Friday, April 8, 2011

9:00-9:15 am – Welcome & Opening Remarks, Chesapeake A, Sadler Center
Tamara Sonn, Program Chair, and James Sowerwine, President, ACSIS

9:15-11:00am – Chesapeake A, Sadler Center
Panel 1: Islam, Nationalism and Change
Theodore Wright, Jr., State University of New York, Albany, Chair
2. Jens Kutscher, Friedrich Alexander University Erlangen, Nuremberg, "Muslim Citizenship in Non-Muslim Liberal Democracies According to Online Fatwas"
3. Raja Bahlul, United Arab Emirates University, UAE, "The Universal Community of Cosmopolitan Citizenship"

11:00-12:45pm – Chesapeake A, Sadler Center
Panel 2: Religion and Nationalism in Pakistan and Israel
Tamara Sonn, College of William & Mary, Co-Chair
Michael B. Bishku, Augusta State University, Co-Chair
1. Theodore Wright, Jr., State University of New York, Albany, "The Role of Religion and Diaspora in the Founding of States: Israel and Pakistan Compared"
2. Dr. Issam Aburaya, Seton Hall University, New Jersey, "Islam, Jewish Secularism, and Israeli Nationalism"
3. Micha'el Tanchum, The Shalem Center, Jerusalem, "The Discourse of Religious Nationalism and Nation-Building: Lessons from Pakistan and Israel on the Consequences of Politicized Religion"

4. Maina Chawla Singh, University of Delhi, India, and American University, Washington DC, "Religion, Diversity, and Social Cleavages: Challenges in Contemporary Israeli Society"

1:00-2:30pm – LUNCH BREAK (list of local restaurants available)

3:00-4:30pm – Chesapeake A, Sadler Center

Panel 3: Islam in Turkey
Michael B. Bishku, Augusta State University, Chair
1. Fevzi Bilgin, St. Mary's College of Maryland, "The Appeal of Turkish Islam"
2. Neslihan Cevik, University of Virginia, "Re-theorizing Contemporary Islam in Turkey: Muslimism and the Sites of Hybridity"
3. Robert Hazan, Metropolitan State College of Denver, “Islam, Nationalism and Change during the Erdogan-Gul Administration”

4:30-5:30pm – Special Presentation – Update from Tunisia
Radwan Masmoudi, President, Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy

6:00-8:00pm – Banquet: Great Hall, Wren Building
Keynote Speaker:
H.E. Tariq Karim, Bangladesh High Commissioner to India
Music by the Middle East Music Ensemble
(Registration required.)

Saturday, April 9, 2011

9:00-11:00am – Tidewater A, Sadler Center
Critchfield Panel A: Middle East Case Studies Past and Present
Tamara Sonn, College of William & Mary, Chair
1. Nadim Bawalsa, New York University -- “Unpacking the Modern, National Self: The Diary of Khalil al-Sakakini”
2. Elizabeth Williams, Georgetown University -- “Agriculture in the French Mandate Syria: Where Post-Colonialism Meets Environmental History”
3. Matthew Tobin, College of William & Mary -- “Contending Views on Takfir”
9:00-11:00am – Chesapeake A, Sadler Center
Panel 4: A Comparative Approach to Islam: Bosnia, Philippines, Syria, and Tunisia, (Part I)
Robert Hazan, Metropolitan State College of Denver, Chair
1. Malte Frye, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster, "Ajvatovica-Contesting Muslim Identities at a Saint’s Shrine in Postwar Bosnia"
3. Radwan Ziadeh, George Washington University, Washington DC, "The Role of Religion in Contemporary Arab State Politics: Syria as an Example"
4. Omar Fassatoui, Sciences Politiques, Aix en Provence, "Biomedicine, Islam and Law: The Case of Tunisia"

11:15-1:00pm – Tidewater A, Sadler Center
Critchfield Panel B: Studying the Middle East and Muslim World: Theoretical Issues
Anne Rasmussen, College of William & Mary, Chair
3. Allison Hutchings, Center for Strategic International Studies – “Think Tanks and Policy Debates in Washington DC”

11:15-1:00pm – Chesapeake A, Sadler Center
Panel 5: A Comparative Approach to Islam: Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Ethiopia, and Iran (Part II)
James Sowerwine, Kutztown University
1. Jon Armajani, College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University, Saint Joseph, Minnesota, "Accommodation and Opposition: The Saudi Arabian Government’s Approach toward Islamist Groups"
2. Terje Ostebo, University of Florida, "Oromumma and Umma: Islam and Oromo Ethno-Nationalism in Ethiopia"
3. Fatemeh Shayan, University of Tampere, Finland, "Ontological and Domestic Security Problems in Saudi Arabia in the Post-Saddam Era"
4. Michael B. Bishku, Augusta State University, "Egyptian-Iranian Relations and the Politics of the Middle East During the Cold War"

Registration Information
Conference registration: $35.00 at the door. Conference hotel: Williamsburg Hospitality House (www.williamsburghospitalityhouse.com): Call Mary Ellen at 757.229.4020 x7014 and identify your affiliation as ACSIS. Register by April 4 for rate of $109/night (single or double).