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Muslim Studies (NAAIMS)*

*Presents
The 47th Annual Conference*

**“Impact of Emerging Digital Technology and
Social Media on Muslim Communities”**

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The Graduate Center
City University of New York (CUNY)
New York, NY**

Friday, September 14, 2018

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Registration

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Welcoming and Introductory Remarks

[The Graduate Center, CUNY: Elabash Recital Hall
365 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10016]

Anna Ayşe Akasoy, Hunter College - CUNY, NY
(Program Chair)

Jon Mandaville, Portland State University, Portland, OR
(NAAIMS President)

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Panel 1

[The Graduate Center: Elabash Recital Hall]

Islam and the Digital Revolution

Chair/Discussant: Saadia Toor, College of Staten Island – CUNY, NY

Besheer Mohamed (Pew Research Center, Washington, DC): “Youth Culture in the Digital Age: Findings from Pew’s 2017 Survey of US. Muslims”

Ahmet Selim Tekelioglu (George Mason University, Fairfax, VA), and Paul F. Fischer (George Mason University, Fairfax, VA): “Digital Islamic Studies: Pedagogical Perspectives from *The Maydan* Experience”

Viviana Premazzi (United Campus of Malta, St. Julian’s, Malta), and Roberta Ricucci (Università di Torino, Torino, Italy): “InstaIslam: Use of Social Networks by Second Generation Muslims in Europe”

11:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Break

11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. **Panel 2** **[The Graduate Center: Elabash Recital Hall]**
Religious Authority and Social Media
Chair/Discussant: Emilio Ibrahim Spadola, Tufts University, Medford, MA

Taner Dogan (City, University of London, London, UK): “Social Media as a Source of Self-Identity Formation”

Husniye Esma Celebioglu (George Mason University, Fairfax, VA): “Techno-religious Objects and Transformation of Conservatism in Turkey”

Emad Hamdeh (Embry Riddle University, Daytona Beach, FL): “Traditional Ulamā’ and the Reservation of Self-Learning”

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. **Luncheon Keynote Address**
[The Graduate Center, CUNY: 9th Floor (Rooms 9205/6/7)
365 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10016]

Keynote Speaker: Jon W. Anderson
[Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC]

**“Impact of Emerging Digital Technology and
Social Media in the Middle East”**

2:30– 2:45 p.m. Dhur Prayers **[The Graduate Center: Room 9201]**

2:45 – 4:15 p.m. **Panel 3** **[The Graduate Center: Elabash Recital Hall]**
Varieties of Religious Expression
Chair/Discussant: Emilio Ibrahim Spadola, Tufts University, Medford, MA

Alan Godlas (University of Georgia, Athens, GA): “Social Media and Dissemination of Calligraphic Islam”

Heba Arafa Abdelfattah (Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA): “The *Ibtihalat* in the Digital Age: Public and Private Domains”

Norah Elmagraby (Emory University, Atlanta, GA): “Islamic Eschatology and Climate Change: A Study of the Virtual Discourse on Climate Change”

4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Break

4:30 – 6:00 p.m. **Panel 4** **[The Graduate Center: Elabash Recital Hall]**
Social and Political Mobilization
Chair/Discussant: Syliva Chan-Malik, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

Aliaa Dawoud (American University in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt): “How Tunisia’s Decision to Equate Women with Men in Inheritance Ignited Fire and Fury on Social Media”

Hasan Azad (Columbia University, New York, NY): “Digital Muslims, Colonial(ized) Islam?”

Zainab Alam (Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ): “Celebrity Politics in Pakistan: The Case of Qandeel Baloch”

6:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks

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