

***North American Association of Islamic and
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***Presents
42nd Annual Conference***

“Constitutions and Islam”

***Cosponsored By:
Department of Near Eastern Studies
&
Program in Near Eastern Studies
Princeton University, NJ***

Saturday, September 28, 2013

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Welcoming and Introductory Remarks
[Princeton University – Computer Science Bldg: Room 104, 35 Olden Street]

M. Şükrü Hanioglu, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
(Program Chair)

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

***9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Panel 1 [Computer Science Bldg: Room 104]
Religious Law under Secular Constitutions
Chair: Aisha Y. Musa, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY
Discussant: Lawrence Rosen, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ***

Edgar Melgar (Princeton University, Princeton, NJ): “Academics, Imams, Believers and the State: Religious Authority in Modern Islam and the American Judicial System”

Edip Yuksel (Pima Community College, Tucson, AZ), and Layth AlShaiban (Free Minds and Progressive Muslims): “Peacemakers Constitution”

Joshua M. Roose (University of Western Sydney, Sydney, Australia): “Shari’a, Islamophobia and Legal Pluralism in Practice: Insights from Sydney and New York”

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Break

***11:15 a.m - 12:45 p.m. Panel 2 [Computer Science Bldg: Room 104]
Reform in Islamic Law: A Look at the Causes
Chair: Sumaiya Hamdani, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
Discussant: Aaron Spevack, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY***

Aisha Y. Musa (Colgate University, Hamilton, NY): “Jizya: An Example of Continual Reinterpretation and Reform with a Contemporary Qur’ānic Reinterpretation”

Abdur Rab (Independent Economic Consultant, Houston, TX): “Reform in Finance: Riba vs Interest in the Modern World”

Zainab Alwani (Howard University School of Divinity, Washington, DC): “Islamic Jurisprudence: Role of Women Scholars in Islamic Family Law Reforms in Morocco”

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Luncheon Keynote Address

[Princeton University: Carl Fields Center – Room 104, 58 Prospect Avenue]

Announcement of Newly Elected Board of Directors

Ismail Raji al-Faruqi Memorial Lecture:

Keynote Speaker: Mohammad H. Fadel

[Associate Professor of Law, University of Toronto, Canada]

Keynote Address: Islam, Constitutionalism, and the Challenge of Pluralism

2:00 – 2:15 p.m. Dhur Prayers

2:15 – 3:45 p.m.

Panel 3

[Computer Science Bldg: Room 104]

Codification Compared: From Iran and Saudi Arabia to Malaysia

Chair: Judith Rahima Jensen, Educational Solutions, Klamath Falls, OR

Discussant: Mirjam Künkler, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

Negin Yavari (New School for Social Research, New York, NY): “Popular vs Divine Will in Comparative Perspective: Shari’a as Constitution in Iran and Saudi Arabia”

Samy Ayoub (University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ): “The *Mecelle*: *Shari’a*, State, and Modernity Fashioning and Refashioning of Islamic Law in the 19th-20th Centuries CE”

Syed Muhd Khairudin Aljunied (National University of Singapore, Singapore): “ABIM, Syariah Activism and Constitutional Reforms in Malaysia”

3:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Break

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Panel 4

[Computer Science Bldg: Room 104]

Debates over Islamic Constitutionalism from Said Nursi to al-Azhar

Chair: Meriem El Haitimi, Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdellah University, Fez, Morocco

Discussant: Bernard Haykel, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

Mashal Saif (Duke University, Durham, North Carolina): “Pakistani Shi’a ‘Ulama’: Debating the Implementation of the Shari’a”

Mucahit Bilici (John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, NY): “Islamic Constitutionalism and Democracy in Said Nursi’s *Munazarat* (1911)”

Usaama al-Azami (Princeton University, Princeton, NJ): *“Maqāṣid al-Shari’a, Siyasa Shar’iyya, and al-Azhar: Understanding the New Islamist Debate”*

5:30 - 5:45 p.m.

Concluding Remarks

5:45 – 6:00 p.m.

Break & Asr Prayers

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Social Hour & Annual Grand Meeting
[Computer Science Bldg: Room 104]