

33rd Annual Conference of the American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies, April 15-16, 2016

Perceptions of Islam in the West and its Effects on Relations between Islamic Countries and the West

**Villanova University,
Villanova, PA**

April 15-16, 2016

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

10:00: WELCOMING REMARKS

10:30a.m.-11:45a.m. Islamic Influences: Case Studies/Regions & States.

Tamara Sonn, Moderator & Discussant

Natana DeLong-Bas, Rising Sectarianism and its impact on American-Islamic relations

Masha Saif, Debating Muhammad's Honor and Blasphemy in Pakistan

Jusuf Salih, Kosovo and Islam

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2:00p.m. -3:15p.m.

Perceptions and Misperceptions about Islam.

Vivienne Angeles, Moderator & Discussant

Shubhda Chaudhary, The rise of disturbing perceptions of Islam in Europe and North America

Leila Chamankhah, Perceptions and Misperceptions: How Political Islam Changed the Course of Events in International Relations

3:30p.m.-4:45p.m.

Variations in Islam: Cooperation and Contention.

James Sowerwine, Moderator & Discussant

Steven Fink, Fear We Go Again: The Rhetoric of Red Scare Ex-Communists and "Ex-Muslim Insider"-Nonie Darwish

Robert Hazan, Salvaging Islam from Islamophobes & Fundamentalists

Kate Mroz, US Catholics & Turkish Muslims

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

10:30a.m. 11:45a.m.

Impact of Islam on Public Sphere.

Jalil Roshandel, Moderator & Discussant

Sayed Hassan Akhlaq, Charlie Hebdo

Mirsad Krijestovac, Islam in the public sphere in Florida

NOON: CLOSING REMARKS