

**35<sup>th</sup> AMSS Annual Conference**

***“Muslim Identities: Shifting Boundaries and Dialogues”***

***Cosponsored by:  
Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Connecticut***

***Friday, October 27, 2006***

***8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Registration***

***9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Welcoming and Introductory Remarks  
(Main Meeting Room –Hartford Seminary)***

Jane I. Smith, Hartford Seminary, CT  
(Program Chair)

Rafik Beekun, University of Nevada, NV  
(AMSS President)

***10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Panel 1 (Hartford Seminary - Meeting Room)  
Islam and Politics  
Discussant: Mahan Mirza, Yale University, CT***

Louis J. Cantori (University of Maryland, MD): “Republican Islam in the Islamic Republic of Iran”

Ismail bin Mat (University of Brunei, Darussalam): “Toward an Islamic Constitutional Government in Sudan”

L. Lahmuddin (State Institute of Islamic Studies of North Sumatra, Indonesia): “The Format of Indonesian Islam as Reflected in Political Parties”

Mahgol Sarebanha (University of Arizona, AZ): “Muslim American Political Participation”

**11:30 -12:30**

**Lunch**

**12:30 - 1:30 p.m.**

**Jumu'ah Salat (Chapel next to Meeting Room)**

**1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Panel 2**

**(Hartford Seminary - Meeting Room)**

**Islam and Democracy**

**Discussant: Ian Markham, Hartford Seminary, CT**

Saeed A. Khan (Wayne State University, MI): “The Primacy of Privacy in the Assessment of a Justice System for an Islamic Democratic Model”

Khaled Troudi (Catholic University of America, Washington, DC): “A Study of Tunisia’s Educational Reform Efforts”

Abdelilah Bouasria (American University, Washington, DC): “Flirting with Democracy: Transitional Justice in Mohamed VI’s Morocco”

Suaidi Asyari (University of Melbourne, Australia): “Indonesia’s Perilous Democratization: The Limit of Religious-Based Social Capital in Democratic Transition”

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

**Break**

**3:15 – 4:45 p.m.**

**Panel 3**

**(Hartford Seminary - Meeting Room)**

**Islam in the West**

**Discussant: Ingrid Mattson, Hartford Seminary, CT**

Sarak Swick (American University, Washington, DC): “Identity Construction of Euro-American Converts to Islam”

Sadek Hamid (University of Chester, UK): “To Which Group do you Belong?: Convergence and Divergence in British Muslim Youth Organisations”

Itrath Syed (University of British Columbia, Canada): “Muslims in Canada: Dispensable Citizenship”

Gulsum Gurbuz (Hartford Seminary, CT) and Mustafa Gurbuz (University of Connecticut, CT): “Wearing a Headscarf in a Secular Society: American Muslim Women’s Voices”

**4:45 – 5:15 p.m.**

**Break and Asr Salat**

**7:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

**AMSS Annual Grand Meeting - Public Invited  
(Crowne Plaza Hartford Downtown)**

## ***Saturday, October 28, 2006***

**9:00 – 10:30 a.m.                      Panel 4                      (Hartford Seminary - Meeting Room)**

***Islamism and Revivalism***

***Discussant: Kemal Argon, Hartford Seminary, CT***

Omar H. Altalib (Science Applications International Corporation [SAIC], VA): “The Use of Islam in Insurgent Propaganda”

Junaid S. Ahmad (College of William and Mary Law School, VA): “The Empire’s Desperate Search for the ‘Moderate Muslim’ ”

Turgut Kerem Tuncel (Ankara University, Turkey) and Mehmet Demiray (Starcom Almedia Group, Turkey): “Different Actors, Intersecting Interests and the Islamic Revival: A Sociological Inquiry of the Islamic Movement in post-1980 Turkey”

**10:30 - 10:45 a.m.                      Break**

**10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.                      Panel 5                      (Hartford Seminary - Meeting Room)**

***Issues of Islamic Identity***

***Discussant: Saeed A. Khan, Wayne State University, MI***

Zainab T. Alwani (International Islamic University Malaysia [IIUM]): “Middle Eastern Studies in American Universities: Past, Present and Future”

Ermin Sinanovic (Syracuse University, NY) and Khuran Hussain (Syracuse University, NY): “Constructing Identities through Islamic Education: A Comparative Approach”

Fahd Ahmed (CUNY School of Law, NY): “Separation, Walls and the Role of the Muslim Intellectual”

**12:15 -1:30 p.m.                      Dhur Salat and Lunch**

**1:30 – 2:00 p.m.                      Shuttle Bus to St John’s Church (Afternoon Sessions)**

**2:00 – 3:30 p.m.                      Parallel Panel 6                      (St John’s - Hubbard Room)**

***Methodological Approaches***

***Discussant: Imad-ad-Dean Ahmad, Minaret of Freedom Institute, MD***

Zareena Grewal (Yale University, CT): “Native Orientalist: The Ethics of the Production of Knowledge in Anthropology”

Jose Abraham (McGill University, Canada): “A Discussion on the Possibility of a Subaltern Reading of Indian Muslim History”



**3:45 – 5:15 p.m.**

**Parallel Panel 9**

**(St John's – Education Wing)**

**Identity Politics and Boundaries**

**Discussant: Louis J. Cantori, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, MD**

Scott Morrison (Columbia University, NY): “An Egyptian Muslim in America: Sayyid Qutb’s Travel Writings”

Fareeha Khan (University of Michigan, MI): “Being Muslim in Pre-Partition India: Maulana Ashraf ‘Ali Thanawi’s Negotiation of Identity and Politics”

Judd Daniel King (Georgetown University, Washington, DC): “The Battle for the Ottoman Legacy: The Construction of a Postmodern, Neo-Ottoman Identity in Turkey”

Ashraf El Sherif (Boston University, MA): “Democratic Islamic Yuppies: Post-Islamism or Another Islamism?”

**5:15 - 5:45 p.m.**

**Break and Asr Salat**

**7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**Annual Banquet**

**(Crowne Plaza Hartford – New England Ballroom 1 & II)**

**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ibrahim Abu-Rabi'**

Co-director, Macdonald Center for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations, Hartford Seminary  
Hartford, CT

**Keynote Address:** “The Shaping of Muslim Identities after 9/11 in the Context of Globalization and Justice”

**Best Graduate Paper Awards Ceremony**

**Sunday, October 29, 2006**

**9:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

**Panel 10**

**(Hartford Seminary - Meeting Room)**

**Text and Context**

**Discussant: Itrath Syed, University of British Columbia, Canada**

Imad ad-Dean Ahmad (Minaret of Freedom Institute, MD): “Text, Context and Human Agency in Interpreting Jihad: Struggles of Political Domination, Faith and Identity”

Michelle D. Byng (Temple University, PA): “Oppositional Frames and the Representation of Muslim Americans in Newspaper Articles: The Impact of 9/11”

Norbani Binti Ismail (International Islamic University Malaysia [IIUM]):  
“Constructing Muslims through Imperial Scholarship: The British Orientalists and the Translation of the Qur’an”

Dragos Stoica (Concordia University, Canada): “From the World as Text to the World as Image: A Possible Paradigm Shift”

**10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break**

**10:45 – 12:15 p.m. Panel 11 (Hartford Seminary - Meeting Room)**

**Islam in America**

**Discussant: Jane I. Smith, Hartford Seminary, CT**

Mazen Hashem (California State University, CA): “Rekindling Souls: Friday *Khutba* in Southern California”

Mucahit Bilici (University of Michigan, MI): “Formation of an American Muslim Public Sphere”

Fatimah Fanusie (Howard University, Washington, DC): “Fard Muhammad in Historical Context: An Islamic Thread in the American Religious and Cultural Quilt”

Foad Izadi (Louisiana State University, LA) and Hakimeh Saghaye-Biria (Louisiana State University, LA): “Constructing the Other: Orientalism, US Foreign Policy and the Press”

**12:15 – 12:30 p.m. Concluding Remarks (Hartford Seminary - Meeting Room)**

Rafik Beekun, University of Nevada, NV  
(AMSS President)

Jane I. Smith, Hartford Seminary, CT  
(Program Chair)

**12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Duhr Salat and Lunch**