

The 34th AMSS Annual Conference

**“Muslims and Islam in the Chaotic Modern World:
Relations of Muslims among Themselves and with Others”**

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**Temple University, Department of Religion
Philadelphia, PA**

**NOTE: Conference held on Temple University's campus
1114 W Berks Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122**

Friday, September 30, 2005

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Registration

**9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Welcoming and Introductory Remarks
(Schusterman Hall – Main Room)**

Khalid Y. Blankinship, Department of Religion, Temple University, PA
(Program Chair)

Rafik Beekun, Department of Managerial Sciences, University of Nevada, NV
(AMSS President)

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Panel 1 (Schusterman Hall – Main Room)
Muslims on the Margins: Muslim Minority Groups
Chair: Mahmoud Ayoub (Temple University, PA)**

Abdul Mutualo (American University in Cairo, Egypt): “Imported Religions
in Africa: The Case of Islam in Mozambique”

Heon Choul Kim (Temple University, PA): “Korean Muslims in South
Korea: An Analysis of their Identity and Problems of Oppression”

Hilman Latief (Western Michigan University, MI): “The Resurgence of the
Lovers of Ahl Al-Bayt: The Identity of the Shi’ite Muslims in Modern
Indonesia”

Robert Riggs (University of Pennsylvania, PA): “Lavigerie, White Fathers, and Kabyle National Self-Consciousness: Missionary Endeavors among the Kabyle Berbers of Algeria”

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Jumu’ah Salat at Makkah Masjid

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Panel 2

(Schusterman Hall – Main Room)

Mutual Understanding of Muslim & Non-Muslim Societies

Chair: Peter Gran (Temple University, PA)

Firas Ahmad (Harvard University, MA): “Reconciling Rawlsian Liberalism and Islamic States”

Michelle D. Byng (Temple University, PA): “Complex Inequalities: The Case of Muslim Americans after 9/11”

Shadi Hamid (Georgetown University, Washington, DC): “A US-Islamist Rapprochement? The Evolution of US Policy toward Political Islam”

4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Break and ‘Asr Salat

4:30 – 6:15 p.m.

Panel 3

(Schusterman Hall – Main Room)

Women & Society in Islam

Chair: Jo-Ann Gross (College of New Jersey, NJ)

Peter Gran (Temple University, PA): “Factors Affecting the Discussion of Gender in Contemporary Islamic Discourse with Some Reference to Structural Adjustment”

Saeed A. Khan (Wayne State University, MI): “The Hijab in War and Combat Conditions: The Impact of the Headscarf on Muslim Women in Societies under Siege”

Emi Goto (University of Tokyo, Japan): “The Hijab and its Religious Grounds: Looking through a Dialogue between Two Egyptian Advisors”

Zeena Tabbaa-Rida (Independent Researcher, NJ): “Mothers and Daughters: Shaping the Future Together”

6:15 – 7:30 p.m.

Break and Maghrib Salat

7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Annual Banquet

(Diamond Club)

Keynote Address: “Contemporary Chaos and the Muslim Youth: Getting beyond Defensiveness and Confronting our own Demons”

Keynote Speaker: Dr Abdullah Schleifer, Professor Emeritus, Journalism and Mass Communication, American University in Cairo, Egypt

Best Graduate Paper Awards Ceremony

Saturday, October 1, 2005

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Panel 4A (Schusterman Hall – Main Room)
Modern Trends in Islam & Muslim Responses to Modernity
Chair: Mumtaz Ahmad (Hampton University, VA)

Achmad Munjid (Temple University, PA): “Militant and Liberal Islam(s): The Unwanted Twin Children of Modernization: Indonesia – A Case Study”

Helena J. Kaler (George Washington University, Washington, DC): “Islamic Responses to Modernity: Ayman al-Zawahiri and Farid Esack”

Sarah Swick (Minaret of Freedom Institute, MD): “From London to Andijan: The Rising Global Influence of Hizb-ut-Tahrir among Muslim Youth”

Zahra Boussalah (Noor-Ul-Iman School, NJ): “Malek Bennabi: An Analytical Study of his Theory of Civilization”

9:00-11:00 a.m. Panel 4B (Student Activity Center: Room 217)
Women in Muslim Family Law in North America
Chair: Maliha Chishti (University of Toronto, Canada)

Zainab T. Alwani (International Islamic University Malaysia [IIUM]): “The Structure of *Maqasid al-Shariah*: An Essential Methodology in Dealing with the American Muslim Family’s Challenges”

Itrath Syed (University of British Columbia, Canada): “The Construction of Shari’ah Law Debate in Canada”

Sylvia Choate Whitman (Georgetown University, Washington, DC): “Whose Place to Decide? Islamic Family Law Issues in American Courtrooms”

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Panel 5A (Schusterman Hall – Main Room)
Muslim Legal Theory & Its Application in Muslim Law
Chair: Zeena Tabbaa-Rida (Independent Researcher, NJ)

Havva G. Guney-Ruebenacker (Harvard Law School, MA): “Can Muslim Women Lead Prayers?: Reevaluating the Legal and Philosophical Foundations of Women’s Legal Competence in Islamic Law”

Saim Kayadibi (University of Durham, UK): “The Concept of *Istihsan* (Juristic Preference) as Reforming Characteristics of Islamic Law”

Phillip Hoefs (Temple University, PA): “Women in the Sunnah of Muhammad: ‘Amal ahl al-Madinah and its Potential Impact on Women in Islam”

Salah El-Sheikh (St. Francis Xavier University, Canada): “Islam’s Moral Economy: A *FiqhiConomic* Interpretation”

Joseph E. Lowry (University of Pennsylvania, PA): “What is Shafi’i Risala About?”

11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Panel 5B (Student Activity Center: Room 217)
Educational Philosophy & Higher Education
Chair: Nilgun Anadolu Okur (Temple University, PA)

Fathi Malkawi (International Institute of Islamic Thought [IIIT], VA):
“Illumination of Knowledge Project: Its Purpose and Accomplishments”

Dilnawaz A. Siddiqui (Clarion University, PA): “The Nature of Research Models in the Post-Modern Academe: is the Tawhidi Perspective the Answer?”

Khaled Troudi (International Institute of Islamic Thought [IIIT], VA): “The Discourse of the Mu’tazila Concerning the Createdness of the Qur’an: *Ilm al-Kalam* and Its Influence on the Nature of the Qur’an”

Mazen Hashem (California State University, CA): “Attitudes of Muslims toward America: Two Typologies”

1:15 – 1:45 p.m. Dhuhr Salat

1:45 - 2:30 p.m. Lunch

2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Panel 6A (Schusterman Hall – Main Room)
Modern Implementation of Muslim Law
Chair: Shabana Mir (Indiana University, IN)

Carrie Newton Lyons (Vinson & Elkins LLP, VA): “Balancing Constitutional Shari’ah in a Religiously Diverse Nation: An Examination of the Future for the Sudan”

Ismail bin Mat (University of Brunei, Darussalam): “The Impact of Western Colonialism and Secularization on the Application of the Shari’ah Law in the Muslim World”

Kamran Hashemi (National University of Ireland, Ireland): “Religious Legal Traditions, Muslim States and the Convention on the Rights of the Child: An Essay on Relevant UN Documentations”

Mathew J. Nelson (Bates College, ME): “Property Rights and ‘The Logic of Local Politics’ in Colonial and Postcolonial Punjab”

2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Panel 6B (Student Activity Center: Room 217)
Women in Muslim Countries of the Middle East & South & Central Asia
Chair: Zainab T. Alwani (International Islamic University Malaysia [IIUM])

Maleeha Aslam (Cambridge University, UK): “Culture and Women’s Morality in Pakistan”

Roksana Bahramitash (Independent Researcher, Canada): “Globalization, Islamization, Women’s Employment: A Catalyst for Change”

Nilgun Anadolu Okur (Temple University, PA): “Islam, Reform and Turkish Women”

Florian Pohl (Temple University, PA): “Contemporary Islamic Education and Civil Society: Reflections on the Indonesian *Pesantren*, Religious Pluralism, and the Empowerment of Women”

4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Break & Asr Salat

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Panel 7 (Schusterman Hall – Main Room)
Muslim and Non-Muslim Concepts of Just and Unjust War, Jihad and Hirabah
Chair: Saeed A. Khan (Wayne State University, MI)

Khalid Y. Blankinship (Temple University, PA): “Parity of Muslim and Western Concepts of Just War”

Jim Guirard (TrueSpeak Institute, VA): “The Al-Qaeda Blasphemy”

Gerald J. Beyer (St. Joseph’s University, PA): “Just War Theory in the Christian Tradition: Principles, Problematic Areas and Prospects for Dialogue with Islamic Thought”

Ansar M. Haroun (Superior Court of California, San Diego, CA): “Psychiatric Evaluation of Suspected Terrorists”

Habeeb Rahman Ibramsa (International Islamic University Malaysia [IIUM])
“Muslim Modernists and New Hermeneutic Approach to the Prophetic Tradition: Special Reference to the Injunction of *Sariqah* and *Hirabah*”

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Dinner and Maghrib Salat

8:30 – 10:00 p.m. AMSS Annual Grand Meeting
(Schusterman Hall – Main Room)
Public Invited

Sunday, October 2, 2005

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Panel 8 (Schusterman Hall – Main Room)

Issues in Muslim Education

Chair: Mazen Hashem (California State University, CA)

Diana Setiyawati (International Islamic University Malaysia [IIUM]) & L. Rizki Rahman (Independent Researcher & Journalist, Malaysia): “Games and Group-Dynamics in the Islamic Informal School as a Method to Prevent Adolescent Delinquency: A Lesson Learned from Sentra Generasi Harapan”

Mathew J. Nelson (Bates College, ME): “Muslims, Markets, and the Meaning of ‘A Good Education’ in Pakistan”

Zareena Grewal (University of Michigan, MI): “Student-Travelers and the Politics of Knowledge”

Yasmeen Qadri (Valencia Community College, FL) & Annette Boyd Pitts (Florida Law Related Education Association, FL): “Strengthening the Ideals of Democracy and Citizenship in Turbulent Times: A Muslim Educator’s Challenge”

Manar Umar Darwish (St. Joseph’s University, PA): “Dealing with American Students’ Notions about Islam”

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Panel 9 (Schusterman Hall – Main Room)

Islam in America

Chair: Michelle D. Byng (Temple University, PA)

Maliha Chishti (University of Toronto, Canada): “The Politics of Community Organizing for Social and Political Change in Muslim Communities”

Shabana Mir (Indiana University, IN): “Well, They’re Talking: American Muslim Women and Cross-Gender Interactions”

Nadia Roumani (University of Southern California, CA): “Congregations That Get It”

Junaid S. Ahmad (College of William and Mary, VA): “Muslim Citizens of the West: The Struggle to Claim Our Humanity”

1:15 – 1:30 p.m. Concluding Remarks (Schusterman Hall)

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