

*The 38<sup>th</sup> AMSS Annual Conference*  
*“Islamic Traditions and Comparative Modernities”*

*Cosponsored By:*  
*Department of Religious Studies*  
*&*  
*Department of Middle Eastern and*  
*South Asian Languages and Cultures*  
*University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA*

*Friday, September 25, 2009*

*8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Registration*

*9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Welcoming and Introductory Remarks*  
[Auditorium of the Harrison Institute/Small Special Collections Library]

Abdulaziz A. Sachedina, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA  
(Program Chair)

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

*9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Panel 1 [Auditorium of the Harrison Institute]*  
*Islam and the West*  
*Discussant: Cynthia Hoehler-Fatton, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA*  
*Chair: Ali A. Mazrui, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY*

Alan Godlas (University of Georgia, Athens, GA): “Psychological Resources for Emotionally Intelligent Dialogue between Islam, the West, and Indigenous Cultures”

Aliaa Dakroury (Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada): “The Message – *Al-Resala*: An Examination of Media Production of Dialogues between Islam and the West”

Junaid S. Ahmad (University of Cape Town, South Africa): “The Islam Industry in America: Neo-Orientalism in Popular and Academic Discourse”

*11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Luncheon Buffet - Keynote Address*  
The Cavalier Inn at the University  
[105 North Emmet Street, Charlottesville, VA]

*Ismail Raji al-Faruqi Memorial Lecture:*  
Keynote Speaker: William B. Quandt  
Edward R. Stettinius, Jr. Professor of Politics  
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

*Keynote Address: “Obama’s Approach to the Muslim World:  
What lies Behind the Change in Rhetoric”*

**1:15 – 2:00 p.m.**                      **Jum`ah Salat**                      **(Newcomb Hall)**

**2:30 – 4:00 p.m.**                      **Panel 2**                      **[Auditorium of the Harrison Institute]**

**Islam and the Media**

**Discussant: Daniel Lefkowitz, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA**

**Chair: Ahmed E. Ahmed, University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB), Galveston, TX**

Mahmoud Eid (University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada), and Hossain Ali (University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada): “The Taliban Starring the Big Picture: Analysis of Afghani Newspapers’ Portrayal of Terrorism and Failure of Democracy”

Michelle D. Byng (Temple University, Philadelphia, PA): “Symbolically Muslim: Media, Hijab, and the West”

Mucahit Bilici (City University of New York, NY): “Muslim Time in America”

**4:00 – 4:15 p.m.**                      **Break**

**4:15 – 5:45 p.m.**                      **Panel 3**                      **[Auditorium of the Harrison Institute]**

**Relation between Religious and Secular in Islam**

**Discussant: Elizabeth F. Thompson, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA**

**Chair: Saeed A. Khan, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI**

Carrie Konold (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI): “*Shari`ah* and the Secular State in Senegal: Understanding Citizen Preferences for Islamic Family Law”

Mahmoud M. Ayoub (Hartford Seminary, Hartford, CT): “Islam and Secularism”

Ehsan Moghaddasi (University of Tehran, Iran): “A Comparative Study between Secularism and Political Islam and the Downfall of Secularism During Khatami’s Presidency”

**5:45 – 6:00 p.m.**                      **Break and Asr Salat**                      **(Clemons Library – Room 201)**

**6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**                      **Reception**                      **(Garrett Hall)**

**7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**                      **Annual Grand Meeting**  
[Auditorium of the Harrison Institute]

## **Saturday, September 26, 2009**

**9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**                      **Panel 4**                      **[Auditorium of the Harrison Institute]**

**Islamic Revivalism and Modernity**

**Discussant: Ahmed H. al-Rahim, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA**

**Chair: Robert D. Crane, Independent Researcher and Scholar, Washington, VA**

Ermin Sinanovic (United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD): “Multiple Modernities and the Discourse of Developmental Islamic Revivalism”

Jacqueline Brinton (Davidson College, Davidson, NC): “Utilizing the Sermon to Incorporate Change: Shaykh Sha`rawi’s Epistemological Enforcement of Ulama Authority”

Marianne Farina (Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Berkeley, CA):  
“New Strategies in Religious Education: The Case of Pursuing Meaning and Method  
for Engagement with Modernity”

**10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break**

**10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Panel 5 [Auditorium of the Harrison Institute]**

**Islamic Literary Hermeneutics**

**Discussant: Abdulaziz A. Sachedina, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA**

**Chair: Shamsur Rahman Faruqi, Writer and Poet, India**

Hanadi Al-Samman (University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA): “US Muslim  
Women’s Movements and the Politics of Islamic Feminine Hermeneutics”

Alireza Korangy (University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA): “Poetics of Islam in  
Contemporary Women Poets of Iran: A Morphological and Historical Perspective  
(17th-21st cc.)”

Khaled Troudi (University of Exeter, UK): “Hermeneutical Aspects of the  
Qur’anic Narrative: The Function of Coherence and Style”

**12:15 – 1:45 p.m. Luncheon Buffet - Keynote Address**

The Cavalier Inn at the University  
[105 North Emmet Street, Charlottesville, VA]

**Keynote Speaker: Helena Cobban**

Author, *Re-engage! America and the World After Bush*  
Author and Publisher, [www.JustWorldNews.org](http://www.JustWorldNews.org)

**Keynote Address: “Changing Perceptions of the  
Palestinian Question in the US”**

**2:00 – 2:15 p.m. Zuhr Salat (Clemons Library – Room 201)**

**2:15 – 3:45 p.m. Panel 6 [Auditorium of the Harrison Institute]**

**Cultural Identity and Islam**

**Discussant: Mazen Hashem, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA**

**Chair: Zakyi Ibrahim, California State University, Fullerton, CA**

Mumtaz Ahmad (Hampton University, Hampton, VA): “Ulama and their Attitudes  
Toward the US: Evidence from Bangladesh and Pakistan”

Cemil Aydin (George Mason University, Fairfax, VA): “Global Identity of the  
Muslim World: The Legacies of the Late 19th Century Intellectual History”

Richard J. Cohen (University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA): “Sufism and  
Syncretism in Early Indo-Islamic Literature: Maulana Da’ud’s *Chandayan* as  
Exemplary Text”

**3:45 – 4:00 p.m. Break**

**4:00 – 5:30 p.m.      Panel 7      [Auditorium of the Harrison Institute]**

**Public Role of Muslim Women**

**Discussant: Hanadi Al-Samman, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA**

**Chair: Katherine Bullock, University of Toronto, Canada**

Noor Mohammad Osmani (International Islamic University Malaysia [IIUM], Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia), Abu Umar Faruq Ahmad (Sule College, Sydney, Australia), and Md. Yousuf Ali (International Islamic University Malaysia [IIUM], Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia): “The Political Role of Muslim Women: Between Traditional Texts and Changing Realities”

Juliane Hammer (George Mason University, Fairfax, VA): “Activism as Embodied Tafsir: American Muslim Women’s Discourses on Authority, Leadership and Space”

Norbani Binti Ismail (International Islamic University Malaysia [IIUM], Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia): “Muslim Women and Religious Authorities in Malaysia’s Mass Media”

**5:30 – 5:45 p.m.      Concluding Remarks**

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

Abdulaziz A. Sachedina, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA  
(Program Chair)

**5:45 – 6:00 p.m.      Break & Asr Salat      (Clemons Library – Room 201)**

**7:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

**Annual Banquet:**

Omni Charlottesville Hotel  
[235 West Main Street, Charlottesville, VA]

**Announcement of Newly Elected AMSS Board of Directors  
(2009 – 2011)**

**Best Graduate Paper Awards Ceremony**

**Ismail Raji al-Faruqi Memorial Lecture:**

Keynote Speaker: Aminah B. McCloud  
Director of the Islamic World Studies Program  
DePaul University, Chicago, IL

**Keynote Address: “Studying Muslims in the 21st Century”**