

*North American Association of Islamic and
Muslim Studies (NAAIMS)*

*Presents
43^d Annual Conference*

*“The Concept of Authority in Muslim Societies:
Political, Religious, Social and Literary”*

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The Middle East Institute
Columbia University, New York, NY
Saturday, September 20, 2014*

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Welcoming and Introductory Remarks
[Columbia University – International Affairs Building;
Room 1501, 420 W. 118th Street, New York, NY 10027]

Lila Abu-Lughod, Columbia University, New York, NY
(Program Chair)

Maria R. Volpe, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, NY
(NAAIMS Treasurer)

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Panel 1 [International Affairs Bldg. - Room 1501]

New Media and Technologies of Authority

Chair: Maria R. Volpe, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, NY

Discussant: Brian Larkin, Barnard College, Columbia University, New York, NY

Hasan Azad (Columbia University, New York, NY): “ ‘Internetic Islam’: (Re)Configuring
Islamic Authority through Facebook and Email”

Jacqueline Brinton (University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS): “The Changing Nature of
Mediated Authority: Youtube and Conversion Performances”

Habiba Boumlik (LaGuardia Community College, CUNY, NY): “Feminist Theology: Media
and Authority”

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m - 12:45 p.m. Panel 2 [International Affairs Bldg. - Room 1501]

Beyond Conventional Authorities

Chair: Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

Discussant: Katherine P. Ewing, Columbia University, New York, NY

Daniel P. Wolk (University of Chicago, Chicago, IL): “ ‘Good’ and “Bad Aghas” as
Persistent Models of Authority in Iraqi Kurdistan”

Mirjam Künkler (Princeton University, Princeton, NJ): “Female Religious Authority in *Shi‘i* Islam”

Joshua M. Roose (Australian Catholic University, Melbourne, Australia): “Muslim Elites: The New Islamic Political and Religious Authority in the West?”

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Luncheon Keynote Address

[Columbia University: International Affairs Building:
The Atrium (Next to Room 1501): 420 W. 118th Street, New York, NY 10027]

Keynote Speaker: Khaled Fahmy

[Prof. of History, American University in Cairo, Egypt]

Keynote Address: “Islamist Claims about the Authority of *Shari‘ah*:
Some Remarks from a Historian of Modern Egypt”

2:00 – 2:15 p.m. *Dhur* Prayers

2:15 – 4:00 p.m.

Panel 3

[International Affairs Bldg. - Room 1501]

In the Shadow of Textual Authority

Chair: Mucahit Bilici, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, NY

Discussant: Najam Iftikhar Haider, Barnard College, Columbia University, New York, NY

Emad Hamdeh (Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ): “Tug of War: Interpretive Authority between *Salafism* and Traditionalism”

Maria Massi Dakake (George Mason University, Fairfax, VA): “The Moral Authority of Self and Community in the Qur’an”

Corri Zoli (Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY): “*Shari‘ah* Density in Post-Arab Spring Constitutions: The Landscape of Postconflict Authority and Transition”

Liyakat Takim (McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada): “Classical *Shari‘ah* and its Applicability in Modern Times”

4:10 – 4:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Maria R. Volpe, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, NY
(NAAIMS Treasurer)

4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Break & *‘Asr* Prayers