



GRADUATE STUDENT COLLOQUIUM ON MIDDLE EASTERN & ISLAMIC STUDIES

HISTORY, MEMORY, IDENTITY

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017

CULTURAL CENTER AUDITORIUM

8:30AM-9:00AM

OPENING REMARKS

Yaşar Çolak, Diyanet Center of America

Sami Erdem, George Mason University & Marmara University

Hüseyin Yılmaz, George Mason University

9:00AM-10:30AM

PANEL I – POLITICS OF SOCIAL CHANGE: ENCOUNTERS WITH TRADITION AND MODERNITY

Chair and Discussant: **Nathaniel Greenberg**, George Mason University

Sumaya Almajdoub, The George Washington University
Transitional Justice in Tunisia: Challenges and Opportunities

Ahmet Şefik Hatipoğlu, Indiana University
Religious Education Policy in Turkey: A State-in-Society Approach

Kristen Gianaris, The Graduate Institute, Geneva
The Language of the People: Spaces in Words

10:30AM-10:45AM

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10:45AM-12:30PM

PANEL II– ISLAMIC LAW AND INSTITUTIONS: RESPONSES IN CHANGING CONTEXTS

Chair and Discussant: **Zainab Alwani**, Howard University

Hatice Kübra Kahya, Harvard University & Istanbul University
The Question of Substitution (Istibdal) in Ottoman Pious Endowments

Wasim Shiliwala, Princeton University
Prisoners of Their Devoted Audiences: The Precarious Authority of the Modern Mufti

Ayşegül Şimşek, Columbia University & Marmara University
Islamic Law of Rebellion: Early Hanafi Approach

Tesneem Alkiek, Georgetown University
Religious Minorities under Muslim Rule

Ferhan Güloğlu, The George Washington University
Fasting and Pregnant: An Ethnographic Account of Pregnant Muslim Women from Religious, Scientific, and Governance Perspectives

12:30PM-1:30PM

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1:30PM-3:00PM

PANEL III – POLITICS AND IDENTITY: EXPRESSION, PARTICIPATION, AND TRANSFORMATION

Chair and Discussant: **Heba el-Shazli**, George Mason University

Ayşe Zeynep Nayır, School of Oriental and African Studies
Women, Islam, and Civil Society in Anatolia

Ayşenur Sönmez Kara, George Mason University
Welcoming Syrian Refugees in Turkey: The Role of Religious Discourse in the Case of Diyanet

Aamir Bashir, University of Chicago
Forging a Group Identity Among Contemporary Pakistani Deobandīs: The Role of the Akabir (Elders)

Yusuf Akbulut, Istanbul Şehir University
Reading Official Ideology Through Curriculum: Egyptian High School History Books (1981-2011)

3:00PM- 3:15PM

BREAK

3:15PM-5:00PM

PANEL IV – ISLAMIC THOUGHT: DIVERSITY, ENCOUNTERS, AND ENGAGEMENT

Chair and Discussant: **Jonathan AC Brown**, Georgetown University

Yasin Ramazan Başaran, Indiana University Bloomington
Farabi on Religion: Certainty, Realization, and Community

Rosabel Ansari, Georgetown University
A History of “Wujūd” in Islamic Metaphysics: From Farabi to Ibn Arabi

Abdul Rahman Latif, Harvard Divinity School
On the Asl of Specious Arguments: Muslim Responses to Evolution

Pouyan Shahidi Marnani, Indiana University Bloomington
In Search for Zarqālī’s Arabic, Constructional Literature on His Universal Instruments: A Proposal

Ida Nitter, University of Pennsylvania
Fictional Writing as Western Resistance: How Two Nahda Writers Challenged Western Orientalist Depictions of the Arab “Other”

5:00PM-5:15PM

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5:15PM-6:45PM

PANEL V – ISLAM IN AMERICAS: CONTEMPORARY AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES

Chair and Discussant: **Ahmet Selim Tekelioğlu**, Diyanet Islamic Research Institute

Youssef J. Carter, UC Berkeley

From Slave to Abdullahi: Black Muslim Pedagogy, History, and Reversive Memory

Fatima Siwaju, Princeton University

Many Ways of Belonging: Muharram Observances Among Trinidadian Shī’a

Muhammad Fraser-Rahim, Howard University
The Making of American Islam: Imam WD Mohammed, Islamic Revivalism, and the Pathway Against Violence

Saquib Ali Usman, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
American Chronotopes of the Qur’an

6:45PM-7:00PM

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7:00PM KEYNOTE LECTURE

Ahmet T. Karamustafa, University of Maryland, College Park
Vernacular Islam: Historical Perspectives on Muslim Identity

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017

CULTURAL CENTER AUDITORIUM

9:00AM-10:45AM

PANEL VI – HISTORY AND MEMORY: NARRATIVES OF CULTURAL CONSTRUCTION

Chair and Discussant: **Himmet Taşkömür**, Harvard University

Tuğrul Kurt, Frankfurt Goethe University & Marmara University
The Hanifs (Theosebes) as a Common Link between Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in its Historical and Quranic Context

Ashutosh Kumar, McGill University
Ancestral Memory and Imperial Identity in the Mughal Empire

Ahmed Tahir Nur, Yale University
Knowledge, Virtue, and Perfection: Understanding Tashkubrīzādah Ahmed Efendi (1495-1561)

Gürzat Kami, İstanbul Şehir University
Reasons for Writing a Biographical Dictionary in the Sixteenth-Century Ottoman Empire: Ali ibn Bali and His Work

10:45AM-11:00AM

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11:00AM-12:45PM

PANEL VII – MUSLIM MINORITIES: THE CHANGING DYNAMICS OF COEXISTENCE

Chair and Discussant: **Ermin Sinanovic**, International Institute of Islamic Thought

Margarita Rosa, Princeton University
Malê Revolt in Bahia: Embodied Piety for Enslaved West African Muslims in 1835 Brazil

Shanoaha Kay Smith, Georgetown University
Japan’s Islam Policy in China during the Early Twentieth Century

Faisal Hamid, Johns Hopkins University
The Divided Muslim Vote in Uttar Pradesh

Dilyara Agisheva, Georgetown University
Russians in Crimea: Some Aspects of the Legal Transformation in Islamic Crimea Under the Russian Rule Post-1783 Annexation

Cuma Özkan, University of Iowa
Contesting Sinicization: Chinese Muslims’ Intellectual Productions as a Way of Preserving their Cultural and Religious Identities

12:45PM-1:15PM CLOSING ROUNDTABLE

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