

# "NATIONALISM, RELIGION AND TRADITION IN THE MUSLIM WORLD"

## The 31<sup>ST</sup> Annual Conference of the **AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR THE STUDY OF ISLAMIC SOCIETIES (AC SIS)**

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April 4-5, 2014

### PROGRAM

Friday, April 4 – JSAC Ballroom

8:00-9:00 – Late Registration

8:30-9:00 – Introductions

9:00-10:30 – Panel 1 – “Islam and Muslims in the Philippines”

Vivienne Angeles, La Salle University ([angeles@lasalle.edu](mailto:angeles@lasalle.edu)) **CHAIR**  
“From Secession to Social Activism: Muslim Women’s Movements in the Philippines”

Paul Rodell, Georgia Southern University ([rodell@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:rodell@georgiasouthern.edu))  
“The Organization of the Islamic Conference and Filipino Bangsa Moro Separatism”

James Eder, Arizona State University ([james.eder@asu.edu](mailto:james.eder@asu.edu))  
“Converting to Islam in the Christian Philippines: Some Motives and Consequences”

10:45-12:15 – Panel 2 – “The Press, Baha’ism and Education”

Jalil Roshandel, East Carolina University ([roshandel@ecu.edu](mailto:roshandel@ecu.edu)) **CHAIR**  
“Freedom of the Press and Expression in Iran: The Press, Social Networks and Communication in the Muslim World”

Leila Chamankhah, University of Exeter ([l.chamankhah@gmail.com](mailto:l.chamankhah@gmail.com))  
“A Minority within a Majority: The Baha’i Principle of Non-Interference in Politics”

Laila Kadiwal, University of Sussex ([l.kadiwal@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:l.kadiwal@sussex.ac.uk))

**“Religious Pluralism in the Transnational Ismaili Religious Educational Program”**

**Kyriaki Topidi, University of Lucerne (Switzerland) ([kryaki.topidi@unilu.ch](mailto:kryaki.topidi@unilu.ch))**

**“Learning within Faith or Faith within Learning? Constructing the Web of Post-Multiculturalism in Public Schools”**

**12:30-1:30 – LUNCH**

**1:45-3:15 – Panel 3 – “Islam in the Arabian Peninsula and Beyond”**

**Natana J. Delong-Bas, Boston College ([Natana.delong-bas@bc.edu](mailto:Natana.delong-bas@bc.edu)) CHAIR**

**“Religion, Tradition and National Identity in Saudi Arabia: The Construction of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Saudi Citizen”**

**Amal Sachedina, American Museum of Natural History ([asachedina@amnh.org](mailto:asachedina@amnh.org))**

**“History in Practice: Religiosity, Ethics and Affinity in the Sultanate of Oman”**

**Farooq Hassan, Georgetown University ([drfarooq68@yahoo.com](mailto:drfarooq68@yahoo.com))**

**“Islamic Legal Tradition and Renewal in Contemporary Muslim Territories”**

**3:30-5:00 – Panel 4 – “Issues in Islam”**

**Annie C. Higgins (“Tahani”), College of Charleston ([treesupreaching@gmail.com](mailto:treesupreaching@gmail.com))**

**CHAIR “Profit and Loss in the Qur’an”**

**Zoe LeBlanc, Vanderbilt University ([zoe.leblanc@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:zoe.leblanc@vanderbilt.edu))**

**“Lawmaking and Prohibiting in International Islam: A History of the International Fiqh Academy and Islamic Legal Authority in the Late 20<sup>th</sup> and Early 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries”**

**Mazida Khan, Kennesaw State University ([mkhan@kennesaw.edu](mailto:mkhan@kennesaw.edu))**

**“How do Nationalism and Religion Help Enable a Successful Muslim-American Peacebuilding Model?”**

**Saturday, April 5 – Room E-252 Allgood Hall**

**8:00-9:30 – ACSIS Board Meeting**

**9:45-11:15 – Panel 5 – “Nationalism, Ethnicity, Religion and Politics”**

**Jason Tatlock, Armstrong Atlantic State University**

**([jason.tatlock@armstrong.edu](mailto:jason.tatlock@armstrong.edu)) CHAIR**

**“Claiming the Land: The Bible, the United Nations and Israeli-Palestinian Conflict”**

**Samantha Borders, University of Exeter ([samantha.a.borders@gmail.com](mailto:samantha.a.borders@gmail.com))**

**“The `Foster-Parents’ Factor: Protestant Mission School Influence in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Ottoman Empire”**

**Zakariyau I. Oseni, “University of Ilorin (Nigeria) ([abdul.oseni@gmail.com](mailto:abdul.oseni@gmail.com) & [wazzioseni@gmail.com](mailto:wazzioseni@gmail.com))**

**“Traditionalism vs. Islam in a Southern Nigerian Community: A Case Study of Etsako Muslims”**

**Theodore Wright, SUNY, Albany ([wrightt@gleneddy.com](mailto:wrightt@gleneddy.com))**

**“Modi and the Muslims: The Dilemma of the Indian Muslim Voter in the 2014 National Elections”**

**11:30-12:30 – LUNCH**

**12:45-2:15 – Panel 6 – “Politics in the Middle East and Islamic World”**

**Tamara Sonn, College of William & Mary ([txsonn@wm.edu](mailto:txsonn@wm.edu)) **CHAIR****

**“Islam and Democracy: Evolving Interpretations”**

**Michael B. Bishku, Georgia Regents University ([mbishku@gru.edu](mailto:mbishku@gru.edu))**

**“Israel, the Palestinians, the `Known’ Assad(s) and the `Unknown’ Future of Syria”**

**Robert Hazan, Metro State University of Denver ([hazanr@msudenver.edu](mailto:hazanr@msudenver.edu))**

**“The Islamic Impetus in Moroccan and Turkish Politics”**

**2:30 – [The University System of Georgia Middle East Student Symposium Begins](#)  
– All Sessions are in E-252 Allgood Hall and it will continue through Sunday**