-Century Egypt,” Middle East History and Theory (MEHAT) Annual Conference, University of Chicago

2017

“In Between Railways: Neighbors of Modernity in 19th-Century Egypt,” Organizer & Presenter at the Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies Workshop, University of Michigan

2015

“Material Goods and National Images: A Survey of Ordinary Egyptians,” Conference of International Studies, Tsinghua University, China

2014

“Illness as Discourse: A Case of Manganese Poisoning in the Formation of State-Labor Relations,” MESAAS Graduate Student Conference, Columbia University

**INVITED TALKS**

2018

“The Imperial Iron Horse: A Brief Introduction to the History of Egyptian Railways,” Department of History, American University in Cairo (AUC), Egypt

2018

“Cairo: A City Consumed,” Xinhua News Agency, Cairo

**TEACHING EXPERIENCES**

**University of Michigan**

**Primary Instructor**

FA 2021

HIST 390: China and the Middle East: Commodities, Ecology, Infrastructure

FA 2020

HIST 195: China and the Middle East: Communications and Exchanges

**University of Michigan**

**Graduate Student Instructor (GSI)**

WN 2019

HIST 443: Modern Middle East History (Professor Juan Cole)

FA 2018

HIST 282: History of the Economy (Professor Brian Porter-Szűcs)

WN 2017

HIST 231: Peace and Peace Movements in Islam (Professor Juan Cole)

FA 2015

FA 2016

HIST 241: America and Middle Eastern Wars (Professor Juan Cole)

WN2016

HIST 244: The Arab-Israeli Conflict (Professor Victor Lieberman)

**SERVICE**

2021-2022

Organizer for Graduate Student Workshops at Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies

2019-2020

Founder & Organizer, “Decolonization De-imperialization De-cold-war as Methods” Interdisciplinary Workshop (DDDAM), University of Michigan

2017-2018

Archive guide for graduate students, History Department, American University in Cairo

2017

Mentor to incoming graduate students, Department of History, University of Michigan

2016-2017

Chair of steering committee, Peking University Alumni at University of Michigan

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

Modern Middle East history, particularly modern Egypt

Science, Technology, and Society (STS)

Infrastructure studies, particularly railways

Political economy, particularly about infrastructure

Sino-Arab relations

Colonialism, imperialism, and nationalism

**MEMBERSHIP**

American Historical Association (AHA)

Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA)

Society for the History of Technology (SHOT)

**LANGUAGES**

Mandarin Chinese: native

Modern Standard Arabic: high proficient

Egyptian dialect: fluent

French: advanced

Turkish: academic reading