

Middle Eastern and North African Resource Guide

Content Warning: Some of the following resources contain discussions of White Supremacy, racism, colonialism, xenophobia, harassment, violence, hate crimes, homelessness, mass incarceration and policing, deportation, depression and suicide.

Articles

[“Queer, Arab, and Onstage After Orlando”](#) – Brian Schaefer

[“Being Queer, Arab, & Everything in between: Interviewing Saleem Haddad, the Author of ‘Guapa’”](#) – Saleem Haddad

[“Fatima Al Qadiri’s new EP is a love letter to Arab queer icons”](#) – David Renshaw

[“Recommended Resources for LGBT Muslims”](#) – HRC

For more information on race, religion, and LGBTQA+ identity, check out the Religion Resource Guide.

[“Take Action: How Non-Muslims Can Help End Islamophobia”](#) – Ally Beetham

Videos and Podcasts

[“Coming Out as Gay Lesbian Bisexual or Transgender”](#) – Snarled

[“Brown, trans, queer, Muslim and proud”](#) – Sabah Choudrey

[“No Longer Alone: LGBTQ Activists from the Middle East and North Africa”](#) – HRW

Books and Zines

Haddad, Saleem. *Guapa*. Other Press. 2016.

Bareed Masta3jil – True Stories

“The book, available in both English and Arabic versions, is a collection of 41 true (and personal) stories from lesbians, bisexuals, queer and questioning women, and transgender persons from all over Lebanon. The introduction to the book is a 30-page analysis of the general themes presented in the stories.”

My.Kali

“One of the first LGBTQIA-inclusive webzine in the Middle East and North Africa”



Films

[A Jihad For Love](#) (2007, documentary)

“A documentary on gay, lesbian, and transgender Muslims across the Muslim and Western worlds.”

[How Gay Is Pakistan](#) (2015, documentary)

“Mawaan Rizwan asks what life is really like for gay people in Pakistan, where homosexuality is illegal and considered by some as a disease. In this revealing journey to the country of his birth, Mawaan meets people living gay and transgender lives despite constant fear of persecution. He discovers a fascinating and shocking private world where sex between men is surprisingly common, but where LGBT rights are limited. During his time in the country he's also offered a miracle herbal cure for his own homosexuality.”

[I Can't Think Straight](#) (2008, film)

“This romance story, which was directed by Shamim Sharif and is originally based on a book by the same name, follows Tala, a London-based Palestinian woman who is planning an elaborate wedding back in the Middle East. She meets Leyla, a British Indian woman who is dating her best friend. They are complete opposites but they find themselves totally attracted to each other, regardless.”

[Circumstance](#) (2011, film)

“A wealthy Iranian family struggles to contain a teenager's growing sexual rebellion and her brother's dangerous obsession.”

[Naz & Maalik](#) (2015, film)

“Two closeted Muslim teens hawk goods across Brooklyn and struggle to come clean about their sexuality, as their secretive behavior leads them unknowingly into the cross-hairs of the War on Terror.”

Organizations

On-Campus

UA Queer and Trans People of Color & Two-Spirit Discussion Group

Contact the LGBTQA+ Resource Center for this semester's meeting schedule

LGBTQA+ Support Group

When: Tuesdays from 4-5:30 pm

Where: SUMC 412

Free and confidential

For more information, contact Martie van der Voort at mvanderv@email.arizona.edu or 621-3334.

Gender Spectrum Support Group

When: Mondays from 3-4:00 pm

Where: Administrative Conference Room C312, Third Floor Campus Health

Cost: \$5 each week (can be billed to Bursar's.) Please check in at CAPS.

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Organizations cont.

Tucson

Thornhill Lopez Center on Fourth

<https://www.lgbtcenters.org/LGBTCenters/Center/6882/Thornhill-Lopez-Center-on-4th>

National

Al Gamea

“The GLBT Association of Middle Eastern Americans (Al GAMEA) is a human services organization established for support, socialization, education and awareness in the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgender “GLBT” Middle Eastern Community.”

<http://algamea.org/about-al-gamea/>

Muslim Advocates

“Muslim Advocates is a national legal advocacy and educational organization that works on the frontlines of civil rights to guarantee freedom and justice for Americans of all faiths.”

<https://www.muslimadvocates.org/about/>

Muslim Alliance for Sexual and Gender Diversity

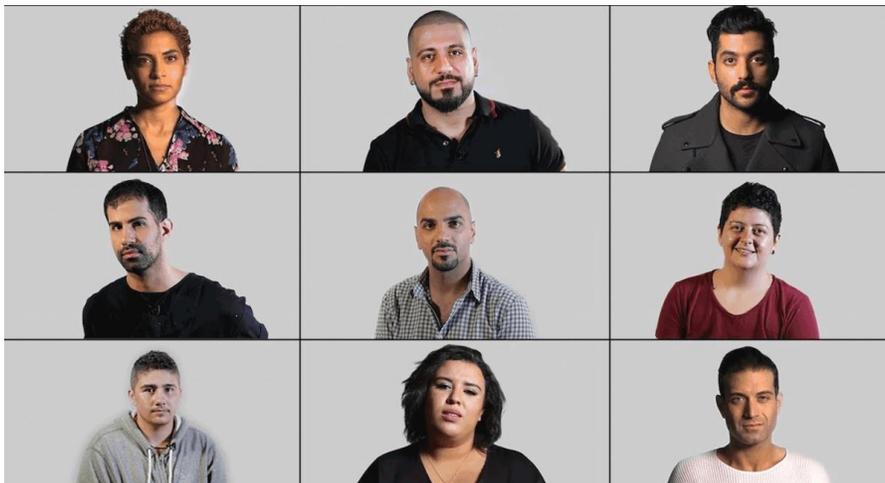
“The Muslim Alliance for Sexual and Gender Diversity (MASGD) works to support, empower and connect LGBTQ Muslims. We seek to challenge root causes of oppression, including misogyny and xenophobia. We aim to increase the acceptance of gender and sexual diversity within Muslim communities, and to promote a progressive understanding of Islam that is centered on inclusion, justice, and equality.”

<http://www.muslimalliance.org/aboutmasgd>

Reaching All HIV+ Muslims in America

“RAHMA’s mission is to address HIV/AIDS in faith communities through education, advocacy, and empowerment.”

<http://haverahma.org/what-we-do/>



From “No Longer Alone: LGBTQ Voices from the Middle East and North Africa