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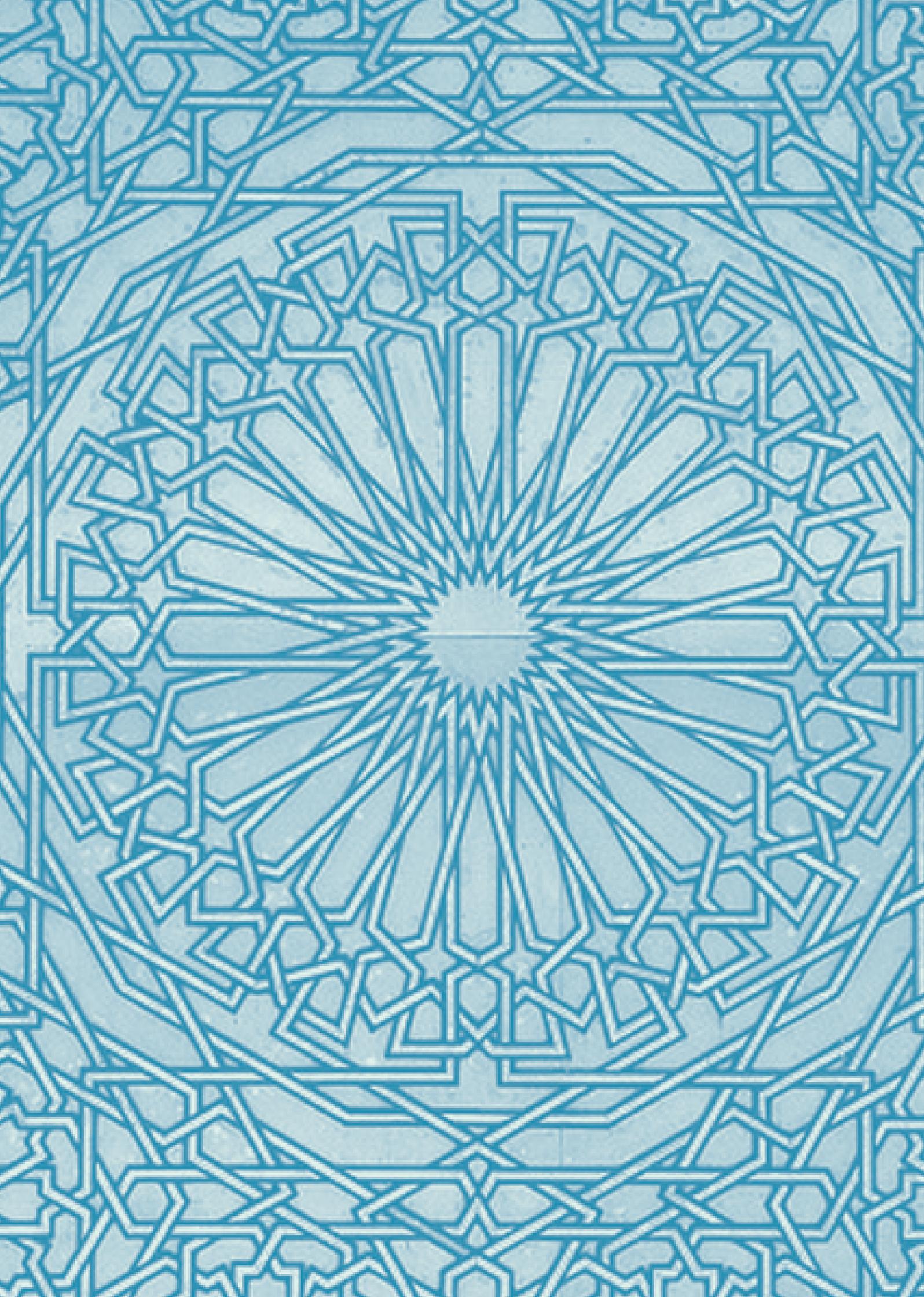
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FROM THE DIRECTOR



Foreword by the Director

I am proud to report that this year has seen an expansion of our people and the activities and outreach that we have been able to support.

Our 'CIS Public Talks' open seminars ran on a variety of topics covering the Middle East, North Africa and the Levant, with speakers from academia, politics and journalism. Events took place in Rooms 8 & 9 of the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern or in the Little Hall on the Sidgwick site.

With four Research Associates the Centre was more effective than ever in reaching out to a wide spectrum of academics and public across some very different topics. Dr Mehrunisha Suleman completed her series of conferences and began to focus on workshops in order to produce a peer-reviewed set of case studies that will be of use in clinical and palliative settings around the UK. Our Islamic Art specialist, Dr Deniz Türker, continued to run seminars and numerous public events to bring Islamic Art to a wider audience from teenagers to senior citizens. Her research moved to investigation of Islamic textiles from around the Mediterranean with a particular focus on the collections of A.J.B. Wace. Our two new Associates were equally busy; Dr Emanuelle Degli Esposti giving numerous papers on the topic of Shi'ism in the UK and Europe whilst Arafat Razzaque not only presented on his main research into the parallels and differences between classical and modern views on adoption and fostering in Islam but also became something of a media expert on the subject of Aladdin to coincide with the release of the new film of that name!

And our former Research Associate Dr Ryan Williams, now a Visiting Fellow, rounded off his work in Cambridge University's "Good life, Good Society" course, and held several meetings at Ministerial level in order to get his research embedded into the UK's justice system.

We were proud to host the sixth annual postgraduate symposium on Muslims in the UK and Europe. This event brought together a select group of graduate researchers from across the UK and Europe to present their work, and gain constructive and critical feedback from their peers and senior mentors. During the two-day's our delegates covered a broad spectrum of topics; from concepts of 'otherness' around Europe, through the emergence of new forms of religious authority in the UK to the semiotics of Turkish Black Metal music. The Centre has also continued its journal series, publishing selected papers from the previous year's symposium in an extensive publication *Muslims in the UK and Europe V* and is working towards a peer-reviewed 'best of' book to promote the work of the early-career scholars who have contributed so much to each of our symposia.

As ever, Outreach is a vital part of the Centre's work and this year the activities ranged from introducing secondary school children to the world of Islamic art at the Fitzwilliam Museum, up to a screening of the 2008 film, "Salata Baladi", with the film's director talking with members of the audience. A key part of our outreach activities each year is our participation in the 'Festival of Ideas' and this year we held well-attended talks on the Muslim experience of the end of life in

the UK and on the lived experiences of Syrian refugees both in the camps and after arrival in European host countries. As usual, we continued in partnership with The Islamic Manuscript Association in running their Islamic Codicology workshops at the University Library.

We have expanded our Studentship programme from three to four this year with an additional year's funding for a fourth-year student. The Centre's funding has supported research on:

- the impact of the discourses of community cohesion and counter-terrorism on young British Muslim sense of self and belonging
- understanding of "friendship" in a range of classical Islamic sources, with particular regards to its ethics and boundaries
- The history and culture of lawfare in Egypt – The Case of Institutionalising the Prerogative State within Egypt's Normal juridical Order
- Medicalizing the Hajj.

I would like to conclude by thanking all of the Centre's academic and associated staff for their efforts in the year and look forward to the coming year's achievements.



Prof. Khaled Fahmy
Director, Centre of Islamic Studies
University of Cambridge

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BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION



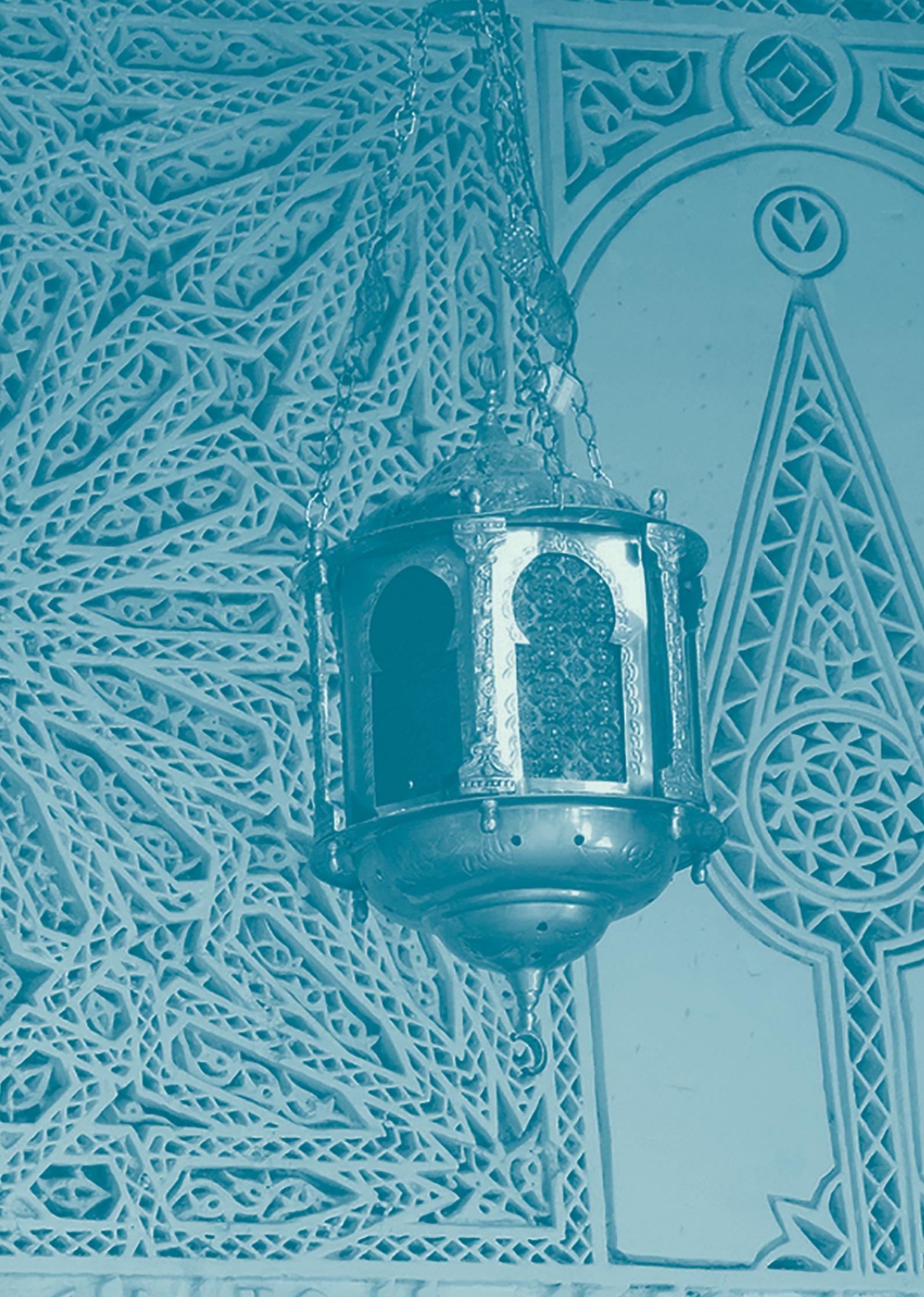
The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Centre of Islamic Studies

The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Centre of Islamic Studies (CIS) was established in 2008 with Professor Yasir Suleiman CBE, FRSE, FRCPE as the Founding Director. It was established as a successor to the Centre of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies (CMEIS). CMEIS was founded in 1960 by Professor Arthur Arberry to foster an interest in the Middle East, particularly the modern Middle East, amongst Cambridge scholars, students and the general public, and to support research.

CMEIS played an active role in promoting Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies amongst academics and the public through lectures, seminars and conferences. The Centre also helped to establish and develop links between individuals and institutions with an interest in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies. The Centre further encouraged communication between academics, the media and the public.

The Centre of Islamic Studies was established as the successor to CMEIS and was officially opened on 23rd March 2011.

During the academic year 2018/19 the Centre has played an active role in facilitating and promoting dialogue and discussion on a range of topical subjects for a wide international audience. Senior officials, scholars, and faith and community leaders have engaged actively in the Centre's outreach and research programme, the primary aim of which has been to advance mutual understanding and informed dialogue regarding Islam in the global age.



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Keith Repner

Seminar Series

CIS Public Talks

In this re-branded seminar series, the Centre for Islamic Studies engaged the wider, interested audience throughout the University and beyond, including journalists and academics, through a series of fortnightly meetings held between 5.15 pm and 6.45 pm at the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies in Cambridge.

11 OCTOBER 2018

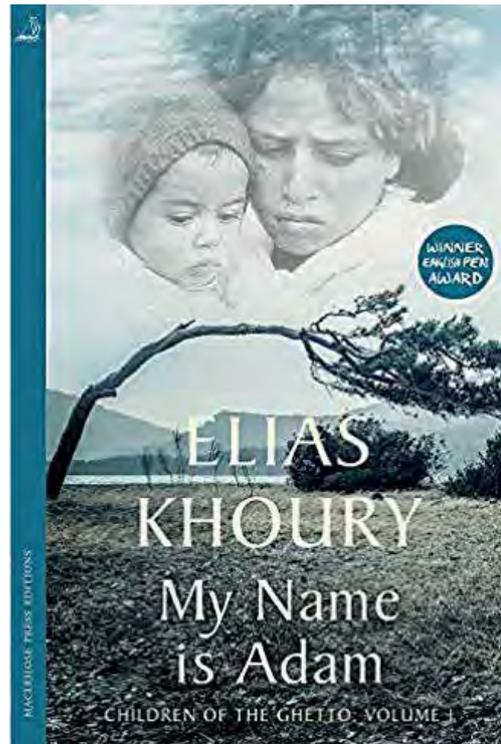
Writing the Pain

Elias Khoury, Author

"In writing the novel of our present, the question we currently face is how to reach a beginning and how to build a frame. This question acquires an added urgency given that all around us is crumbling, sociological, culturally and ideologically."

Elias Khoury is a Lebanese novelist, playwright, critic, and prominent public intellectual. He is the author of 13 novels, which have been translated into 15 languages. His novels include: *Little Mountain* (1977), *The Journey of Little Ghandi* (1989) and *Sinalkul* (2012), which was longlisted for the International Prize for Arabic Fiction. He also wrote three plays and four critical works on literature.

Following the talk there will be a book signing session for his latest work *My Name is Adam*.



25 OCTOBER 2018

After the Coup: The Lessons of the Military Takeover in Egypt for the Future of the Middle East

David Kirkpatrick, New York Times



David D. Kirkpatrick is an international correspondent based in the London bureau of the New York Times. From 2011 to 2015 he led coverage of the Arab Spring uprising in Egypt, Tunisia and Libya, and he has also reported from Syria, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Jordan, and Lebanon. His book, *Into the Hands of the Soldiers: Freedom and Chaos in Egypt and the Middle East*, was published by Bloomsbury in August 2018.

8 NOVEMBER 2018

"Rogue Elements" or Rogue State: Saudi Arabia after Khashoggi

Madawi Al-Rasheed, LSE



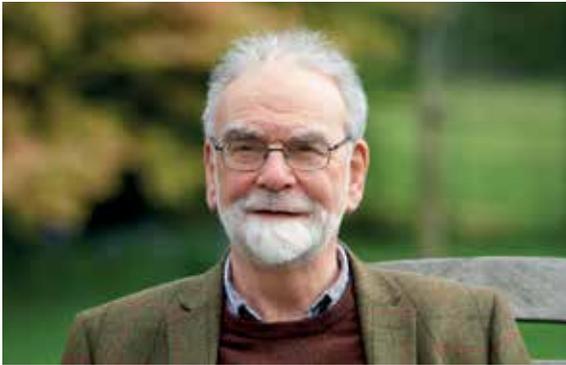
In the light of the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul on 2 October, the Saudi regime faced a serious, unprecedented crisis; mainly the collapse of its reputation as a benevolent monarchy. In the literature on authoritarianism, the monarchy is classified as one that uses more carrots than sticks with critics and dissidents. However, the consulate incident exposed this persistent myth and undermined Saudi credibility at the domestic and international levels. This presentation explores the consequences and assess future prospects.

Dr Madawi Al-Rasheed is a visiting professor at the Middle East Centre at LSE. She has written extensively about the Arabian Peninsula and her most recent book is *Salman's Legacy: the Dilemmas of a New Era in Saudi Arabia*, Hurst, 2018.

22 NOVEMBER 2018

Islam and the Modern World: Changing the Narrative

Ahmed Paul Keeler, Visiting Fellow, CIS



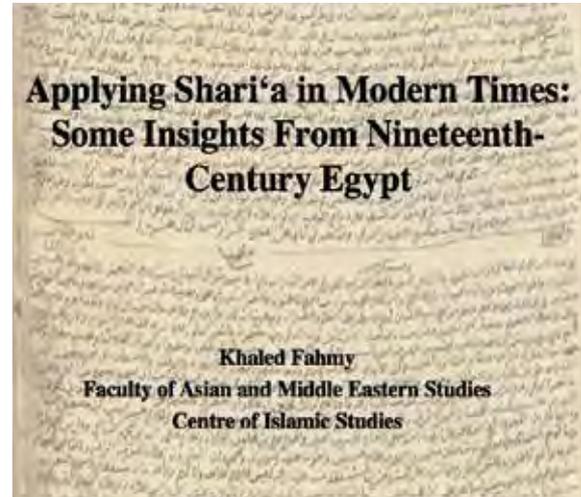
The idea of necessary progress came out of the European Enlightenment and continues to underpin the narrative driving the Modern World. Islam contributed to this narrative when a thousand years ago it had a Golden Age at a time when Europe was in darkness. Europe then took up the torch of progress whilst Islam declined and stagnated, and today belongs to developing nations that are attempting to catch up with the West. But the Modern World is now beset with multiple escalating environmental and other crises that threaten our very existence. Yet the belief in human progress is undiminished. The emergence of a cruel and brutish terrorism, claiming its origin in Islam, has provided a new existential enemy, and Muslims are fast becoming the scapegoats for a world in crisis. How to make sense of such contradictions, aberrations and confusion? Ahmed Paul Keeler invites us to examine the worlds of Islam and Modernity, not through the Western narrative of progress but through the Islamic perspective of al mizan (balance, justice, measure, harmony). What emerges is a fresh and challenging insight into both Islam and the Modern World.

Ahmed Paul Keeler was the founder / Director of the acclaimed 'World of Islam' Festival in 1976. He has been involved in a number of projects exploring the historical environment of Islam, and is at present focussing on al-Mizan (the Balance) as a fundamental dynamic in the ordering of Islamic civilization. He is a Visiting Fellow at the CIS.

31 JANUARY 2019

Applying shari'a in modern times: Some reflections from 19th-century Egypt.

Khaled Fahmy, Director, Centre of Islamic Studies



For the past half century, implementing shari'a has been a rallying cry for Islamist groups throughout the Muslim world. Judging the legal systems of various Muslim-majority countries to have been imposed by colonial powers and/or Westernized legal and political elites, many Islamists have been calling for a return to what they believe was an authentic, legal system – the shari'a. However, there is little understanding of what this shari'a consisted of or how it was applied in Muslim countries before the Western onslaught. This talk looks at a particular historical case, that of nineteenth-century Egypt, to see how precisely shari'a was applied in the field of criminal law, and asks if secularization is the best way to explain the process by which criminal law changed in a time of profound political and social transformation. Michael studied at King's College London and undertook three years of post-graduate research in the Middle East. He is proficient in both Arabic and Hebrew.

Michael talked candidly about the rise of non-state actors and the varied responses of states to them and each other.

7 FEBRUARY 2019

Earliest Islamic Empire: Some Observations on the Umayyad Period

Andrew Marsham, Reader in Classical Arabic Studies at the University of Cambridge



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The Umayyad dynasty (644–750 CE) presided over the formation of the first Islamic Empire. Although it is sometimes disputed, the category ‘empire’ is a useful one for understanding the political structures of early Islam; the ideas of Burbank and Cooper, and Mann’s theory of social power, help to disaggregate the various forms of power in the Umayyad world and beyond, and to understand better the dynamics that led both to the Umayyads’ spectacular political success and their downfall.

Andrew Marsham is Reader in Classical Arabic Studies at the University of Cambridge and the author of *Rituals of Islamic Monarchy* (Edinburgh, 2009).

21 FEBRUARY 2019

Struggles for Justice in the Aftermath of the Uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt

Heba Morayef, Amnesty International



Human rights defenders in both Tunisia and Egypt were often at the forefront of agenda setting at the time of the 2011 Arab Spring uprising by infusing protest demands with rights calls for justice and accountability. Heba reflects on to what extent that emphasis on accountability served the protest’s radical change agenda and to what extent it fundamentally undermined it by leading to a reaffirmation of the status quo?

Heba Morayef is Amnesty International’s Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa.

2 MAY 2018

Arabic in Flux: Social media, revolution and the transforming linguistic landscape

Saussan Khalil, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies



Recent developments in Arabic writing have defied convention, from online youth political activism, to social media and even print publishing. We explore these developments and reimagine the Arabic language of the digital age.

Saussan is Senior Language Teacher at the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Cambridge University. She has recently completed her PhD from Leeds University. Saussan is also the founder of Kalamna C.I.C, a social venture providing children's Arabic classes in Cambridge: www.kalamna.org.

30 MAY 2019

Struggles for Justice in the Aftermath of the Uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt

Ezgi Basaran, St Anthony's College, Oxford



Turkey's ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) had maintained an intensive dialogue with the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood (MB) starting with the fall of Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak. The interchange between AKP and Egypt's MB from 2011 to 2013 indicated a learning process between two parties. Although it is known that the AKP has provided support and provision of logistics for conferences, academic support and economic and commercial agreements with newly elected governments since the Arab Revolution, particularly in Tunisia and Egypt, the details of this learning process are missing, in both the literature and the media. This seminar will seek to answer two questions: What was the motivation behind these two different political entities to maintain an intensive dialogue from 2011 onwards? And what have been the political and practical implications of this dialogue?

Ezgi Başaran has over 10 years' experience in the Turkish media, including a stint as editor-in-chief of the late daily Radikal. She is currently based at Oxford University's St Anthony's College, where she coordinates its Programme on Contemporary Turkey.

Annual Postgraduate Symposium

Muslims in the UK and Europe — Symposium VI, 2019

6–7 JUNE 2019

The Moller Centre, Cambridge

The Centre held its sixth Annual Postgraduate Symposium on 6–7 June 2019. This aimed to bring together graduate research work pertaining to Muslims in the UK and Europe, and provide a forum for critical discussion and reflection. The event brought together early-career scholars from around the UK and Europe and gave us a broad range of topics from personal and religious identity through the changing face of religious authority and the challenges of gender and sexuality.

Dr Shamim Miah, University of Huddersfield, delivered the keynote speech entitled ‘Muslims, Schooling and Education in Britain’.

The Centre also published the annual proceedings from the previous conference, which are available free to download from:

<http://www.cis.cam.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Annual-Report-2017-18.pdf>

Alongside the proceedings from the Centre of Islamic Studies’ previous annual conferences, these aim to provide a series of snapshots that showcase the themes, quality and approaches of young and early-career scholars conducting research into Muslims and Islam in the UK and Europe.



Programme

PROGRAMME: 6-7TH JUNE 2019

DAY 1 – 6TH JUNE

10.00: Registration and coffee.

10.25: Welcome by Professor Khaled Fahmy, Director, Centre of Islamic Studies.

10.30: Panel 1: Imagining the Other (Chair: Professor Khaled Fahmy).

Maria Pia Ester Cristaldi, Marmara University – ‘Turkish first’: the language policy of Turkey and the Sunni Syrian community in Istanbul

Rim-Sarah Alouane, University of Toulouse-Capitole – Removing French Muslims from Public Spaces: The Increasing Danger of an Illiberal French Laïcité

Yasmeen Arif, University of Oxford – “Our doors are open, we’ve got nothing to hide”: transparency and the vulnerable Muslim body in securitised Britain

12.15: Lunch

13.15: Panel 2: Negotiating Integration and Assimilation (Chair: Dr Julian Hargreaves)

Angelo Carlucci, Occhiali – Laboratorio sul Mediterraneo Islamico and Consuelo Emilj, Hacettepe University – An example of coexistence between Muslims and Catholics: the case of Reggio Calabria

Fatma Zehra Colak Altun, University of Leuven – ‘When do you become a real Belgian?’ Examining discrimination experiences of Turkish-Belgian Muslim university students

Friedrich Püttmann, European Stability Initiative (ESI), Berlin – ‘Securitising the Oriental – How Islam is becoming a Threat to Kosovo’

Luna Skjoldann Larsen, University of Copenhagen – ‘Generational Changes in Muslim Diasporas: Are we facing a Deculturalization among the new generation of Turkish-Danish Muslims?’

15.30: Tea and Coffee

16.00: Keynote Lecture – ‘Muslims, Schooling and Education in Britain’ (Dr Shamim Miah, University of Huddersfield)

17.00: End of Day 1

19.00: Conference dinner, Moller Centre



DAY 2 – 7TH JUNE

08.30: Coffee.

09.00: Panel 3: Emerging trends of religious authority and leadership

(Chair: Dr Mehrunisha Suleman).

Ataul Khabir, University of Edinburgh –
The Emergence of a Hybridised Islamic
Authority: The Academic Sheikh

Haroon Sidat, Cardiff University – Young
Ulama as Custodians of Change: An
Ethnography of a Traditional. Dar al-Uloom
in Modern Britain



10.30: Coffee.

11.00: Panel 4: Challenging norms of gender and sexuality (Chair: Hakan Sandal).

Aaliyah Shaikh, University of Cambridge – A Systematic Review of Muslims experiences of
Pregnancy and Birth: A Meta Ethnography

Anna Holmqvist, Lund University – LGBTQIA in Muslim community

Muhammed R. Tajri, Lancaster University – Shi'a Female University Experiences. Shaping Religious
Authority Conceptions

12.45: Lunch

14.00: Panel 5: Moving between the sacred and the profane (Chair: Dr Ferial Bouhafa)

Douglas Mattsson, Lund University – 'Abu-Lahab, stone him': Islamic semiotics in Turkish
black metal

Emanuelle Degli Esposti, University of Cambridge – From Human Rights to "Shi'a Rights",
and Back Again: Ethics, Sectarianism, and Identity in the Secular Age

Souhila Belabbas, Southampton University – Kabyle secularism in the UK.

15.45: Concluding Remarks (Julian Hargreaves, Haroon Sidat)

16.00: End of Symposium

Public Engagement Activities

Festival of Ideas

The Cambridge Festival of Ideas was established in 2008 with the aim of encouraging the public to explore the arts, humanities and social sciences, meet academics and students, and engage with the University via a thought-provoking and creative series of mostly free events. In the 2018 Festival of Ideas the Centre of Islamic Studies held three events:

- *Rethinking Death & Dying: Muslim perspectives on End of Life Care*
- *Jordan to Germany: exploring sites and aspirations of Syrian refugees*
- *Living well, Dying well.*

Rethinking Death & Dying: Muslim perspectives on End of Life Care

17 OCTOBER 2018

**Munby Room, Kings College,
University of Cambridge**

Dr Mehrunisha Suleman, Research Associate,
Centre of Islamic Studies, University of Cambridge

The Centre of Islamic Studies, University of Cambridge, presented a thought provoking discussion on End of Life Care within the National Health Service and the need for researching views and perspectives from minority groups.

The event introduced a piece of research being conducted by the Centre of Islamic Studies. It explored recent concerns about the lack of research and outreach carried out to understand

the perspectives, needs and concerns of minority groups in the UK, particularly Muslims on issues related to healthcare. The Centre of Islamic Studies is currently undertaking research to capture the viewpoints of health professionals, patients, families, carers and traditional scholars to develop a better understanding of what the needs are in terms of End of Life decision making from a Muslim perspective.

The informal discussion provided a summary of themes to be covered in the research including Muslim perspectives on, the value of human life, death and dying, illness and suffering, the withholding and withdrawing of medical treatment, euthanasia and the role of spiritual/religious leaders in end of life care. It was also an opportunity for the audience to discuss their views and experiences on End of Life care and to stimulate a dialogue about this piece of research. This event was attended by members of the local community and health care professionals.

Jordan to Germany: exploring sites and aspirations of Syrian refugees

20 OCTOBER 2018

**Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies,
University of Cambridge**

Melissa Gatter and Philip Rushworth, Post-graduate Students in the Centre's Studentship Awards Programme

The linked talks covered two aspects of the refugee experience – the first in camps in the Middle East and the second in settled immigrant communities in the West.

Melissa Gatter's talk was based on 14 months of PhD fieldwork in Jordan. The presentation sets out to understand the tension between the ordinary and the extreme in Azraq camp for Syrian refugees. It explored the mundane moments in emergency for both the refugee community and humanitarian aid workers. She discussed the temporal shift from humanitarianism to development by Azraq's humanitarian government alongside ongoing adaptation and resistance by refugees to the space in order to analyze various points on the ordinary-extreme nexus to complicate notions of normalcy in the supposedly extra-territorial space of the refugee camp."

Philip Rushworth's talk explained his research as it looks at masculinity and maturity in the lives of young Syrian and Palestinian refugees in Germany. In the research he explored the new opportunities and challenges young men face in their efforts to become mature men (and un-become refugees) in Germany. In general, one of the aims was to think about the kinds of questions men confront in the context of an (at least in theory) inclusionary, Western European state, which offers particular pathways to work and citizenship, in contrast to sites of exclusion or limited inclusion which define the experience of Syrian refugees in Turkey, Jordan, etc.

Living well, Dying well

27 OCTOBER 2018

Chetwynd and Keynes Hall, King's College

Dr Mehrunisha Suleman, Research Associate, Centre of Islamic Studies, University of Cambridge

Mehrunisha's second event posed the questions: What happens after death? What's important to you in your treatment and care at the end of your life and after your death? How do your thoughts about death impact the way you choose to live your life?

How does your belief system, religious or otherwise, affect your views on these issues?

The afternoon offered the chance to explore some of these issues using a mixture of short talks from six speakers of different beliefs, and conversations amongst participants and speakers. It was facilitated by Johnnie Moore who ensured that there were plenty of opportunity for participants to explore their own ideas, experiences and feelings around this topic. With an attendance of well over 100 people and an afternoon of engagement and wide-ranging discussion this was a lively and dynamic session.

The event was organised as a collaboration between the Centre of Islamic Studies at the University of Cambridge and Dying for Life, a community organisation that has emerged from Death Cafe Cambridge and which organises events offering information, art, ideas and conversation about dying and death.

Art Exhibition

What the War Did to Our Memories

29 APRIL TO 30 MAY 2019

Dept. of Criminology, University of Cambridge
Convenors: Melissa Gatter, Deniz Türker – with Nebahat Avicioğlu

One of our Studentship recipients, Melissa Gatter, organised an art exhibition in her role as President of the Cambridge Migration Society (CMS). The exhibition, called 'What the War Did to Our Memories: Displacement, hope, and humanity in the Syrian war', displayed the work of artist and Syrian refugee Diala Brisly.

The exhibition was launched with an opening night during which Diala spoke about her

work and journey as an artist and refugee. Her paintings remained on display for the remainder of the month.

For more information on the artists see:
<https://www.newsdeeply.com/syria/articles/2016/12/23/bags-and-belongings-syrians-on-leaving-and-finding-home-2>



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ARAFAT RAZZAQUE



Seminar

"Biting Criticism: The Moral Problem of Slander in Medieval Islamic Thought."

6 NOV 2018

Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge
Arafat Razzaque, Research Associate

Arafat gave a talk at the Islamic Studies Seminar in Cambridge.

Conference

British Association for Islamic Studies (BRAIS)

15–16 APRIL 2019

Nottingham University
Arafat Razzaque, Research Associate

Arafat presented a paper entitled "*Ibn Abī l-Dunyā, an Ascetic at the Abbasid Court? Ḥadīth as Adab and the Cultural Context of Early Islamic Piety*" at the Annual BRAIS conference.

Workshop

Problems and Methods in Islamic Studies

13–15 FEB 2019

Aga Khan University, London
Arafat Razzaque, Research Associate

Arafat presented a paper entitled "*Islamic Morality and the Public-Private Divide as a Problem in Cultural History.*" at a workshop at the Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations in London.

Podcast

Aladdin

25 FEBRUARY – 6 JUNE 2019

Arafat Razzaque, Research Associate

Arafat participated in the interviews with journalists on the history of Aladdin (both media articles and video clips). Details below:

- LIFE magazine (Feb 25, 2019)
- Time.com (May 23, 2019)
- CBS Inside Edition (May 23, 2019)
- AJ+ français at Aljazeera (June 6, 2019)

Conference

Languages of Legitimation in the Middle East

6–7 JUNE 2019

Woolf Institute, University of Cambridge

Arafat Razzaque, Research Associate

Arafat presented a paper entitled “‘Adālah, or What’s Wrong with Weavers? The Social Logic of Trust and Scholarly Propriety in the Medieval Middle East.”



The organisers and panellists

Conference

Muslim Redactions of Ancient Jewish/Christian Pseudepigrapha in Early Tafsīr Literature

25–26 JULY 2019

Tangier, Morocco

Arafat Razzaque, Research Associate

Arafat presented a conference paper on “Muslim Redactions of Ancient Jewish/Christian Pseudepigrapha in Early Tafsīr Literature” at the International Qur’anic Studies Association (IQSA), 3rd biennial conference hosted by the Tangier Global Forum at the University of New England in Tangier, Morocco.



The International Qur’anic Studies Association (IQSA) announced its conference from July 25–26, 2019. The main theme of the conference was Reading the Qur’an in the Context of Empire.

The sub-themes of the conference were as follows:

- The Qur’an and Other Religions
- Tafsir and the translation of the Qur’an
- Qur’anic Manuscripts
- The Qur’an and Mysticism
- Modern African traditions of Qur’anic Exegesis
- Method and Theory in the Study of the Qur’an and its commentaries (past, present, future)

DR DENİZ TÜRKER



Workshop

Forgotten Revolution

5 OCTOBER 2018

CRASSH, University of Cambridge

Co-Convenor: Dr Deniz Türker, Research Associate – with Nebahat Avcioglu

Dr. Turker joint convened this two-day workshop on the visual and material culture of the Hungarian Diaspora in the Ottoman Empire. Guest speakers included Mrs Olga Zaslavskaya from the Central European University.

The workshop, which marked the 175th anniversary of the beginning of Hungarian Revolution, aimed to examine the lives and deeds of some of these Hungarian men and women, whose extraordinary accounts of their experiences have recently been brought to light. It attempted to address the problematic treatment of the European upheaval of 1848–9 which brought a great number of refugees from Hungary to the Ottoman lands. Previously, scholars have approached them as temporary residents, who made little or no impact on Ottoman society, culture and history. This workshop aimed to redress the balance.



Research

Islamic Manuscripts Collaboration with the Edinburgh Alwaleed Centre

31 OCTOBER 2018

Special Collections, University Library and Pembroke College, University of Cambridge
Dr Deniz Türker, Research Associate

Dr Türker and Yasmin Faghihi from the University Library hosted two colleagues from the Edinburgh Alwaleed Centre (Joe Marshall and Rachel Hosker) in a return trip following the Edinburgh visit earlier in 2018. Rachel and Joe spent two days in Cambridge – with sessions in the special collections area of the UL and a meeting in Pembroke College to discuss use of TEI to incorporate the Edinburgh manuscript data into FIHRIST (the UK's online digital repository for copies of Islamic manuscripts etc).



Outreach

Islamic Art Taster Day

2 APRIL 2019

Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge
Dr Deniz Türker, Research Associate

This schools outreach event brought a group of year 9s from a rural Cambridgeshire school to get a crash course in Islamic art. The day included talks, a visit behind-the-scenes at the Museum and hands-on experience of some Islamic art objects from the collection. The afternoon held a session from renowned Islamic mosaic expert, Eric Broug, where the children got to create their own tessellated, mosaic patterns.



Lecture

Landscapes of Reform: Ottoman Palace Gardens of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century

30 MAY 2019

York Islamic Art Circle, University of York
Dr Deniz Türker, Research Associate

Among the many effects of the Ottoman nineteenth-century political and cultural reforms (known as the Tanzimat) was an overhaul of the physical appearance of the house of Osman. Borrowing from their immediate predecessor Selim III, sultans of the nineteenth century hired foreign horticultural experts



to design their imperial gardens. The new post of the head-gardener, continually refilled by European expatriates until the early twentieth century, would revitalize the once prominent, pre-Tanzimat court institution of the gardeners' corps. This lecture provides an in-depth look at the first of these figures, Christian Sester from Bavaria, who would design and install the last and largest of these imperial sites—the groves of Çırağan Palace that would later become the Yıldız palatial complex—and in the process reconfigure the corps with a group of his disciples. Sester's scholastic foundation in the vibrant European milieu of the German Enlightenment later primed him to become the 'noble' garden expert among the equally multicultural émigré community that he would form in the Ottoman capital.

Lecture

Sutton Trust Summer School

27 JULY 2019

**Institute of Continuing Education,
University of Cambridge**
Dr Deniz Türker, Research Associate

The Cambridge Sutton Trust Summer Schools are week-long, subject-specific residentials, where young people live and study as a Cambridge student. They stay in their own private student room within a Cambridge College, eat with other Summer School students in the canteens and socialise in the common rooms.

Lecture

Art and Visual Culture Summer Programme

22 JULY 2019

**Institute of Continuing Education,
University of Cambridge**
Dr Deniz Türker, Research Associate

Dr Turker gave an Islamic art lecture as part of the Art and Visual Culture Summer Programme (under the Institute of Continuing Education). This programme offers a multidisciplinary approach encompassing art, architecture, sculpture and film, and draws on the magnificent collections across the University of Cambridge. The programme is aimed at undergraduates, graduates, teachers and those with a passion for art and visual culture.

DR EMANUELLE DEGLI ESPOSTI



Conference

**“The ‘Ethical’ and the ‘Everyday’:
Interrogating analytical turns for/in the
study of Islam and Muslims in Europe”**

29–30 NOV 2018

Woolf Institute, University of Cambridge

Dr Degli Esposti presented a paper at this special conference held at the Woolf Institute. The proceedings are in the process of being collated to form a special issue for *Religion, State and Society*.

Conference

**“Sectarianism, Proxies and
De-Sectarianisation Across the
Middle East” (SEPAD)**

28 MAR 2019

University of Lancaster

Dr Degli Esposti presented a paper at this conference organised by SEPAD. The Sectarianism, Proxies and De-Sectarianism project and the Richardson Institute hosted a one-day conference in the Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion at Lancaster University on the subject of sectarianism, proxies and de-sectarianisation across the Middle East. Featuring key speakers Prof. Nader Hashemi, Dr. Simon Mabon.

Conference

**Political Studies Association (PSA) Annual
International Conference**

15–17 APR 2019

University of Nottingham

Dr Degli Esposti attended the annual PSA conference where she was presented with the runner-up for the *Politics* journal 2018 best article prize for ‘*The aesthetics of ritual – contested identities and conflicting performances in the Iraqi Shi’a diaspora: Ritual, performance and identity change*’.

Conference

**Muslims in Britain Research Network
(MBRN) Annual Conference**

24 APR 2019

University of Cardiff

Dr Degli Esposti presented a paper at the annual MBRN conference.

Conference

Fifth International Conference on Shi'i Studies

27–28 Apr 2019

Islamic College, London

Dr Degli Esposti presented a paper entitled *Fighting for 'justice', engaging the Other: Shi'a Muslim activism on campus* at the Fifth International Conference on Shi'i Studies.



Symposium

"Hope and Fear in Response to Religious Diversity: Contesting Security, Identity and Diversity in London"

8 MAY 2019

King's College, University of Cambridge

Dr Degli Esposti co-presented (with Dr Tobias Mueller) in the opening Symposium of the "King's Politics and Religion Series".

Symposium

Muslims in the UK and Europe VI

6–7 JUNE 2019

Moller Centre, University of Cambridge

Dr Degli Esposti presented a paper at the Centre's Annual Symposium entitled *From Human Rights to "Shi'a Rights", and Back Again: Ethics, Sectarianism, and Identity in the Secular Age*.

Workshop

"Religion as a Changing Category of Muslim Practice"

24 MAY 2019

Pembroke College, University of Oxford

Dr Degli Esposti took part in this one-day workshop which focused on 'religion' as a changing category in modern Muslim practice. Participants were invited to share case studies from their research as a basis for discussion of the possible insights to be gained by bringing critical approaches to the category 'religion' to bear on our study of Islam.

Workshop

"Speaking About – Not For – Religion"

12–15 JUNE 2019

University of Virginia

Dr Degli Esposti was one of ten early career scholars gathered to discuss the complex interface between religious commitment and public life. The workshop format was that of an intensive seminar, running from June 12 to June 15, 2019, held at the University of Virginia, in Charlottesville, Virginia. Participants undertook focused readings, shared work, and planned collaborations on academic projects of mutual interest. They were also invited to participate in the work of "Religion and its Publics" through publications of an academic nature, as well as pieces for the Project's blog.

Workshop

Religious Diversity & University Responses Summer School 2019

1–12 JULY 2019

CRASSH, University of Cambridge

One of the most pressing contemporary problems not just for the academic community but also – and more disturbingly – for the political order of the world is how to understand and respond to the current toxic combination of religion and politics. It is a fundamental concern on the one hand for the issue of diversity. Current attempts at legislation in Britain and elsewhere (e.g. Britain's 2015 "Prevent" strategy) demonstrate little but bafflement, and consequently a profoundly incoherent response to the vexing issues of how teaching and other university practices should engage with the raft of interests unhelpfully sloganized as fundamentalism. The modern secular university – itself the result of a long and contested development – in part because of its very history, has left religion in a systematically awkward and often vexed space on campus, for all participants: teachers, students, administrators. This project aims to approach these problems from a new direction and with new methods of engagement. It will place the dialogic dynamics of religious interaction at the heart of a series of interlinked workshops, summer schools and seminars, to explore how the university can explore the issue of religious diversity in the most sophisticated, historically grounded and productive manner.

Conference

International Society for the Sociology of Religion (ISSR)

9–12 JULY 2019

Barcelona – Raval Neighborhood

This conference (a follow-up after a 40 year gap!) was organized by the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona's Center for the Sociology of Religion (ISOR) and the research group GRECS of the Universitat de Barcelona in collaboration with, the Catalan Sociological Association (ACS-IEC) and the Universitat Ramon Llull-Blanquerna.

Dr Degli Esposti presented a paper entitled *From Human Rights to "Shi'a Rights", and Back Again: Ethics, Sectarianism, and Identity in the Secular Age* in the session on 'Religions and Human Rights'. She was also awarded the ISSR Best Student Paper award for her article "The aesthetics of ritual – contested identities and conflicting performances in the Iraqi Shi'a diaspora: Ritual, performance and identity change." (*Politics* 38, 1: 68–83 [2018]).

Conference

13th Pan-European Conference on International Relations

11–14 SEPTEMBER 2019

University of Sofia, Sofia, Bulgaria

Dr Degli Esposti presented two papers at the 13th Pan-European Conference on International Relations (PEC). This conference invited the International Studies community to envision what the discipline has seen and what has remained out of its sight.

The conference explored all the potential directions where the visual can take the discipline and contributions that investigate the range of theoretical, methodological, and empirical implications of the seen and the unseen aspects of IR.

DR MEHRUNISHA SULEMAN



Lecture

Festival of Ideas

17 OCTOBER 2018

Munby Room – Kings College

Dr Mehrunisha Suleman, Research Associate

Rethinking Death & Dying: Muslim perspectives on End of Life Care

Dr Mehrunisha Suleman discusses the impact of faith in the way we provide end of life care.

This was an event organised to introduce a piece of research being conducted by the Centre of Islamic Studies. The event explored recent concerns about there having been little research and outreach carried out to understand the perspectives, needs and concerns of minority groups in the UK, particularly Muslims on issues related to healthcare. The Centre of Islamic Studies was undertaking research to capture the viewpoints of health professionals, patients, families, carers and traditional scholars to develop a better understanding of what the needs are in terms of End of Life decision making from a Muslim perspective.

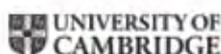
The informal discussion provided a summary of themes that was be covered in the research

including Muslim perspectives on, the value of human life, death and dying, illness and suffering, the withholding and withdrawing of medical treatment, euthanasia and the role of spiritual/religious leaders in end of life care. It was also an opportunity for the audience to discuss their views and experiences on End of Life care and to stimulate a dialogue about this piece of research. This event welcomed the local community, professionals and anyone who was interested in understanding better the challenges faced by the health service in meeting the health needs of minority groups and to initiate the potential opportunity for members of the audience to become involved in this piece of research.

RETHINKING DEATH AND DYING: MUSLIM PERSPECTIVES ON END OF LIFE CARE



We present a thought-provoking discussion on End of Life Care within the NHS and the need for views and perspectives from minority groups.



Wednesday 17 Oct 2018

14.00PM – 16.00PM

King's College, King's Parade
Cambridge CB2 1ST

www.festivalofideas.cam.ac.uk

This event introduces research by the Centre of Islamic Studies to develop a better understanding of what the needs are in terms of End of Life decision-making from a Muslim perspective. It aims to capture the viewpoints of health professionals, patients, families, carers and traditional scholars.

This informal discussion provides a summary of themes that are covered by the research and is also an opportunity for the audience to discuss their views and experiences of End of Life care and to stimulate a dialogue about this research.

Lecture

Festival of Ideas

27 OCTOBER 2018

Keynes Hall – Kings College

Dr Mehrunisha Suleman, Research Associate

Living well, Dying well

This was an afternoon of short talks and conversation between speakers and participants about death, dying and living. It offered the chance to explore some of these issues using a mixture of short talks from speakers of different beliefs, and conversations amongst participants and speakers.

The session was facilitated by Johnnie Moore who ensured that there would be plenty of opportunity for participants to explore their own ideas, experiences and feelings around this topic.

Speakers:

Mehrunisha Suleman is a research associate at the Centre of Islamic Studies at the University of Cambridge. Her research involves an analysis of the experiences of end of life care (EOLC) services in the UK, from the Muslim perspective. Before joining CIS, Mehrunisha studied various aspects of public health at both Oxford and Cambridge Universities. She has worked on the Department of Health's QIPP Right Care Programme, as well as developing an online tool for commissioners, clinicians and patient groups on health care systems design. She is co-editor of the NHS Atlas of Variation for Diabetes and Liver Disease. She has also been appointed as an expert for UNESCO's Ethics Teacher Training Programme.

Canon Rosie Harper is Vicar of Great Missenden and chaplain to the Bishop of Buckingham. She is a member of the General Synod, the legislative body of the Church of England, chair of the Oxford Nandyal Education Foundation, an education charity in rural India and writes for the Guardian. She is deeply committed to working for issues of justice and equality within and beyond the church.

Mike Levy has been an active member of the Beth Shalom Reform Synagogue for 25 years where he leads and writes for its drama group, helps run its social programme and regularly attends services. He has a Fellowship in Holocaust Education from the Imperial War Museum and is a freelance educator with the Holocaust Education Trust. He is a former journalist, sixth form teacher and is currently researching for a PhD at Anglia Ruskin University on the subject of local British volunteers in the refugee crises of the 1930s.

Ila Chandavarkar is a consultant and trainer with over 30 years' community development experience in equalities, human rights and diversity. Her background is in non-traditional Hinduism and she is an active member of the Mill Road community.

Jeremy Rodell is co-founder and Chair of SW London Humanists, a humanist school speaker, and Humanists UK's (volunteer) Dialogue Officer. In 2011 he led a major campaign for more inclusive admissions at a new faith school in Twickenham. He is currently a national dialogue officer for the British Humanist Association.

The event was organised as a collaboration between the Centre of Islamic Studies at the University of Cambridge and Dying for Life, a community organisation that has emerged from Death Cafe Cambridge and which organises events offering information, art, ideas and conversation about dying and death.

Living Well Dying Well

How do your beliefs about death and beyond impact the way you live your life - and how do they affect how you'd like to die?



2.00PM – 5.00PM
Saturday 27 Oct 2018

www.festivalofideas.cam.ac.uk

King's College, King's Parade
Cambridge CB2 1ST

What are your beliefs about death and beyond?
What's important to you in your treatment and care at the end of your life and after your death?
How do your thoughts about death impact the way you choose to live your life?
How does your belief system, religious or otherwise, affect your views on these issues?

This afternoon will offer the chance to explore some of these issues using a mixture of short talks from speakers of different beliefs, and conversations amongst participants and speakers. cis.cam.ac.uk, DyingForLife.co.uk

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Festival of Ideas Speaker Spotlight Questions

How did the event come about?

Mehrunisha and I met earlier this year at a conference she organised on Muslim Perspectives on End of Life Care. I was fascinated to learn about what is important to Muslim people at the end of their life and how this is managed in our health care system. I also enjoyed having the time to chat about these issues with people from different communities who I rarely meet in my day to day life. Since I've been involved in organising events on the theme of death, dying and living in Cambridge over the last few years, Mehrunisha and I talked after the conference and thought it would be interesting to create an event in which we have the opportunity to explore this subject from the perspective of different belief systems. We're delighted to have an excellent panel of speakers who will talk from the perspective of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Humanism, Islam and Judaism, though as no set of speakers could possibly cover the full range of people's beliefs we've created an event that will allow plenty of time for audience contribution. Everyone will have the opportunity to invite other participants and speakers to join them in the conversation that they would like to have so even if someone's belief system isn't covered by one of the speakers we hope they will come along and bring their perspective to the conversation.

What is the Cambridge Death Cafe?

A Death Cafe is simply a place where people meet to drink tea, eat cake and talk about death. They are open to everyone and offer an open, respectful, confidential and non-hierarchical space for a group directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives, advertising or themes. At a Death Cafe we are there simply to listen to each other without

anyone trying to fix anything for anyone or explain anything or analyse what someone is saying or convince anyone of anything. Time and again I'm amazed at the way a group of strangers can come together and talk so openly about these issues often creating a real sense of intimacy and connection.

I've stopped being surprised at what people talk about – there can be tears and laughter and the conversations are as varied as the people who come along. Although the topic is death and dying the conversations are ultimately about life and living and at the end of the evening people often say how uplifted they feel.

Death Cafes are not grief support or counselling sessions.

The Death Cafe movement was started in London by Jon Underwood in 2011 with the aim of "increasing awareness of death in order to help people make the most of their finite lives". Since that first Death Cafe in Jon's home in Hackney, East London, there have been well over 6000 Death Cafes happening in 56 countries all around the world.

The community organisation Dying for Life, which is co-organising the Festival of Ideas event with the Centre of Islamic Studies, has sprung from Death Cafe Cambridge with a broader remit of putting on events with speakers and themes while retaining the intention of allowing plenty of opportunity for everyone to participate in the conversation.

How can different perceptions of death help people cope with grief – and with their own mortality?

Death Cafes and the events we organise through Dying for Life are specifically not offering bereavement support or counselling, nevertheless, it does seem that many of us find it supportive

to simply have the space to talk about our own thoughts and feelings without anyone trying to fix anything for us. I personally find that hearing about other people's experiences can be very touching, thought provoking and broadening of my own perspective. There seems to be something about having death and dying as the topic of conversation that breaks through some of the usual social pretences, often creating an authenticity and honesty amongst strangers that can lead to warm and satisfying human connections that can feel very supportive.

Do you think we are more open to talking about death now than a few years ago? Are all the blogs, etc, of people with terminal illnesses making it easier to talk about death?

Although death is still very much taboo in our culture I do think that things are slowly changing. New Death Cafes are springing up around the country, there were over 500 events taking place across the country for Dying Matters Awareness Week in May this year and yes, the blogs help in bringing these issues out into the open. Although these conversations are not for everyone, there are many people who do want the opportunity to talk about these issues as we see from the number of people who come along to Death Cafes and events like this one.

An interesting study from Cambridge researcher Dr Jane Fleming, *Death and the Oldest Old: Attitudes and Preferences for End-of-Life Care*, finds that "over 95-year-olds are willing to discuss dying and end-of-life care but seldom do." Its interesting that even when someone reaches the age of 95 we are mainly still avoiding talking to them about dying. Maybe we'd be surprised by the response we'd get if we dared to begin this conversation with more people.

What is it about modern Western life that has made people shy away from death?

In our culture since dying and death is now mainly managed by professionals most of us no longer personally encounter death and dying as an integral part of life. The days of people dying in their home cared for by their family and their body lying in the front room after death have mainly disappeared in this country. 77% of people in the UK die somewhere other than their home with their body usually being taken away by an undertaker immediately after death (though this is very gradually changing as a new breed of undertaker is increasingly involving families in this process). Huge advances in modern medicine mean that death can increasingly be postponed maybe leading to a greater reluctance to accept the fact that that we're all going to die eventually.

We are excited about the Festival of Ideas event as it provides us an opportunity to bring together people from different cultures, traditions and languages, who may not otherwise meet, to talk about something that is integral to all of us. Research being conducted at the Centre of Islamic studies on "Muslim perspectives on End of Life Care", which involves outreach and community engagement with people of different faiths and none, is showing that conversations about death and dying that are inclusive of the different voices within our community may help to re-invigorate the idea that biomedicine is but one of the many worldviews that can inform our understanding of living and dying well.

Is it more difficult to confront death if you don't have a religious belief in an afterlife?

I really don't have a definitive answer to this question – the response will be different for every person you ask. I'm interested in the question though and hope that this event will offer the opportunity for people to explore this for themselves.



Lecture

CRASSH conference

10 JANUARY 2019

Alison Richards Building

Dr Mehrunisha Suleman, Research Associate

Muslim Perspectives on the Ethics of a Good Death

Dying well is an increasingly urgent and ubiquitous topic within discussions of ageing, palliative care, euthanasia, bereavement, grief, and mental health. This conference brought together researchers from across disciplines in order to place historical conceptions and representations of a 'good death' in dialogue with contemporary thinking. Encompassing a two-day research discussion and a public roundtable, the conference was oriented around the question of what a good death may be and how it might be achieved.

Participants were asked to consider the various characteristics that have been and today are ascribed to a good death. The conference incorporated the expertise of medical, sociological and anthropological professionals as well as insights drawn from a rich and diverse cultural heritage of death practices. For instance, attending to the aestheticisation of death and dying in literary and artistic works enables us to consider the

possibility of a good or even beautiful death. In the case of philosophical approaches to thanatology, recent work has asked whether death itself should necessarily be understood as causing harm to an individual. This question is reflected too in religious discourse surrounding death and the idea of an afterlife.

It is also the case that an individual's perception of what makes a good death is not only influenced by expert guidance but is shaped by the contexts of their lived experience, the vocabularies, conceptual frameworks, and narrative and representational resources available to them. Where there is a lack of conversation or cultural discourse around death, individuals are prevented from making genuinely informed choices.



Therefore, this conference sought to tackle head on the challenge of talking openly about death, enabling dialogue between experts from different fields, as well as between academics and wider publics, with the aim of augmenting contemporary understandings of dying well. Is it possible for a contextualised discussion of a good death to recover

or create new vocabularies, conceptual frameworks and practical strategies for dealing with death and bereavement? The conference will hopefully generate new pathways to inflect the tenor of public debate around dying well, to shape policy, create resources and influence the experience of dying people and those who support them.

“...in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.”
- Benjamin Franklin, 1789

CPR is for when **first** thing to stop *The DNACPR issue has trumped*
your heart is the **first** thing to stop *Enabling a Calm End in Final Stages of Dying*

I have never heard anyone say
“*My dream is to die surrounded by strangers*”
having chest compressions & defibrillation on a ward

We need to talk about **DYING**

Everyone deserves a peaceful death **CPR** is not a treatment for **ORDINARY DYING**
in a place where the duvet matches the curtains

“we will offer you all of the treatments that will work *but avoid ones that won't*”

Your body is tired and we already know your heart, lungs and kidneys don't work very well. When eventually your heart decides to stop, we wouldn't be able to re-start it *and so we shouldn't try...* there's a form we need to complete to make sure you can die peacefully when the time comes, and I'd recommend we do one for you, *then you can forget all about it and get on with living*

What is a good death?
Calm, gentle care with no unnecessary interventions,
by medics brave enough to stand back

#HaveTheConversation
Quotes collated by studies on Twitter campaigning for peaceful End-of-life care & patient dignity © Poster designed by @mmbaqqer

Workshop

EOLC Casebooks

8 JULY 2019

Christopher Smart room – Pembroke College

Dr Mehrunisha Suleman, Research Associate

Casebook – Expert Workshop 1

Caring for Muslim patients and families at the End of Life

Values, Challenges and Opportunities

On July 8th 2019 the Centre of Islamic Studies hosted an expert meeting of healthcare practitioners, academics, spiritual leaders and policy makers. The meeting drew on CIS's research on Muslim Perspectives on End of Life Care and expertise from a wide range of stakeholders to appraise the compilation and validation of a casebook for practitioners.

Programme:

- 12:00 – 12:30** Working Lunch – Introductions, Aims
- 12:30 – 13:00** Overview of cases and casebook Dr Mehrunisha Suleman
- 13:00 – 15:00** Review of cases Group discussion and feedback
- a. Advanced Care Planning (ACP) and acute decision making around:
 - i. Withholding treatment
 - ii. Withdrawal of treatment
 - iii. DNACPR
 - b. Pain management
 - c. Accessing palliative and EOLC services
 - i. Barriers
 - ii. Facilitators
 - iii. Values
 - d. Spirituality and EOLC
 - i. Personal faith
 - ii. Role of spiritual and/or religious leadership in EOLC
- 15:00 – 15:30** Tea & Coffee with open discussion & close

Attendees:	Asif Butt	Practice manager	Bury, Greater Manchester
	Shakila Chowdhury	Chaplain	Birmingham
	Sharon Hudson	Nurse	St Mary's, Birmingham
	Romana Kazmi	Chaplain	Great Ormond Street
	Saqib Mahmood	Islamic Scholar	Oxford
	Keith Morrison	Chaplain	Arthur Rank, Cambridge
	John Speakman	Consultant	Palliative Care, Birmingham
	Mehrunisha Suleman	Researcher	CIS, Cambridge

5 AUGUST 2019

Christopher Smart room – Pembroke College

Dr Mehrunisha Suleman, Research Associate

Casebook – Expert Workshop 2

Caring for Muslim patients and families at the End of Life

Values, Challenges and Opportunities

Programme:

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- 12:30 – 13:00** Overview of cases and casebook Dr Mehrunisha Suleman
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	Saqib Mahmood	Islamic Scholar	Oxford
	Arifa Miah	GP	Birmingham
	Jane Naismith	Nurse	St Joseph's, London
	John Speakman	Consultant	Palliative Care, Birmingham
	Mehrunisha Suleman	Researcher	CIS, Cambridge

6 SEPTEMBER 2019

Christopher Smart room – Pembroke College
Dr Mehrunisha Suleman, Research Associate

Casebook – Expert Workshop 3

Caring for Muslim patients and families at the End of Life

Values, Challenges and Opportunities

Programme:

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	Yunus Dudwhalla	Lead Chaplain	Barts NHS Trust
	Vilas Navapurkar	Clinician	Addenbrookes, Cambridge
	F Laham	Chaplain	GOSH, London
	Jane Naismith	Nurse	St Joseph’s, London
	Tony Kyrikiades	Consultant	Marie Curie
	Keith Morrison	–	ARHC
	Gurch Randhawa	–	Bedford University
	Mehrunisha Suleman	Researcher	CIS, Cambridge

DR RYAN WILLIAMS.



Workshop

29–30 NOVEMBER 2018

The Woolf Institute – Cambridge

Dr Ryan Williams, Visiting Fellow

The “Ethical and the “Everyday”: Interrogating analytical turns for/in the study of Islam and Muslims in Europe

Ryan Williams presented at the “Ethical and the “Everyday” workshop in the Woolf Institute, Cambridge.

Programme:

Conveners:

Zubair Ahmad, Berlin Graduate School of Muslim Cultures and Societies, Freie University Berlin

Amin El-Yousfi, Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge and Woolf Cambridge Scholar

DAY 1. THURSDAY 29 NOVEMBER

- 09:30 – 10:00** Welcoming
- 10:00 – 11:30** Opening Keynote, Samuli Schielke (ZMO-Berlin)
- 11:30 – 11:45** Coffee break
- 11:45 – 13:15** **Panel 1: Virtue and Social Action.**
Elizabeth Becker (University of Virginia)
‘Virtuous Contention: The Ethics of Boundary-Making in European Mosques’

Sufyan Abid Dogra (Bradford Institute for health Research)
'Ethnography of South Asian Sunni and Shia Muslims living in the UK and its scope of expanding the debate on studying Muslim piety'

Chair Mohammed Uzair Belgami (University of Cambridge)

Discussant Yahya Birt (University of Leeds)

13:15 – 14:15 Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 **Panel 2: Piety and Performativity**

Matteo Benussi (University of Cambridge)

'Ethical and Everyday Amongst Post-Soviet Muslims: A Tri-axial Experiment'

Emanuelle Degli Esposti (CIS – University of Cambridge)

'Sectarianising the Subject: Delineating Discourse, Studying Identity in the Transnational 'Shi'a rights' Movement'

Chair Samuel Everett (CRASSH – University of Cambridge)

Discussant Prina Werbner (Keele University)

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break



- 16:15 – 17:45** **Panel 3: Women Agency and Subjectivity**
- Ida Hartmann Christensen (University of Copenhagen)
 ‘Muslim Folds in Secular Terrains: How Islamic and Turkish Citizenship Traditions Merge and Divert in a Trajectory of Unveiling’
- Mieke Groenick (KU Leuven)
 ‘Islamic Religious Knowledge Transmission for Women in Brussels’ Mosques and Institutes from a Moroccan Background’
- Chair** Lea Taragin – Zeller (The Woolf Institute)
- Discussant** Sertac Sehlkoglu (University of Cambridge)
- 18:30 – 21:00** Dinner

DAY 2: FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER

- 09:30 – 11:00** **Panel 4: The State and its Secular Institutions**
- Tobias Muller (University of Cambridge)
 ‘Governing “Everyday Muslims” through the “Everyday State”: Relational State Theory, Street-level bureaucracy and agency’
- Ryan J. Williams (University of Queensland/University of Cambridge)
 ‘Yo, God, what should I do?’ Possible and Impossible Piety among British Muslims after Prison’
- Chair** Engy Moussa (University of Cambridge)
- Discussant** Humeira Iqtidar (KCL)
- 11:00 – 11:15** Coffee break
- 11:15 – 12:45** **Panel 5: Racism and Islamophobia**
- Esra Ozyurek (LSE)
 Islam Critics, Holocaust Memory, and Ethics of Immigrant Integration’
- Magnus T. Bernhardsson (Williams College)
 ‘Cool Muslims: The Curious Saga of Icelandic Muslims’
- Chair Julian Hargreaves (The Woolf Institute)
- Discussant Yael Navaro (University of Cambridge)
- 12:45 – 13:45** Lunch
- 14:00 – 15:30** **Closing Keynote**
- Mayanthi Fernando (University of California)
- 15:30 – 16:00** Closing remarks

Article

26 MARCH 2019

Dr Ryan Williams, Visiting Fellow

Commonsense Islamophobia: How anti-Muslim feeling becomes normalised



*Islamophobia is not about fear that can be easily rectified by having “Muslim friends,” as Scott Morrison repeatedly claimed during his interview with Waleed Aly. The problem lies deeper.
Image: Supplied by The Project*

Ryan Williams published an article in Australian ABC News *Religion & Ethics* about ‘two myths about Islamophobia: that it is about a lack of understanding, and that it is primarily about fear. This reflects an egregious misunderstanding of anti-Muslim feeling – one that denies the deeply entrenched racial logics that serve to render Muslims inherently “other” and therefore incapable of sharing in equal belonging as Australian citizens”.

<https://www.abc.net.au/religion/commonsense-islamophobia/10940108>

Workshop

18 JUNE 2019

Friends House – London

Dr Ryan Williams, Visiting Fellow

Supporting Muslim Service Users in Community and Probation Contexts 2019

Evidence shows that Black, Asian and Minority ethnic men and Muslims are over-represented and disproportionately disadvantaged in the Criminal Justice System. This event continued a discussion having been held in Cambridge in April 2018 in response to the Lammy Review to explore the specific challenges that Muslim and BAME individuals face and the ways that practitioners work to support them. The event aimed to further the cross-agency collaboration and learning, to set a positive and constructive tone for supporting Muslims in the CJS, and recognize day-to-day best practices.



This event was for frontline staff working in prison, probation and community contexts. Participants benefited from a small group setting, knowledge exchange across organisations, and research and partnerships to foster dialogue on best practice in this challenging area.

**This event has received funding from the University of Cambridge and supported through the HRH Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Centre of Islamic Studies, University of Cambridge, in collaboration with the School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry, University of Queensland, Australia.*

Programme:

- 10:30 – 10:45** Early arrivals networking: Coffee and Tea
- 10:45 – 11:30** Welcome, introductions and updates
- 11:30 – 12:30** Supporting Muslim Service Users? Desistance, Moral Lives and Trust —Dr Ryan Williams
- 12:30 – 13:00** Lunch
- 13:00 – 13:30** Break-away groups
- 13:30 – 14:15** Feedback and discussion
- 14:15 – 14:45** Recap and recommendations for best practice
- 15:00** Event closes
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Teaching and Schools / Curriculum Outreach

Arabic Language Teaching Programme

The Centre of Islamic Studies offered Arabic language teaching to students across Cambridge University (other than those taking the Arabic tripos) whose research interests include the Arab and Islamic world. This was done in fulfilment of the mission of the Centre to engage the University community. For the Michaelmas and Lent terms we had good attendance numbers with 18 beginners, 5 intermediates and 7 advanced students.

Unfortunately, due to ill-health, our course organiser and teacher, Shahla A Suleiman, was forced to cancel the Easter term sessions. We hope that she will be well enough to return to this task in the new academic year.



Schools and Curriculum Outreach

In her capacity as Teaching and Outreach Associate, Shahla Suleiman had offered schools advice on curricula and resources, and served as a member of the Cambridgeshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE). This is a body which monitors the effectiveness and appropriateness of the religious education syllabus. Again, due to ill-health she has had to take the year out to recover.

Supporting Students

Centre of Islamic Studies Postgraduate Studentships

The Centre of Islamic Studies runs an annual competition for graduate research studentships. These are awarded to outstanding graduate research students at the University of Cambridge whose work is connected to Muslims in the UK and Europe or Islam in the global age, and which is relevant to the areas of study of the Centre of Islamic Studies.

Details of research studentships held in 2018–19 are outlined below.

Ahmed Ezzat

PhD Student

Ahmed Ezzat is studying the politics and history of modern law in Egypt as a paradigm of domination. He is exploring the social context in which modern law and normative legal institutions have developed since 1952 and examining their role in the aftermath of the 25 January Revolution. Ahmed is a human rights lawyer. He has a BA in law from Cairo University and LLM from SOAS, University of London.

Amina Shareef

PhD Student

Amina did her BSC in Neurobiology & Physiology at Purdue University, and followed this with her Master of Education at the same establishment. She has been involved in activism including co-founding the Stand Project in Lausanne – a local project that challenges the anti-Muslim discourse and mobilizations of the Swiss, far-right populist part, UDC (Union Democratique du Centre).

Her research looks at the impact of the discourses of community cohesion and counter-terrorism on young British Muslim sense of self and belonging:

“The key areas of interest in my study are identity and citizenship making in a global age within the boundaries of nation. I will conduct a schooling ethnography that draws on qualitative research tools such as observation, focus group interviews, and photo-elicitation to examine my research question within the spaces of schools. Broadly speaking, this study combines an interest in the interaction of the sociology of power and the sociology of emotion as it occurs within educational sites.

At its heart, my research aims to explain and make sense of how Muslims negotiate the broader political

context as they seep into schools to construct selfhood within the collective of nation. It is fundamentally about understanding the role Islam plays in providing a solution to the challenges of being British and Muslim and constructing a British Islam.

My research has implication for policy making within the areas of education and security. As such, my study fits with the commitments of CIS to connect research on UK Muslims with policy makers for the purposes of informing policy initiative and review. My study, with its focus on identity and citizenship making, also converges with an ongoing CIS project exploring the production process of identity and belonging of Muslim offenders.”

Imran Khan

PhD Student

This research critiques the ideas of “friendship” in Islam. It involves a comparison and analysis of inter-genre exegeses on the meaning of friendship to Muslim scholars in the following texts and literatures: i) tafsir ii) sufi and iii) philosophical.

Friendship, as a philosophical concept, is generally considered a difficult term to define and the difficulty is evident in Muslim sources. My research seeks to identify the understanding of “friendship” in a range of classical Islamic sources (including dictionaries and poetry), with particular regards to its ethics and boundaries. In order to set the scene, I will initially ground my research in the Hellenistic conceptions of friendship, and complement this with a consideration of the Jewish and Christian ideas of friendship in the Near East at the dawn of Islam. This will enable me to establish the continuity, or discontinuity of Muslim thought with earlier traditions and thus identify original features in the Muslim perspective(s) on the matter. Furthermore, I will probe the extent to which

the idea of friendship today is similar to what it was in the past in order to assess the validity of making a comparison based on semantic nuances. The advice and religious guidance which has been offered to Muslims in the multicultural societies of the past and present with regards to friendship with the “other” will be reviewed. I will assess whether any trends are discernible and consider the advice given to Muslims in minority and majority contexts.

Mahdi Chowdury

PhD Student

Mahdi Chowdury started at Cambridge on 1 Oct 2018 and is a student at Fitzwilliam College. He is studying how Hajj – the annual pilgrimage to Mecca – is transformed by the harrowing experience of turn-of-the-century epidemic diseases. By looking at the forgotten history of pilgrim quarantine islands in the Red Sea, his research seeks to offer insight into: the experiences of common African and Asian pilgrims during such a crisis; the political and architectural techniques used to ‘medicalize’ Hajj; and the role of the Indian Ocean as an arbiter of world-historical relations.

Philip Rushworth

PhD Student

Philip is a fourth-year PhD candidate at the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. He is writing an ethnography on young, male Syrian and Palestinian refugees in the city of Dresden in Germany.

His work investigates “masculine trajectories” in the context of the profound changes wrought by displacement and becoming refugees. In particular, he explores the aspirations, challenges and negotiations of diverse Syrian and Palestinian men as they seek to fulfil age- and class- specific expectations of masculinity and manhood, including how such notions change. In doing so, he seeks to problematise the trope of migrant men who face a “crisis of masculinity”. Philip considers a number of themes in the everyday lives of refugees, including negotiations with state bureaucracy, participation in the integration programme, encounters with the far right, discourses of marriage and women, and practices of friendship.

Melissa Gatter (continuing research)

PhD Student

My research examines Syrian Muslim heritage expression in Jordan’s largest refugee camp, Za’atari, to reveal how residents engage in placemaking in the camp and can use heritage as a productive tool upon resettlement or return. The driving questions behind this project are as follows: What do European NGOs understand Syrian Muslim heritage to be, and how do they incorporate this understanding into their programming for Za’atari youth? How does the young Syrian Muslim refugee remember his/her heritage in interacting with these NGOs and how might his/her ideas of his/her heritage be affected by these interactions?

The aim of my research is to contribute solutions beyond Za’atari for humanitarianism to support the displaced’s efforts to integrate into host communities across the world or in a new Syria by equipping young refugees with the appropriate tools to respond proactively to their situation and work toward future professions that rebuild Syrian society.

My research will also contribute to knowledge of everyday life in Za’atari, which has become both an important urban conglomeration in its own right within the region, and a critical site in the reshaping of national identity and civic aspirations within the new Syrian diaspora. I will focus on understanding the role that NGOs can play in these processes. But my work will also contribute to broader debates concerning the ways that new forms of heritage can be produced and/or resignified in contexts of displacement and through processes of conflict.

This will build on my MPhil research with Dr Paul Anderson which explored the kinds of childhood and forms of citizenship that were being fashioned by and for Syrian refugees in Zaatari in the space of the refugee camp through NGO programmes.

VISITING FELLOWS AND SCHOLARS

Visiting Fellows, Researchers and Research Associates are at the heart of the Centre of Islamic Studies' intellectual community. They contribute to our research and outreach activities, while benefiting from contact with the University of Cambridge's wider community, its library and research facilities.



VISITING FELLOWS AND SCHOLARS

Visiting Fellows



Mr Ahmed Paul Keeler

Visiting Fellow at the Centre of Islamic Studies, University of Cambridge, and a Distinguished Fellow at The Faculty of Leadership and Management, Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia.

Research Interests: Western world cultural narratives, cultural narratives in the Muslim world, the arts of Islam, modern art.

Research at Cambridge: Exploring the Quranic principle of Mizan as realised in Islamic civilisation.



Dr Julian Hargreaves

Research Fellow, Woolf Institute, Cambridge

Research Interests: British Muslim communities, social science and statistics, as well as issues around diversity and equality.

Research at Cambridge: currently focuses on police stop and search, community responses to counter-extremism, and local patterns of intolerance across the UK.



Mr Martin Rose

MENA Consultant, British Council

Research Interests: Morocco generally, language and culture, and the interaction of faiths.

Research at Cambridge: The Moroccan Community in Manchester and the Trade in Silver Plate.



Dr Ryan Williams

Lecturer in Studies in Religion School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry, University of Queensland, Australia

Research interests: The study of Islam and society and contemporary religion. Understanding the lived experiences of Muslims in connection with themes of belonging and social cohesion, piety and ethics, and state power and multiculturalism

Research at Cambridge: the experience of Muslims in the British Criminal Justice System.



Dr Shana Cohen

Stone Ashdown Director, Woolf Institute

Research interests: public services; non-profit organizations; political alienation in North Africa; inequality; comparative values of social justice and social good.

Research at Cambridge: contemporary values and practices of social good and society within Judaism, Islam, and Christianity.

Research Associates

Research Associates are usually appointed by invitation only.



Dr Abdullah Baabood

Dr Abdullah Baabood's research interests focus on the states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), primarily their economic, social and political development and their external relations. He has published widely on these topics. Abdullah is a graduate in Business and Economics and holds a master's degree in Business Administration (MBA), a master's in International Relations (MA), and a PhD from the University of Cambridge. He is also a member of several academic and professional bodies.



Dr Chaoqun Lian

Dr Chaoqun Lian is an assistant professor in Arabic Studies at Peking University, China. He received a BA and a MA in Arabic Studies from Peking University and completed his PhD in Middle Eastern Studies at University of Cambridge. His research focuses on language symbolism in the social world as is revealed in Arabic language planning and language policy (LPLP) and Arabic lexicography from the nineteenth century onwards. He is currently working on a book project that examines the phenomenon of Arabic language academies in the context of Arab nationalism(s) and peripherality of the Arabs in the modern world-system. Chaoqun is also planning to study metaphor and language ideology in the discourse of Arabic LPLP and to compare Arabic and Chinese LPLPs in relation to the notion of 'Oriental bond'. He contributes to the Chinese and Arabic press regularly on political and cultural themes.



Dr Hawraa Al-Hassan

Dr Hawraa Al-Hassan is an associate fellow of the Higher Education Academy, having taught Arabic and modern history of the Middle East at the University of Cambridge. Hawraa completed her PhD in Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Cambridge and gained an MA in Comparative Literature at University College London. She is interested in the cultural history of the Arab world in so far as it relates to totalitarianism, propaganda and nationalism. Hawraa's research focuses on interdisciplinary approaches to the Arab novel as a conduit of group

identities. Her current project explores Iraqi Ba’thist involvement in the production of literary and media discourses on gender and nation, whilst considering the potential of resistive ‘counter-public’ spaces, be they Islamic or secular.



Dr Jeremy Henzell-Thomas

From 2000–2010, Dr. Jeremy Henzell-Thomas was the Founding Executive Director of the Book Foundation, a registered UK charity which works with partner institutions in the UK and the USA to improve understanding of Islam in the West. He was the first Chair of the Forum Against Islamophobia and Racism (FAIR), and is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Association of Muslim Social Scientists (AMSS UK) and a member of the Advisory Board of the Prince Alwaleed Centre for the Study of Islam in the Contemporary World at the University of Edinburgh. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, he speaks and writes widely on the themes of education, culture, society and spirituality, having written regular reflections over the years for *Islamica* and *emel* magazines, and more recently for the Credo column in *The Times*. Jeremy’s current research interests include Islam and pluralism, inter-cultural and holistic education, and shared values. A former lecturer in Applied Linguistics at the University of Edinburgh, he is also engaged in research which applies his academic specialism of psycholinguistics to contemporary issues affecting public perception of Islam and Muslims.



Dr Khaled Hroub

Dr Khaled Hroub’s areas of research include the contemporary history and politics of the Middle East with a focus on Islamism and its political manifestations; the socio-political and cultural impact of the ‘new’ media in the Arab world; the role of public intellectuals; and the Arab novel. He has published widely on Hamas and political Islam. Currently he is writing a book critique of the Arab renaissance project. He also publishes weekly articles in leading Arab and world media.



Dr Yonatan Mendel

Dr Yonatan Mendel completed his doctoral studies in the Department of Middle Eastern Studies at Cambridge University. His thesis examined the history of Arabic studies in Jewish schools in Palestine/Israel from 1935 to 1985, and focused on the politicisation and securitisation of the language. His research deals with topics such as language policy and war, security considerations and language planning, and the interrelationship between political conflict and foreign language studies in Israel/Palestine. His book, *‘The Creation of Israeli-Arabic: The Political History and Securitisation of Arabic Language Studies in Israeli-Jewish Society’*, will be published in 2014 (Palgrave Macmillan). Mendel is a regular contributor to the London Review of Books and has published widely on Israeli society and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in English, Arabic and Hebrew.

Visiting Researchers



Dr Hussam Eldin Mohamed Raafat Ahmed

Dr Hussam Ahmed works under the supervision of Professor Khaled Fahmy on a research project entitled "Ruptures and Continuities: Cultural and Educational Institutions between Parliamentary (1924–1952) and Nasserite (1952–1970) Egypt." In this project, he examines the evolution of Egyptian cultural and educational institutions under Gamal Abdel Nasser's authoritarian rule. His research is designed to understand Nasser's official cultural policies and assess their enduring impact on institutions in Egypt and other Arab countries, which found a model in Egyptian institutions.



Dr Mohammad Hanini

Dr Hanini is investigating the reduced deposit share of the Islamic Banks in Palestine – Causes and Solutions. His work seeks to understand why the Islamic Finance model did not become the predominant financial model in Palestine despite the obvious attractions of its moral basis and to map possible paths to make it more successful in the future. He took his degree and MA at Al-Najah National University before completing his PhD in Islamic Banking and Financial Markets from the Arab Academy of Banking and Financial Sciences in Jordan. He has taught at Birzeit university since 2009 and from 2013–16 was the Chairperson of the Department of Public Administration at Birzeit University.



Dr Nor Haslina Ja'far

Dr Nor Haslina Ja'far's research project title is 'Approaches to the Islamic Principles of Street Design and Multi-Cultural Characters in Malaysia: Traditional Streets as Reference'. This study addresses the concept of street design in Malaysia that is based on the Islamic design principle to satisfy the Malaysian Muslim needs. The aim of Nor Haslina's research is to establish a multicultural street design that shapes the characters of street pattern based on Islamic design principles, which uses the multicultural aspect of the traditional streets as a model or reference.

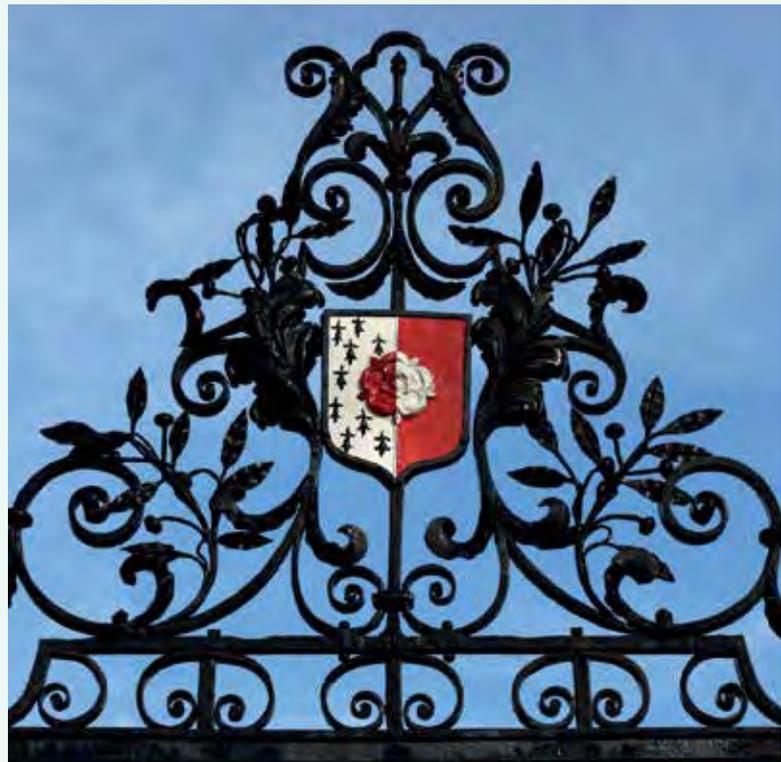


Dr Ruhaini Muda

Dr Ruhaini Muda is a research fellow at Accounting Research Institute, Malaysia. She is presently working on research which focuses on the development of a reporting framework for value-based Islamic financial institutions. The study addresses a growing call for delivering initiatives which truly impact stakeholders and the wider community. This is only possible if these initiatives are measured and reported in ways that support entrepreneurship, social well-being, a sustainable environment and economic growth. Towards this end, Islamic financial institutions need to measure and report the impact they make through effective and enhanced collaboration with strategic partners and stakeholders. Ruhaini's primary research interest is in the development of a sustainable social sector eco-system, with particular focus on the contributions of Islamic social capital such as zakah, waqf and sadaqa. She also works in the related area of social impact assessment and reporting.



PARTNERS



Partners

Gulf Research Centre-Cambridge (GRC-C)

The Gulf Research Centre Cambridge (GRC-C) is the Gulf Research Centre office in Cambridge, UK. GRC-C is a registered UK Charity, cooperating closely with the Centre of Islamic Studies at the University of Cambridge. The prime directive of GRC-C is to advance education and research on political, economic, social and security issues and other matters relating to member countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council and other countries of the Gulf region including Iran, Iraq and Yemen.

The Gulf Research Centre Cambridge organises the annual Gulf Research Meeting (GRM) which seeks to provide an academic environment to foster Gulf studies and promote scholarly exchanges

among scholars working on/or having familiarity with the Gulf region. GRM identifies subjects of importance to the Gulf region, stimulates research in these subjects, and provides a forum for broad dissemination of the research results. Motivated by the same objectives underlying the Gulf Research Meeting, GRC-C also serves as a platform for other events throughout the year and provides a focal point for students dedicated to carrying out and promoting critical research related to the Gulf.

The Gulf Research Centre Cambridge is a registered charity organization under the Charity Commission for England and Wales and can therefore receive tax-deductible donations.



The Islamic Manuscript Association (TIMA)

The Islamic Manuscript Association (TIMA) is an international non-profit organisation dedicated to protecting Islamic manuscript collections and supporting those who work with them. It was formed in response to the urgent need to address the poor preservation and inaccessibility of many Islamic manuscript collections around the world.

The Islamic Manuscript Association:

- Articulates standards and guidelines for best practice in cataloguing, conservation, digitisation and academic publishing so that Islamic manuscript collections may be made more accessible and preserved for posterity.
- Promotes the highest ethical and professional standards in the care and management of Islamic manuscript collections.
- Promotes excellence in scholarship on Islamic manuscripts, particularly Islamic codicology and disciplines related to the care and management of Islamic manuscript collections.
- Provides a platform for presenting scholarship on Islamic manuscripts, particularly Islamic codicology and disciplines related to the care and management of Islamic manuscript collections, at its annual conference at the University of Cambridge.
- Provides a wide range of online resources about manuscripts and their care.
- Awards grants to support the care of Islamic manuscript collections and advance scholarship on Islamic manuscripts.

- Organises regular training workshops in cataloguing, conservation, digitisation and academic publishing as well as an annual workshop on Islamic codicology in cooperation with Cambridge University Library.
- Facilitates dialogue between individuals with scholarly and professional interests in Islamic manuscripts and institutions holding collections of Islamic manuscripts.

TIMA includes among its members libraries and museums possessing collections of Islamic manuscripts as well as individuals with scholarly and professional interests in Islamic manuscripts. Over 150 persons from 25 different countries are members. Members have the right to vote, hold office, apply for grants and receive members' rates for the annual conference and training workshops.

TIMA is an affiliated project of the Centre of Islamic Studies and is one of the principal projects of the Thesaurus Islamicus Foundation.

TIMA holds an annual Islamic Codicology workshop at Cambridge supported by the Centre of Islamic Studies. In September 2019 this was held at the University Library in Cambridge. The Centre sponsored two students to attend: Mr. Meriç Türker Öztürk (carried over from 2018 due to delays in acquiring a visa) and Ms Siti Marina binti Mohd Maidin.



CENTRE STAFF 2018/19



Director

Prof. Khaled Fahmy

Professor Khaled Fahmy is the Director of the Centre of Islamic Studies, His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Sa'id Professor of Modern Arabic Studies, and a Fellow of King's College, Cambridge. He is a historian of the modern Middle East, with a specialty in the social and cultural history of nineteenth-century Egypt.

Born and raised in Egypt, Fahmy studied economics for his BA, and then political science for his MA, both degrees he received from the American University in Cairo (AUC). He then went to the University of Oxford where he wrote his DPhil dissertation on the history of the Egyptian army during the first half of the nineteenth century. After receiving his doctorate in 1993, Fahmy moved to the US where he worked first at Princeton University then at New York University. After seventeen years in the US, he returned to his home country in 2010, and joined his alma mater, AUC, as chair of the Department of History. In 2013, Fahmy returned to the US, this time as a visiting fellow at Columbia University, then as a visiting professor at Harvard University. He joined the University of Cambridge in 2017.

His research focuses on the social and cultural history of the modern Middle East, with a particular focus on nineteenth-century Egypt. He has written several books including a revisionist account of the army of Mehmed Ali Pasha (*All the Pasha's Men: Mehmed Ali, His Army, and the Making of Modern Egypt*), a critical biography of this towering nineteenth-century personality (*Mehmed Ali: From Ottoman Governor to Ruler of Egypt*) and *'al-Jasad wa-l-Hadatha (The Body and Modernity)*, a collection of scholarly articles that deal with the history of the disciplines and practices of medicine and law in nineteenth-century Egypt.

Fahmy's forthcoming book, *In Quest of Justice: Islamic Law and Forensic Medicine in Modern Egypt*, provides the first full account of the establishment and workings of a new kind of state in Egypt in the modern period. Drawing on groundbreaking research in the Egyptian

archives, *In Quest of Justice* shows how the state affected those subject to it and their response. It also illustrates how shari'a was actually implemented, how criminal justice functioned, and how scientific-medical knowledges and practices were introduced.

Research Projects

1967 Arab-Israeli War

Professor Fahmy is currently working on a history of the 1967 Arab-Israeli War. The project aims to synthesise recent scholarly works on the War written by Israeli, American and European historians with the vast literature in Arabic about the War. Specifically, the project will weave together the large number of memoirs published by Egyptian military commanders with the academic literature on the War.

Articles, Book Chapters etc

Rudolph Peters and the History of Modern Egyptian Law *Legal Documents as Sources for the History of Muslim Societies: Studies in Honour of Professor Rudolph Peters* pp. 12–35 (2017)

The crisis of the humanities in Egypt *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*, 37:1 pp. 142–148 (2017)

'Inab wa Basal: 'Abd al-Hakim 'Amir wa Qarar Insihab al-Jaysh al-Misri min Sina' fi Harb Huzairan 1967 (in Arabic) *Majallat al-Dirasat al-Falastiniyya*, 28:110 (2017)

The defeat of the Egyptian army in 67 (in Arabic) *Bidayat*, no. 17 (2017)

1967: a structural and continuing defeat (in Arabic) Khaled Mansour (ed.) *Tashrih al-Hazima* (2017)



Assistant Director

Dr Paul Anderson

Dr Paul Anderson is the Assistant Director of the Centre of Islamic Studies and the Prince Alwaleed Lecturer in the Department of Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Cambridge. He gained his PhD in social anthropology at the University of Edinburgh and his BA(Hons) in Arabic and Islamic Studies at the University of Oxford.

Research Interests: social and political anthropology of the Arab world (especially Syria), particularly traders, markets and trust relations.

Courses:

Dr Anderson teaches courses on the anthropology of the Middle East, the anthropology of Islam and on modern Islamic thought in the Arab world, combining an anthropological approach with a close study of modern Islamic texts in Arabic.

Dr Anderson's research publications include:

- 2018 "Flirting and Frying": Ordinary Ethics in Aleppo's Bazaar. *Ethnos* 83.
- 2018 "Order" and "Civility": Middle-Class Imaginaries of Citizenship before the Syrian Uprising. *Anthropological Theory* 18(2).
- 2018 *Muslims in the UK and Europe IV* (Ed. with J.Hargreaves). Cambridge: Centre of Islamic Studies.
- 2017 *Muslims in the UK and Europe III* (Ed. with J.Hargreaves). Cambridge: Centre of Islamic Studies.

Conference and Seminar Papers:

- 2018 *Emerging Regionalisms in West Asia: the Case of Chinese Commodities in the Levant*. Paper given at "China Global: Ideas, Values, Practices" conference. University of Cologne, May.
- 2018 *Striving for wellbeing: Syrian cosmopolitanism in a diasporic context*. Paper given at Migration and Wellbeing Symposium, Koc University, Istanbul, May.
- 2018 *Transnational Nation-building: the case of Syrian traders in Yiwu*. Paper given at workshop on "Trust, Trade and Global Commodity Networks" at the University of Cambridge, Moeller Centre, February.
- 2017 *Aleppine afterlives: notions of charity, economy and personhood among Syrian Muslim merchants*. Paper given at the American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Panel on Economic Theologies, Washington D.C., November.
- 2017 *Aleppo in China, China in Aleppo*. China Research Seminar, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Cambridge, May.

- 2017 *Studying Syrian Trading Networks Across Asia*. Presentation at Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Research Day, University of Cambridge, May.
 - 2017 *Choosing China: contextualising Syrian and Yemeni eastward migration to Yiwu after 2011*, Research symposium on "rethinking West Asia", University of Sussex, May.
 - 2017 *Always Not Yet: Perpetual deferral, mercantile temporality and civility before the Syrian Crisis*. Research Seminar on Abrahamic Religions, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford, February.
 - 2017 *Wartime Transformations of Yiwu-Syrian Commerce: a Preliminary Account*. Trodities Research Workshop, Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, University of Copenhagen, January.
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Teaching and Outreach Associate

Shahla Suleiman

Shahla Awad Suleiman (BSc, GradDipEd, MSc) is the Teaching and Outreach Associate at the Centre of Islamic Studies. Shahla taught Arabic and coordinated Arabic language teaching at the Department of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Edinburgh and taught at the Department of Middle Eastern Studies at University of Cambridge.

She worked as Director and Project Manager of an educational consultancy that undertook extensive work in various Arabic language teaching reform initiatives in the Middle East.

Shahla is interested in conversion to Islam in Britain and the place of Arabic language among non-Arab Muslims.



Research Associate / Visiting Fellow

Dr Ryan Williams

Ryan Williams is currently a Research Associate with the Centre of Islamic Studies in Cambridge. His current project examines substantive aspects and lived experiences of citizenship among Muslims through the criminal justice system. His work seeks to bring a closer understanding of contemporary facets of religion and Islamic Studies into the fields of criminology and penology. He has published in the areas of interfaith dialogue, the sociology of religion, and religion and health, and he draws on a range of methods, including ethnography and network sociology.

Ryan's professional background includes a recently held Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Post-Doctoral award (University of Calgary, Canada). Prior to this, he served as co-investigator studying trust and faith identities in two high security English prisons for an ESRC-funded grant entitled 'Locating trust in a climate of fear' (2013 – 2015) based in the Institute of Criminology at Cambridge. He concurrently holds an Affiliate Membership in the Prisons Research Centre (Institute of Criminology, Cambridge). His academic background is in Religious Studies (PhD, Divinity, University of Cambridge) and he is a Life Member of Clare Hall, Cambridge.

Selected publications

"There's more to life than the little bits that you read in the paper" – Muslims leaving prison talk about the layers of their lives, Williams, Ryan J., *Research Horizons* (April 2018)

Alex BuxtonWilliams, Ryan J., and Alison Liebling. "Faith Provision, Institutional Power and Meaning among Muslim Prisoners in Two English High Security Prisons." In *Religion in Prison*, edited by Kent Kerley: Praeger, in press.



Research Associate

Dr Mehrunisha Suleman

Dr Mehrunisha Suleman is a research associate at the HRH Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Centre of Islamic Studies at the University of Cambridge. Her research involves an analysis of the experiences of end of life care (EOLC) services in the UK, from the Muslim perspective. The study will involve a systematic analysis of the views of stakeholders, such as healthcare staff, patients, families, chaplains and Islamic scholars to enable a presentation of a range of challenges and concerns that currently exist in EOLC services within the NHS.

Before joining CIS, Mehrunisha completed a DPhil in Population Health at the University of Oxford titled "Does Islam influence research ethics?" She completed a BA in the Biomedical Sciences Tripos at the University of Cambridge, followed by clinical studies and an MSc in Global Health Sciences, at Oxford University. She has worked with Sir Muir Gray on the Department of Health's QIPP Right Care Programme. She has been involved in the design and construction of Population Based Accountable Integrated Care Systems, as well as developing an online tool for commissioners, clinicians and patient groups on health care systems design. She is co-editor of the NHS Atlas of Variation for Diabetes and Liver Disease.

She is an expert for UNESCO's Ethics Teacher Training Programme and was awarded the 2017 National Ibn Sina Muslim News Award for health. She has an 'Alimiyah degree in traditional Islamic studies, which she

was given under the supervision of Shaykh Akram Nadwi at Al Salam Institute in 2013.”

During Sept 2017 – Aug 2018 she continued research (fieldwork, data collection, analysis) on “Muslim perspectives on End of Life Care” and has conducted 72 interviews to date with patients, families, healthcare staff, chaplains and religious scholars.

Publications:

Book Chapters

Forthcoming Suleman M (2021) “Muslim perspectives on pain and suffering at the end of life. In: *Companion Volume on the Problem of suffering and Evil* T&T Clark (Bloomsbury)

Suleman M (2019) *Muslim Values and End of Life healthcare decision-making: values, norms and ontologies in conflict?* In: Eds: A Padela & A Al-Akiti (2019) *Biomedicine and Islam*. Templeton Foundation. USA

In Press Suleman M (2018) *Islam and the ethical aspects of care giving at the end of life* In: Ed: C Herbert (2018) *Faith in Care*. Jessica Kingsley Publications. UK

A Ahmed & M Suleman (2018) *On the Human person and the Genome Question: why the soul matters*. Accepted by the *Journal of Islamic Ethics*. Brill.

Published 2017 M Suleman (2017) *Biomedical Research Ethics in the Islamic Context – Reflections on and challenges for Islamic Bioethics*. In: Bagheri A and Ali KA (eds) *Islamic Bioethics: Current Issues and Challenges*. Imperial College Press (2017)

Articles/Encyclopaedia entries

In Press Suleman M (2018) *Harmony: Death and Dying in Biomedicine & Islam* In: Ed: D Cadman (2018) *Harmony Essays*. Harmony Project. UK

M Suleman (2018) “Hajj medicine” in *Encyclopaedia of Islamic Bioethics* Oxford University Press

M Suleman (2018) “Human Experimentation” in *Encyclopaedia of Islamic Bioethics* Oxford University Press

M Suleman (2018) “Genetic Intervention” in *Encyclopaedia of Islamic Bioethics* Oxford University Press

Published Suleman M and Ahmed A (2018) *What are the Islamic rights of medical practitioners and those who are ill in Islam? How do these rights relate to contemporary medical ethics? Can this Islamic perspective help in the field of human rights?* Ed: H Hellyer (2018) Islam and Human Rights. Atlantic Council. USA

Ahmed A and Suleman M (2018) *Gender and Women's Rights in Islam*" Ed: H Hellyer (2018) Islam and Human Rights. Atlantic Council. USA

Suleman M (2018) "Conscientious Objection" in *Encyclopaedia of Islamic Bioethics* Oxford University Press



Research Associate

Dr Deniz Türker

Deniz Türker is a Research and Outreach Associate specialising in Islamic Art. She is an Affiliated Lecturer at the Department of History of Art and the Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies.

An historian of Islamic art and architecture, Deniz is a graduate of Harvard University's dual degree program in the History of Art and Architecture and Middle Eastern Studies. She previously held the Fari Sayeed Fellowship in Islamic Art at Pembroke College in Cambridge.

She specializes in nineteenth-century Ottoman material culture with particular focus on the art, architecture, and landscape of reform and respective transformations in patronage patterns. She has published on Ottoman collectors, antiquarians, and historians of Islamic art as well as Ottoman garden and landscape histories in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. She recently co-curated a forthcoming exhibition in ANAMED (Istanbul) titled 'Ottoman Arcadia: The Hamidian Expedition to the Land of Tribal Roots (1886)', which is centered on a set of Ottoman photograph albums gifted to Otto von Bismarck by Sultan Abdülhamid II. As a CIS Research Associate, she is also completing her book manuscripts on Yıldız, the last Ottoman palace complex.

In May 2018 she worked in the Kettle's Yard archives to write a short research paper/presentation on the Edes' collection of Islamic objects and, more broadly, their time in Tangier. This work will feed into the University's Change Makers Action Group and will be featured on Kettle's Yard's website.

Selected Publications

"Swedish flat-pack designs in 19th Century Istanbul", Cambridge Alumni Magazine, April 2018

Eighteenth-Century-Dumbarton-Symposia-Colloquia

Abdüllatif Subhi Paşa's Cabinet of Coins: Ottoman Bibliophilia, History, and Egypt," *Collecting the Muslim World*, Brill: Leiden (Spring, 2018, forthcoming).

" 'Every Image is a Thought': Nineteenth-Century Gift-Albums and the Hamidian Visual Archive," in *Ottoman Arcadia: The Hamidian Expedition to the Land of Tribal Roots* (Istanbul: Vehbi Koç Foundation, forthcoming).



Research Associate

Arafat Razzaque

Arafat A. Razzaque specializes in classical Islamic thought, and the social and cultural history of the medieval Middle East. His current research lies in the areas of piety and asceticism in early Islamic tradition, religious and social ethics, and ideas of kinship and the history of the family – including Islamic family law and its challenges in the modern world.

His doctoral dissertation at Harvard University, in the joint program in History and Middle Eastern Studies, examines the development of an Islamic literature of speech ethics (*adab al-lisān*) in the ninth and tenth centuries, dealing with ideas about sin, slander and social propriety especially among the community of scholars. He has previously also worked on the reception history of the "Thousand and One Nights" tales, and continues to maintain a broader interest in popular narrative, textual cultures, and historical connections between Europe and the Middle East.

Arafat has a BA in Humanities from Yale University, an MTS in Islamic Studies from Harvard Divinity School, and an MA in History from Harvard University. He has joined the Centre in October 2018.

Research Articles

"Genie in a Bookshop: Print Culture, Authorship and 'The Affair of the Eighth Volume' at the Origins of *Les Mille et une nuits*," in *The Thousand and One Nights: Sources and Transformations in Literature, Art, and Science*, eds. Ibrahim Akel and William Granara. Leiden: Brill, 2018 (forthcoming)

Review Essays

"Before Europe: The Christian West in the Annals of Medieval Islam." Review of Daniel G. König, *Arabic-Islamic Views of the Latin West: Tracing the Emergence of Medieval Europe* (Oxford University Press, 2015). *Marginalia Review of Books*. April 27, 2018.



Research Associate

Dr Emanuelle Degli Esposti

Dr Degli Esposti joined the Centre on November 12, 2018.

A specialist in the politics and emotions of minority identities, Emanuelle Degli Esposti received her doctorate in Politics and International Studies from SOAS, University of London, where she also completed an MSc in Middle East Politics. Her current research examines the public forms of activism undertaken by Twelver Shi'a Muslims in Europe, especially those that might be said to be geared towards the cultivation of a "European Shi'ism". As well as exploring the way in which Shi'a communities view and understand themselves, the project seeks to illuminate the ongoing encounter between Islam and Europe, as well as the evolving dynamics within and between different Islamic sects. For example, she recently published an article on the "sectarianisation of space" in London for a special issue of the journal *Contemporary Islam*.

The editor and founder of online magazine *The Arab Review*, Emanuelle is also a published journalist and writer, as well as having more than six years' experience working in consultancy and intelligence analysis covering Europe and the Middle East. As a CIS Research Associate, she plans to bring together policy, grassroots, and private sector networks in order to facilitate the dissemination of the Centre's research and outreach.

In April 2019 she was selected for a British Academy Rising Stars Engagement Award for research on '*Beyond 'Sectarianism'? Towards an alternative framework for the study of Sunni-Shi'a relations in the UK*'.

Selected Publications

'Living Najaf in London: Diaspora, Identity, and the Iraqi-Shi'a Subject.' In: O Schardbrodt and Y Shaneik (eds.) *Shi'a Minorities in the Contemporary World*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, (forthcoming 2019).

'Fragmented Realities: The "Sectarianisation" of Space Among Iraqi Shias in London,' *Contemporary Islam* (2018) 1–27.

'The Aesthetics of Ritual: Performing Iraqi-Shi'a Identity in the Diaspora,' *Politics* (2018) 38(1): 68–83. Given ISSR Best Student Paper Award for 2019.



Programme Manager

Neil Cunningham

Neil Cunningham started with the Centre as the maternity cover for Ludmila. He then took over the Programme Manager role in 2018. He holds an MA in History from Cambridge and takes part in historical re-enactments around the UK.



Administrator

Ludmila Applegate

Ludmila Applegate is the Administrator of the Centre of Islamic Studies. She holds a BA in philology (linguistics) from the Daugavpils University, Latvia. Ludmila has experience in administration, project and event management, having worked previously for the business language school in Cambridge.

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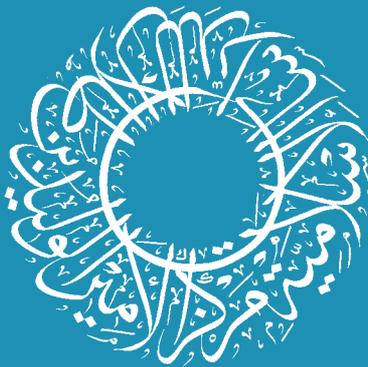
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