

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

*Presents
The 46th Annual Conference*

“Muslims and the City”

*Cosponsored By:
Islamic Civilizations and Societies Program
Boston College – Newton Campus
Newton, MA*

Friday, September 29, 2017

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Welcoming and Introductory Remarks
[Boston College: Barat House, 885 Centre Street, Newton, MA 02458]

Kathleen T. Bailey, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
(Program Chair)

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

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Panel 1 [Newton Campus, Barat House]
The City in Words
Chair/Discussant: Sheila Blair, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

Dana Sajdi (Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA): “How the Citizens of Damascus Protected their City in Words”

Hilal Kazan (Istanbul University, Ankara, Turkey): “Calligraphy Keeps Decorating Mosques in the Modern Era”

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Panel 2 [Newton Campus, Barat House]
The Multi-faceted City
Chair/Discussant: Jonathan M. Bloom, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

Emily Neumeier (The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH): “ ‘Why can’t we talk about Ottoman churches?’: Towards a multi-confessional history of the Islamic city”

Johan [Hanna] MacKechnie (Queen’s College, Kingston, Ontario, Canada): “The Contemporary *Fundug*: A Medieval Muslim Institution Alive and Well in Modern Venice”

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Luncheon Keynote Address
[Newton Campus, Barat House]
Keynote Speaker: Ahmed Ragab

[The Richard T. Watson Associate Professor of Science and Religion,
Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA]

***“Prophetic Medicine: Medical Piety in the
Medieval and Modern Islamic Societies”***

2:30– 2:45 p.m. Dhur Prayers *[Newton Campus, Barat House]*

2:45 – 4:15 p.m. Panel 3 [Newton Campus, Barat House]

City Spaces

Chair/Discussant: James W. Morris, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

Aila Santi (Sapienza University of Rome, Rome, Italy): “Anjar: A Study on an Early Islamic Urban Experiment”

Pelin Kadercan (Brown University, Providence, RI): “Re-imagining a Marginalized Identity: Music and Alevi Youth in Istanbul (1800s to the Present)”

Mary Elston (Harvard University, Cambridge, MA): “Social Media *Ṣuhba*: The Practice of Companionship in Contemporary Cairo”

4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Break

4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Panel 4 [Newton Campus, Barat House]

The Ideal Islamic City

Chair/Discussant: David M. DiPasquale, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

Daniel P. Wolk (University of Chicago, Chicago, IL), and Khalid M. Hussein (Project Management Partner, Iraq): “Emergency Aid in Iraqi Cities: Forging Partnerships between a Secularist Non-Governmental Organization and Mosque-based Charities”

6:00 p.m. Closing Remarks

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