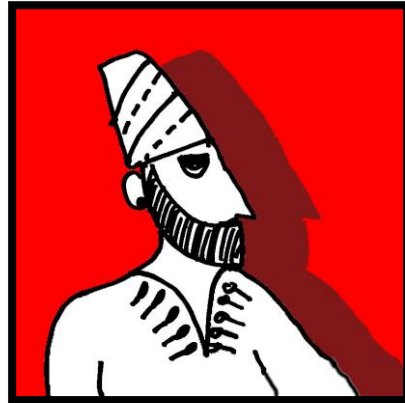




MEC FRIDAY SEMINAR SERIES

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*And then God created the Middle East
and said 'let there be breaking news'*



Karl Sharro

(Architect, satirist and Middle East commentator)

Chair: **Walter Armbrust** (St Antony's College)

Friday, 16 November at 5pm

Investcorp Auditorium, St Antony's College
Joint event with the Oxford Arab Society

Copies of the book will be available on sale for £5 (cash only!)

The Middle East is the mysterious land of veils, minarets and Orientalist clichés. Karl Sharro, aka Karl reMarks, talks about his seven year journey of satirising how his enchanted native land is represented in Western media and punditry. From the Arab Spring to the rise and decline of ISIS, Sharro discusses how his online alter ego tackled those delicate topics in tweets, blog posts, memes, animations and badly-drawn cartoons. From a more realistic James Bond movie that depicts him delivering a shipment of tear gas to a repressive regime to his 'one sentence explanation of the rise of ISIS', the talk will cover an eclectic range of subject matter. It closes with Sharro's Occidental work, as he returns the favour to the West in the aftermath of Brexit and Trump. The talk is titled after his recent book which was published in July by Saqi Books in London.



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