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Thirtieth Annual Meeting Program

Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey, April 5-6, 2013

Friday, April 5, 2013

Location: Chancellor's Suite in the University Center

8:00-8:45 Bagels and Coffee

8:45-9:00 Welcome and Introductions

Gisela Webb, Vice President, ACSIS, Professor of Religious Studies, Seton Hall University
Robert Hazan, President, ACSIS, Professor and Chair of Political Science, Metropolitan State University of Denver

9:00-10:15 **Session 1. Muslims as Minorities I (20 minutes each max. plus 15 for Q/A)**
Panel Chair: Theodore Wright, Jr. Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Political Science, State University of New York at Albany

"The Interplay of Islamic Culture and the Learning of English"

Joseph Daubenmire, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Language and Literacy Education, University of Georgia

"Hard to reach Communities: Living in the UK and Issues Facing British Muslims of Kashmiri Heritage"

Owais Rajput, Ph.D. Candidate, The School of Social, Psychological and Communication Sciences, Leeds Metropolitan University, UK

"Contributors and Impediments to Muslim Minority Mobility in India Compared to the US"

Theodore P. Wright, Jr. Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Political Science, State University of New York at Albany

10:15-10:30 **Break (*Refreshments*)**

10:30-12:15 **Session 2. Muslims as Minorities II**

Panel Chair: Grace Clark, Ph.D., Dean of Social Sciences, Professor/Head of Sociology, Foreman Christian College (A Chartered University), Lahore, Pakistan

"In the Eye of the Beholder: Muslim Negotiation of Urban Global Culture"

Ann Shafer, Ph.D., Department of Art History, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

“Globalized Discourse and Its Impacts on the Treatment of Ahmadiyya in Indonesia”

Ahmad Najib Burhani, Ph.D., Candidate in Religious Studies, University of California—
Santa Barbara

“Christian and ‘Muslim’ Minorities in Pakistan—the Missing Discourse”

Muhammad Waqas Sajjad, Fulbright Scholar, Ph.D. Candidate, Cultural and Historical
Studies in Religion, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley.

**“The Increasing Use of Blasphemy Laws to Intimidate and Limit the Rights of Minorities in
Pakistan”**

Grace Clark, Ph.D., Dean of Social Sciences, Professor/Head of Sociology, Foreman
Christian College (A Chartered University), Lahore, Pakistan

12:20-1:20 **Board Meeting**

1:30-2:45 **Session 3. Islam, Identity and Belonging**

Panel Chair: Vivienne SM. Angeles, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Religion, La Salle
University

“Muslim Men as Political Actors in the Context of Australian Multiculturalism”

Joshua M. Roose, Ph.D., Visiting Research Scholar, The Graduate Center, City University
of New York; Senior Research Office of Religion and Society Research Centre, University
of Western Sydney

“Deliberating Tradition and Belonging in the Deobandi Context.”

Mashal Saif, Ph.D. Candidate, Graduate Program in Religion, Duke University

**“Performance and Identity: Female Religiosities in Transitional Moroccan Sufi Orders in the
U.S.”**

Meriem El Haitami, Ph.D. Candidate, Moroccan Cultural Studies Centre, Sid
Mohammed Ben Abellah University, Fez, Morocco; Fulbright Research Scholar, Joint
Supervision Program) 2012-2014, Binghamton. SUNY

2:45-3:00 **Break**

3:00-3:55 **Session 4. Islam, Muslims and the Media**

Panel Chair: James Sowerwine, Ph.D., Professor, Department of History, Kutztown University,
Kutztown, PA.

“The Press and Social Media in Iran since the Green Revolution of 2009”

Jalil Roshandel, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, East
Carolina University

“Lebanese Shia-Sunni Relations and the Rise of Shaykh al-Aseer Phenomenon”

Ihsan Alkhatib, J.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Murray State University, Kentucky

4:10-5:45 Session 5. The Arab Spring and Transformations in the Middle East I
Panel Chair: Michael B. Bishku, Ph.D., Professor of History, Georgia Regents University, Augusta, Georgia

“Contentious Politics, Discursive Realities and Sectarian Mobilization during Egypt’s Transitional Period”

Martin Rowe, Department of Sociology, Boston University

“Some Reflections on Peaceful Protests and Islamic Legitimacy in Contemporary Fatwas”

Jens Kutscher, M. A., Erlangen Centre for Islam and Law in Europe, Friedrich Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg

“Change within Continuity: The Case of Morocco and its Silent Revolution”

Valentina Bartolucci, Ph.D., Lecturer, University of Pisa, Italy; Associated Fellow, University of Bradford, U.K.

5:45 Break

6:30 Participants Gather for Dinner & Keynote Speech

Location (move to): Jubilee Faculty Lounge in Jubilee Hall, 6th Floor, Room 669

7:00 Dinner Served

7:45 Keynote Speech

Dr. John L. Esposito, University Professor and Founding Director of the Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Saturday, April 6, 2013

Location: University Club in the University Center (2nd floor)

8:00-8:30 Bagels and Coffee

8:30-10:15 Session 6. The Arab Spring and Transformations in the Middle East II

Panel Chair: Robert Hazan, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of Political Science, Metropolitan State University of Denver

“The Kurds’ Road to a ‘Spring’ and the Changing Geopolitics of the Middle East”

Michael B. Bishku, Professor of History, Georgia Regents University, Augusta, GA.

“Successful or Unintended Movement Outcomes? The Impact of Islamist Mobilization in the Popular Upheaval in Egypt”

Emin Polijarevic, Department of Political and Social Sciences European University Institute, Italy

“Islamic Politics in Morocco and Turkey in the 21st Century”

Robert Hazan, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of Political Science, Metropolitan State University of Denver

“Economic Engagement of Religious Ethics in a Global Economy: The Rise of Pious Muslim Entrepreneurs in Central Anatolia as New Economic Power 1980-Present”

Bazak Ozoral, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, American University in Dubai

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-12:30 Session 7. Islam and Muslims in America

Panel Chair: Gisela Webb, Ph.D., Professor of Religion and Islamic Studies, Seton Hall University

“The Late Imam W. Deen Mohammed: The Movement Behind the Man”

Mikal Naeem Nash, Doctor of Letters Candidate, Drew University; Instructor, Essex County College, New Jersey

“W.D. Fard Mohammad in Historical Context: An Islamic Thread in the American Religious Cultural Experience”

Fatimah Fanusie, Ph.D.

“Sufism and Sufis in the United States: Discourses and Development”

Gisela Webb, Ph.D., Professor of Religion and Islamic Studies, Seton Hall University

“Growing Pains for a Mosque in Morris County, New Jersey”

Athar Murtuza, Ph.D., School of Business, Seton Hall University

12:30 Closing Remarks

Robert Hazan, President, ACSIS, Professor and Chair of Political Science, Metropolitan State University of Denver