

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

*Presents  
The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference*

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

**Cosponsored By:**

**Middle East and Middle Eastern American Center  
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, The Graduate Center and 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 U.S. 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”

Judith Rahima Jensen ([www.sistersufi.com](http://www.sistersufi.com), Klamath Falls, OR): “Teaching Modern Islamic Sufism and Interreligious Understanding via Twitter and Blog”

**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 Esmā 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: 9<sup>th</sup> 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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