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April 8-9, 2011

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

1. Benoit Challand, New School for Social Research, New York, "Islam, Religion, and Imagination"
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"
4. Grace Clark, Forman Christian College, Pakistan, "The Social Impact of the Blasphemy Law in Pakistan"

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"
4. Ayah Ibrahim, George Washington University, "The Egyptian Revolution"

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"
2. Abdulhusin M. Kashim, Centre for Islamic Consensus Building, Manila, Philippines, "Mindanao Peace Process: Beyond Territoriality - A Framework Paper"
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

1. Cliff Martin, University of Denver – "The University Cluster: Higher Education in Qatar and a New Opportunity for US Public Diplomacy"
2. Adam Farrar, Georgetown University – "Middle East Studies: Policy Relevance?"
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).