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- 7. Daily Life in the Middle East According to Personal Diaries, Travel Accounts, and Anthropological Studies Written by Middle Easterners, Europeans, Japanese, and Other Nationalities**
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Convenor: Ziba Jalali Naini (Ziba.jalali@gmail.com)
- 11. Food, Studied Anthropologically – Food in Anthropological Perspective**
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- 12. New Generation of Anthropologists in the Middle East or Working on the Middle East**
Convenor: Soheila Shahshahani (soheilairan@gmail.com)
- 13. Foreign Wives of Middle Eastern Men**
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Convenor: Shilan Sa'di (shilansaadi80@gmail.com)