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“Cosmopolitan Islam: Globalization
Transnationalism and Muslim Diasporas”

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[Conference Venue: DePaul University’s School for New Learning
14 E. Jackson Blvd, Rooms 805-806, Chicago, IL 60604]

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.  Registration
9:00 – 9:20 a.m.  Welcoming and Introductory Remarks

Aminah B. McCloud, DePaul University, Chicago, IL
(Program Chair)

Ali A. Mazrui, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY
(AMSS President)

9:20 – 10:45 a.m.  Panel 1  [14 E. Jackson Blvd: Rooms 805-806]
Cosmopolitan Islam: Identity Issues
Moderator & Discussant: Jasmin Zine, Wilfrid Laurier University, Ontario, Canada

Babacar Mbengue (DePaul University, Chicago, IL): “Transnational Islam, Migrancy and Cultural Congruence: The Case of West African Muslims in the United States”

Muna Ali (Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ): “Pre-9/11, I felt like an Average American … Now I’m a group with Hippies and Punks”

Shabana Mir (Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK): “Clarifying Your Way through America: Civic and Muslim Identities on Campus”

10:45 – 11:00 a.m.  Break

11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.  Panel 2  [14 E. Jackson Blvd: Rooms 805-806]
Muslim Diasporas: Defining Cosmopolitanism and its Influence on Identities
Moderator & Discussant: Aminah B. McCloud, DePaul University, Chicago, IL

Hishaam Aidi (Columbia University, New York, NY): “Cosmopolitanism and Muslim Youth Movements in France”

Mazen Hashem (American Center for Civilizational and Intercultural Studies)
[ACCIS], La Canada, CA: “Cultural Resilience and Ethnic Well-Being: Implications for American Muslims”


12:30 - 1:00 p.m.  **Luncheon Buffet**  
[231 S. State Street – **Second Floor**]

1:00 – 1:30 p.m.  **Video Conference Presentation**  
[14 E. Jackson Blvd: Rooms 805-806]

*Karim El Mantawi*  
Outreach Officer, Soliya, New York, NY  
“**Soliya: Cross-Cultural Educational Experience**”

1:30 – 1:45 p.m.  **Break & Dhur Prayer**  
[231 S. State Street – **Fourth Floor**]

1:45 – 3:15 p.m.  **Panel 3**  
[14 E. Jackson Blvd: Rooms 805-806]

*Muslim Cosmopolitanism: Interpreting Islam*  
**Moderator & Discussant: Khaled Keshk, DePaul University, Chicago, IL**

Besheer Mohamed (University of Chicago, Chicago, IL): “Islamic Extremism and Religiosity: A Multi-dimensional Model of Religiosity for Muslims in the United States”

Ermin Sinanovic (United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD): “Muslim Cosmopolitanism in a Globalizing World”

Kenan Cetinkaya (Temple University, Philadelphia, PA): “Ren and Imán: A Comparative Approach to Confucian and Islamic Virtues”

3:15 – 3:30 p.m.  **Break**

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.  **Panel 4**  
[14 E. Jackson Blvd: Rooms 805-806]

*Challenges of Globalization in Muslim Diasporas*  
**Moderator & Discussant: Scott Hibbard, DePaul University, Chicago, IL**

Saeed A. Khan (Wayne State University, Detroit, MI): “Examining the Transnational through the Transatlantic: An Assessment of the Muslim Diaspora in Europe and North America through World System Analysis”

Zareena A. Grewal (Yale University, New Haven, CT): “Ummah Debates: American Student-Travelers in the Middle East”

Junaid S. Ahmad (University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa): “Native Informants and Neo-Orientalism in the ‘War on Terror’ Discourse in Pakistan”
5:30 - 5:45 p.m.  Concluding Remarks
Ali A. Mazrui, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY
(AMSS President)
Aminah B. McCloud, DePaul University, Chicago, IL
(Program Chair)

5:45 – 6:00 p.m.  Break and Asr Prayer
[Downtown Islamic Center of Chicago
231 S. State Street – Fourth Floor]

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  Annual Grand Meeting - Open to Public
[14 E. Jackson Blvd: Rooms 805-806]

7:30 – 9:30 p.m.  Annual Banquet
The Palmer House Hilton Hotel, Honore Ballroom
[17 E. Monroe Street, Chicago, IL]

Ismail Raji al-Faruqi Memorial Lecture:
Keynote Speaker: Saskia Sassen
Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology, and member, Committee on
Global Thought, Columbia University, New York, NY

Keynote Address: “Transnationalized Religions and
Renationalized States”