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Invitation to an online conference:

Studying Islam and Muslims: Trajectories and Futures of South African Scholarship

13-15 July 2021

The aim of this conference is to trace past and potential trajectories of Islamic studies scholarship in Southern Africa. It also seeks to honour the associated scholarly legacies that have developed in the last 40 years. Participants will reflect, in various ways, on their own journeys through the field; on research areas they have found, and continue to find, to be vital; on the institutional unfolding of the discipline in a South African tertiary context; on how other disciplines have spoken to, and continue to speak, to Islamic studies. In tracing central ideas that have developed within this body of scholarship, participants also cast a firm eye on current and future trends in the discipline and in the social sciences and humanities as they relate to the study of Islam as a whole. An important part of the conference will speak to these trends and the implications they contain for doing Islamic Studies, especially in a South African context.



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Programme

TUESDAY, 13th JULY

9 - 11am

Panel 1: Opening Plenary: Mapping Trajectories

Abdulkader Tayob : *An Intellectual Journey in Islamic Studies: Navigating Faltah in Islamic Discourse with and against Religion, Culture and Civilization*

Ebrahim Moosa : *Critical Traditionalism: Bridging the Religious Studies and Theology Divide in the study of Islam*

Sa'diyya Shaikh : *Embracing the Barzakh: Knowledge, Being and Ethics*

11.30-1pm

Panel 2: The Study Of Islam/Muslims Across Disciplinary Boundaries

Goolam Vahed : *Both outside and insider: a historian of Islam and Muslims in South Africa*

Shenaaz Muslim : *Islam in the Digital Age: From Buraq to Cyberspace*

Aslam Fataar : *Searching for an ethical Muslim self in 'undisciplined' conversation with Islamic Studies scholarship in South Africa and beyond*

WEDNESDAY, 14th JULY

9-11am

Panel 3: Law, Methods and Intellectual Pathways

Abu Fadl Mohsin Ebrahim: *Islamic Medical Jurisprudence as an independent discipline in Islamic Studies – opportunities and challenges*

Fatima Seedat : *Trajectories and Subjectivities in Living (through) Law*

Muhammed Haron : *Describing Islamic Studies in South(ern) Africa (2000-2020):*

Assembling Bibliographic Works, Adopting Bibliometric Methods

11.30am- 1.30 pm

Panel 4: Institutional Legacies and Possibilities

Farida Mahomed : *Reflecting on the beginnings of Islamic Studies at Unisa*

Yousuf Dadoo: *Islamic Studies during changing times : The discipline at Unisa from 1990 to 2017*

Suleman Dangor: *A Brief History of Islamic Studies at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (With brief reflections from respondents at UCT, UJ, UKZN, UNISA and UWC.)*

THURSDAY, 15th JULY

2pm - 3.45 pm

Trajectories Ahead: Reflections

Gabeba Baderoon, Andrea Brigaglia , Ala Hourani , Nadeem Mahomed, Tahir Sitoto

4- 5pm

Explorations: An Association for the Study of Islam and Muslims in Southern Africa?