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**Workshop: Beyond 'Sectarianism'? Towards an Alternative Understanding of Identity
Politics and Communal Antagonism**

24-25 October 2019

Woolf Institute, University of Cambridge

Day 1 – 24 October 2019

- 09.30** Registration and coffee
- 10.00** **Welcome:** Emanuelle Degli Esposti, Centre of Islamic Studies, University of Cambridge
- 10.05** **Opening Keynote:** Maia Hallward, Kennesaw State University
- 11.15** Tea and Coffee
- 11.30** **Panel 1: Ways of Being and Doing Religion in Changing Contexts** (Chair: Tobias Müller, University of Cambridge)
- The Mythological machine: Displacement and Sectarianism***
Maziyar Ghiabi, Oxford University, and Billie Jeanne Brownlee, University of Exeter
- Shifting Paradigms of Islamic Knowledge: Formations of Muslim Thought in Sri Lanka***
Arun Rasiah, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies
- The Ideational Morphology of Islamism in the Syrian Uprising***
Teije Hidde Donker, University of Cambridge
- 13.00** Lunch
- 14.15** **Panel 2: The Celtic Prism** (Chair: Julian Hargreaves, Woolf Institute)
- Beyond the 'Ethno-national' Account of the Northern Ireland Conflict: Deconstructing the 'Two Communities' Thesis***
Patrick Pinkerton, Queen Mary University of London
- Then and Now: The Fine Line Between Sporting Rivalry and Sectarianism in Scotland***
Sumeet Jalgaonkar, University of Dundee

'Sectarianism' in Scotland's Muslim Communities, and Efforts to Prevent It
Hugh Goddard, Centre of Islamic Studies, University of Edinburgh

15.45 Tea and Coffee

16.00 **Panel 3: Minorities in a Conflicted State** (Chair: Sertaç Sehlükoglu, University of Cambridge)

Ontological Security, Antagonism, Populism and Conflict in Turkey
Recep Onursal and Umut Can Adisonmez, University of Kent

'Cultures without Religion': Legal-Political Sectarianism against Alevi in Turkey
Esin Caliskan, Queen Mary University of London

The 'Modern Karbala': Antagonistic Tolerance and Ethnoreligious Difference in Turkey
Hande Sarikuzu, Binghampton University

17.30 End of Day 1

19.15 Conference dinner, St John's Chop House, Cambridge CB3 0AD

Day 2 - 25 October 2019

09.30 Coffee

10.00 **Panel 4: Identity – Self and Other** (Chair: Helen Watson, University of Cambridge)

Exploring Shi'a Militant Subjectivities and Intra-Communal Contestations among Iraq's Popular Mobilisation Forces
Younes Saramifar, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Political Identity or Sectarian Belonging? Examining the Case of Ansar Allah in Yemen
Eyad Alrefai, Lancaster University

'Suicide' in Islam: A Social Constructionist Approach to Understanding Sunni and Shi'ite Ethics
Hossein Godazgar, University of Warwick`

11.30 Tea and Coffee

11.45 **Panel 5: Alternative Paradigms** (Chair: Simon Mabon, University of Lancaster)

Beyond the Beyond(s): On the (Many) Third Way(s) beyond Primordialism and Instrumentalism in the study of Sectarianism

Morten Valbjørn, Aarhus University

Sectarianism as Unconscious: Ideology, Desire, and Subjectivity in the Discourse of “Shi’a rights”

Emanuelle Degli Esposti, University of Cambridge

Beyond ‘Sectarianism’: The Role of ‘Masculism’ in Shaping the Syrian Conflict

Rahaf Aldoughli, Lancaster University

13.15 Lunch

14.30 **Final Symposium: “Beyond ‘Sectarianism’?”** (Chair: Emanuelle Degli Esposti)

15.30 Concluding Remarks (Julian Hargreaves)

15.45 End of Workshop