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Introduction

The time for an international gathering of Muslim social scientists is at present a necessity. Global political upheavals have created an insatiable demand for studies, information and analysis of Islam and Muslims. The Muslim social scientist is not only being asked to be academic, objective and dispassionate about critical issues related to the Muslim experience, faith, culture and philosophy, but is also being called upon to “represent” a community misrepresented in monolithic terms. The inherent diversity of the Muslim experience across regional, national, ethnic, theological and social divides defies the homogenising logic of mass media, popular culture, and governmental politics.

The events of 9/11 in the US and 7/7 in the UK have created within circles of Muslim social scientists, especially in North America and Europe, an opportunity for research to explore the Muslim experience in multi-disciplinary and cross-disciplinary ways. We need now to create overlapping, synergistic discourse that will both examine the Muslim experience, and provide the necessary research, analysis and understanding to those who wish to enact social change. Social scientists must be acutely aware of the role they play in the future development of Muslim communities in the West and beyond. In this conference, we will begin to build a network of social scientists who understand the utility, applicability and importance of such research.

The notion of citizenship and security as they relate to democracy and freedom lie at the heart of discourses centred around the presence of significant Muslim communities in the West. In addressing these themes, we will consider these terms in their broadest way. The issue of ‘citizenship’ can represent a confluence of identities—legal, political, social, religious and spiritual. ‘Security’, in comparison, has legislative, policy, political, economic, theological and social implications, but can also be used to examine human rights, trust relations, community cohesion, social exclusion, and marginalisation. The new critical tendencies on the capacity of ‘democracy’ to safeguard the human rights of minorities and collective identities give us a framework for understanding and gauging the status of a pluralistic cultural identity. Further, if anything, the presence of significant Muslim minorities and the emergence of new Islamic discourses regarding modernity have begun to challenge the restrictive and exclusive notions of culture. We need to question ‘for whom’ these rights are.

Muslim social scientists need, therefore, to develop evidence-based and policy-oriented research that delineates and represents issues of concern to Muslims in current social and

foreign policies. This conference then, welcomes papers that are forward-looking and provide the basis for conceptual, critical and strategic thinking for the future.

Turkey is an ideal location to host this conference. Sitting along the presumed 'fault-line' between 'East and West', 'Christendom and Islam' and given its unique status as the only Muslim-majority country being able to make a case for inclusion in Europe, Turkey's internal and external struggles will provide a challenging and creative locus and a significant historical backdrop for a conference of Muslim social scientists.

CONFERENCE THEMES

1) Citizenship: New Paradigms and Challenges

- Challenges of plural citizenship.
- Status of minorities in multicultural societies in a transnational world.
- Transnational Muslim organisations
- Political participation of Muslims in Europe and USA
- Muslim women citizenship, empowerment, and discrimination.
- From tolerance to recognition: The processes of integration within the integrity of collective identities.
- Faith and secularism.
- Muslim youth: Experiences, realities and challenges.
- Islamic ethics across multiple cultures in a global environment.
- European models of unity: cultural and political challenges.
- Turkey's cultural identity and EU membership.

2) Security, Violence and Peace

- Security, Integration and Muslim minorities.
- Alternatives to violence: Dissent in civil society.
- Communities' conflict and coexistence.
- Security and Islamophobia.
- Terrorism and extremism in Muslim societies.

- Violence : transnational and national.
- State violence and urban violence
- Islamophobia in the Muslim World?
- Intercultural and interfaith dialogue and the future of peace.
- The Muslim world and the West: New paradigms of communication based on mutual respect and human peace.

3) Democracy, democratisation: Prospects for Civil Society

- Unity without unification in future cross-cultural society.
- Models for peace in fundamental texts of faiths and cultures.
- Muslim scholars in the West: prospects for renewal and mediation.
- Imagining a Europe with Turkey.
- Revival and reform in a fragmented Muslim world
- Europe and the Middle East: Historical and strategic issues.
- The Nation-state and its Future.
- The experience (s) of democracy in Muslim countries.
- Democracy and democratisation: Imposition or persuasion?

Conference Programme

Day 1 • Friday 1st September 2006

18.00 – 18.30 RECEPTION

18.30 – 18.55 OPENING AND PLENARY SESSION

(Cemal Reşit Rey Concert Hall)

CHAIR: **Mehmet Asutay**

SPEAKERS

Ibrahim Kalin, Director, SETA

Anas Al-Shaikh-Ali, Chair, AMSS UK

Ekmeleddin Ihsanoğlu, Secretary General, OIC

18.55 – 19.00 PRESENTATION OF AMSS UK 2005 LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

19.00 – 20.30 PLENARY SESSION

Anwar Ibrahim

On Citizenship, Security and Democracy

Charles E. Butterworth

Blinkered Politics: The US Approach to Arabs and Muslims

Jeremy Henzell-Thomas

Beyond the Tower of Babel: A Linguistic Approach to Clarifying Key Concepts in Islamic Pluralism.

20.30 *Dinner*

Day 2 • Saturday 2nd September 2006

08:00 – 09:00 *Registration*

09:00 – 10:45 SESSION 1A: (SAFIR HALL)

CHANGING DYNAMICS OF EUROPE–MUSLIM WORLD RELATIONS AND DEMOCRATISATION

CHAIR: **Rafik Beekun**

SPEAKERS

John Madeley

Many Nations Under God: The Unsecular State of Europe

Gül Kurtoglu

European Politics, Muslim Countries, and the Development of Political Islam:
Synergy of the Opposites?

Louay Abdulbaki

Democratisation in Indonesia and the Arab World: Internal and External
Challenges

09:00 – 10:45 SESSION 1B: (OPAL HALL)

EXPLORING HUMAN RIGHTS, PLURALISM AND MULTICULTURALISM IN ISLAM

CHAIR: **Ibrahim Kaln**

SPEAKERS

Kamran Hashemi

Human Rights and the Effects of Traditional Apostasy Rules on the Current
Muslim States' Practices: Distinguishing Between Conversion, Heresy and
Blasphemy

Hilal Kaplan and Süheyb Ögüt

An Authentic Critique of the Issue of Multiculturalism from the Islamic
Perspective

Ahmet Alibasic

The Place for Others in Islam

10.45 – 11.15 *Coffee Break (L1 Foyer)*

11:15 – 13:00 **SESSION 2A: (SAFIR HALL)**

**DECONSTRUCTING ‘THE ISLAM AND THE WEST’
DISCOURSE**

CHAIR: Fareena Alam

SPEAKERS

Mohammed Ilyas

Islamist Groups, Occidental Discourse and the Muslim Ummah

Anas Al-Shaikh-Ali

The Shadow of the Classics: Islamophobic Discourse Masquerading as Art and Literature

Salim Al-Hassani

1001 Inventions: A Discourse on Muslim Heritage in the Curriculum

11:15 – 13:00 **SESSION 2B: (OPAL HALL)**

**RESPONDING TO VIOLENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES:
HISTORICAL AND CURRENT TRENDS**

CHAIR: Kamran A. Bokhari

SPEAKERS

Imad-ad-Dean Ahmad

Alternatives to Violence in Muslim History: Parallels to American Cases and Prospects for Future Application

Raana Bokhari

Alternatives to Violence: Dissent in Civil Society

Layla M. El-Wafi

British Arab Muslims and the ‘War on Terror’: Perceptions of Citizenship, Identity and Human Rights

13:00 – 14.30 *Lunch Break (Sultan Restaurant)*

14:30 – 16:15 SESSION 3A: (SAFIR HALL)

REVISITING THE PAST: IDEAS AND ACTORS FROM HISTORY

CHAIR: **Gökhan Çetinsaya**

SPEAKERS

Riad Nourallah

For the Twain to Meet: Revisiting a Nineteenth-Century Proposal for Peace and Partnership Between Europe and Islam

Hilal Ahmed

The Mind Map of a ‘Muslim Indian’: An Introduction to the Indo-Islamic Liberalism of Syed Shahabuddin

Faruk Bozgöz

Democracy in the Middle East According to Abdurrahman Munif

14:30 – 16:15 SESSION 3B: (OPAL HALL)

GENDER, RACE AND EMPOWERMENT

CHAIR: **Abdul-Rehman Malik**

SPEAKERS

Zareen Roohi Ahmed

Pakistani Muslim Women in Britain in the Post 7/7 Era

Ülkü Güney

‘We Are All Muslims, We Are All Black’

16:15 – 16:45 *Coffee Break (L1 Foyer)*

16:45 – 18:30 SESSION 4A: (SAFIR HALL)

ISLAMIC REVIVALISM AND IMAGINING STATE AND DEMOCRACY

CHAIR: **Bobby Sayyid**

SPEAKERS

Abdelwahab El-Affendi

Islamic Revivalism and the Elusive Ethical State: Revisiting the “Damascus Model” as a Key to Restoring Sanity to Muslim Politics

M. A. Muqtedar Khan

Beyond Theology and the Jurisprudence: The Promise of Political Philosophy of Islamic Democracy

16:45 – 18:30 SESSION 4B: (OPAL HALL)

EDUCATION AND CITIZENSHIP: MUSLIM EXPERIENCES

CHAIR: **Seyfi Kenan**

SPEAKERS

Musharraf Hussain

Traditional Approaches to Moral Education in a Muslim School

Farid Panjwani

Citizenship and the Quality of Religious Education: The Case of Education about Muslims

Jasmin Zine

Teaching and Learning in Times of War and Terror: Developing a Critical Framework for Anti-Islamophobia Education

19:00 – 19:30 KEYNOTE SPEECH (SAFIR HALL)

AbdulHamid AbuSulayman

The Role of the Intellectuals in Shaping the Future

20:00 *Departure for Dinner & Boat Tour on the Bosphorus*

Day 3 • Sunday 3rd September 2006

09:00 – 10:45 SESSION 5A: (SAFIR HALL)

MUSLIMS IN EUROPE: CITIZENSHIP ISSUES

CHAIR: **Taha Özhan**

SPEAKERS

Mohamed Mestiri

Dynamics of Secularisation and Citizenship Process: Analysis and Prospective on the Muslim Situation in France

H. A. Hellyer

From Tolerance to Recognition to Beyond

Ahmet Altunbas

Citizenship and Identity from a German Perspective

09:00 – 10:45 SESSION 5B: (OPAL HALL)

CITIZENSHIP AND PARTICIPATION

CHAIR: **Jasmin Zine**

SPEAKERS

Sonia James-Wilson and Rabia Hos

Preparing Refugees for Democratic Participation: Examining the Role of Teachers, Resettlement Workers and Local Community Agencies

Lucy Michael

Securing Civic Relations in the Multicultural City

Abdul-Rehman Malik

You've Gotta Have Faith: The Muslim Voluntary Sector and Policy Process

10:45 – 11:15 *Coffee Break (L1 Foyer)*

11:15 – 13:00 SESSION 6A: (SAFIR HALL)

MULTICULTURALISM IN THE UK AND MUSLIM MINORITIES

CHAIR: **H. A. Hellyer**

SPEAKERS

Muhammad Arifin Kevin Brice

Assimilation and Alienation in a Multicultural Society – Non-Visible Minorities: Lessons Learnt from Indigenous Converts to Islam in the United Kingdom

Tahir Abbas

British Islamic Culture after 7/7: Ethnicity, Politics and Radicalisation

Mohammad Siddique Seddon

Global Citizenry Ancient and Modern: British Yemenis and Trans-local Tribalism

11:15 – 13:00 **SESSION 6B: (OPAL HALL)**

DYNAMICS AND CHALLENGES OF DEMOCRATISATION PROCESS

CHAIR: M. A. Muqtedar Khan

SPEAKERS

Kamran A. Bokhari

Democratisation, Post-Islamism, and Counter-Terrorism

Bobby Sayyid

Western Democrats, Oriental Despots

Mehmet Asutay

Trust and Formation of Social Capital for Enabling Citizens: Socio-Economic Dimensions of Peace and Security

13:00 – 14:30 *Lunch Break (Sultan Restaurant)*

14:30 – 16:15 **SESSION 7A: (SAFIR HALL)**

TURKEY: EXAMPLE FOR EAST, CHALLENGE TO THE WEST

CHAIR: Abdulhamit Kirmizi

SPEAKERS

Berdal Aral

Is Turkey a Model for the Islamic World?

H. Tarik Oguzlu

Does the Way to Engage Turkey have any Relevance to Security ‘Within the West’ and ‘Between the West and the East’?

Jeremy Walton

Civil Society and Islamic Civilisation: The Case of Turkish Islamic CSOs

14:30 – 16:15 **SESSION 7B: (OPAL HALL)**

NATIONAL IDENTITY AND RELIGION: CASES FROM THE MUSLIM WORLD

CHAIR: Talha Köse

SPEAKERS

Muratova Elmira Serverona

Crimean Tatars' Revival: National Identity and Islam

Rasim Özgür Dönmez and Ibrahim Kılıç

Trauma, Meta Identity and Sub-Identities in Turkey

Sami Zemni

Political Islam, Democracy and the Arab World: Exploring the Dilemmas and Options of Contemporary Global Political Challenges for Islamist Parties and Movements

16:15 – 16:45 *Coffee Break (L1 Foyer)*

20:00 *Dinner (Sultan Restaurant)*

Konferans Programı

1. Gün • 1 Eylül Cuma 2006

18.00-18.30 İKRAM

18.30-18.55 AÇILIŞ VE PANEL
(Cemal Reşit Rey Konser Salonu)

PANEL YÖNETİCİSİ: **Mehmet Asutay**

KONUŞMACILAR

İbrahim Kalın, SETA Genel Koordinatörü
Anas Al-Shaikh Ali, AMSS İngiltere Başkanı
Ekmeleddin İhsanoğlu, İKÖ Genel Sekreteri

18.55-19.00 AMSS, İNGİLTERE 2005 YAŞAM BOYU BAŞARI ÖDÜLÜ'NÜN SUNULMASI

19.00-20.30 AÇILIŞ PANELİ

Anwar Ibrahim

Vatandaşlık, Güvenlik ve Demokrasi İlişkisi Üzerine

Charles E. Butterworth

Göz Kırpma Politikaları: Amerika'nın Araplara ve Müslümanlara Yaklaşımı

Jeremy Henzell-Thomas

Babil Kulesi'nin Ötesi: İslami Çoğulculuğun Temel Mefhumlarına Dilbilimci bir Yaklaşım

20.30 *Akşam Yemeği*

2. Gün • 2 Eylül Cumartesi 2006

08:00-09:00 *Kayıt*

09:00-10:45 OTURUM 1A: (SAFİR SALON)

AVRUPA-İSLAM DÜNYASI İLİŞKİLERİ VE
DEMOKRATİKLEŞMEDE DEĞİŞEN DİNAMİKLER

OTURUM BAŞKANI: **Rafik Beekun**

KONUŞMACILAR

John Madeley

Tanrı Altında Muhtelif Milletler: Avrupa'da Seküler Olmayan Durum

Gül Kurtoğlu

Avrupa'da Siyaset, Müslüman Ülkeler ve Siyasi İslamın Gelişimi: Karşıtların
Sinerjisi mi?

Louay Abdalbaki

Endonezya ve Arap Dünyasında Demokratikleşme: İç ve Dış
Tehditler

09:00-10:45 OTURUM 1B: (OPAL SALON)

İSLAM'DA İNSAN HAKLARI, ÇOĞULCULUK VE ÇOK KÜLTÜRLÜLÜĞÜ
DÜŞÜNMEK

OTURUM BAŞKANI: **İbrahim Kalın**

KONUŞMACILAR

Kamran Hashemi

İnsan Hakları ve Müslüman Ülkelerde Geleneksel Din Değiştirme Kurallarının
Etkileri: İhtida, Sapıklık ve Küfür Arasında Ayırım Yapmak

Süheyb Öğüt ve Hilal Kaplan

İslami Perspektiften Çok Kültürlülüğün bir Kritiği

Ahmet Alibasic

İslam'da Öteki'nin Yeri

10.45-11.15 *Kahve Arası (L1 Fuaye)*

11:15-13:00 OTURUM 2A: (SAFİR SALON)

'İSLAM ve BATI' SÖYLEMİNİ YIKMAK

OTURUM BAŞKANI: **Fareena Alam**

KONUŞMACILAR

Mohammad Ilyas

İslamcı Gruplar, Oksidentalist Söylem ve Ümmet

Anas Al-Shaikh-Ali

Klasiklerin Gölgesi: Sanat ve Edebiyat Kisvesinde İslamofobik Söylem

Salim Al-Hassani

1001 (Binbir) Buluş: Eğitim Müfredatında Müslümanların Katkılarına İlişkin Söylem

11:15-13:00 OTURUM 2B: (OPAL SALON)

ŞİDDETE KARŞILIK VERMEK VE İNSAN HAKLARI İHLALLERİ:
TARİHİ VE GÜNCEL TEMAYÜLLER

OTURUM BAŞKANI: **Kamran Bokhari**

KONUŞMACILAR

Imad-ad-Dean Ahmad

İslam Tarihinde Şiddete Alternatifler: Amerikan Tecrübesiyle Paralellikler ve Gelecek Uygulamalar İçin İhtimaller

Raana Bokhari

Şiddete Alternatifler: Sivil Toplumda İhtilaf

Layla M. El-Wafi

İngiltere'deki Arap Müslümanlar ve 'Teröre Karşı Savaş': Vatandaşlık, Kimlik ve İnsan Hakları Algılamaları

13:00-14.30 *Öğle Yemeği (Sultan Restaurant)*

14:30-16:15 OTURUM 3A: (SAFİR SALON)

GEÇMİŞE YENİDEN BAKIŞ: TARİHTEN DÜŞÜNCELER VE AKTÖRLER

OTURUM BAŞKANI: **Gökhan Çetinsaya**

KONUŐMACILAR

Riad Nourallah

İkizlerin BuluŐması İin: Avrupa-İslam İŐbirliĐi ve BarıŐı Hakkında bir 19.yy. Önerisine BakıŐ

Hilal Ahmed

Hintli Bir Müslümanın Zihni: Seyyid Őahabuddin'in Hint-İslam Liberalizmine GiriŐ

Faruk Bozgöz

Abdurrahman Münif'in OrtadoĐu'da Demokrasi Üzerine Fikirleri

14:30-16:15 OTURUM 3B: (OPAL SALON)

CİNSİYET, İRK VE SELAHİYET

OTURUM BAŐKANI: **Abdul-Rehman Malik**

KONUŐMACILAR

Zareen Ahmed

7 Temmuz Bombalamaları Sonrasında İngiltere'de Pakistanlı Müslüman Kadınlar

Ülkü Güney

Hepimiz Müslümanız, Hepimiz Zenciyiz

16:15-16:45 Kahve Arası (L1 Fuaye)

16:45-18:30 OTURUM 4A: (SAFİR SALON)

İSLAMİ DİRİLİŐ VE DEVLET-DEMOKRASİ MUHAYYİLESİ

OTURUM BAŐKANI: **Bobby Sayyid**

KONUŐMACILAR

Abdelwahab El-Affendi

İslami DiriliŐ ve Ahlaki Devlet: İslami Politikaya Aklı BaŐındalık Getirme Yolunda "Őam ÖrneĐi"

M. A. Muqtedar Khan

Kelam ve Fıkhın Ötesi: İslami Demokrasi'nin Siyasi Felsefesi'nin Sundukları

16:45-18:30 OTURUM 4B: (OPAL SALON)

EĞİTİM VE VATANDAŞLIK: MÜSLÜMANLARIN TECRÜBELERİ

OTURUM BAŞKANI: **Seyfi Kenan**

KONUŞMACILAR

Musharraf Hussain

Bir Müslüman Okulunda Ahlaki Eğitime Geleneksel Yaklaşımlar

Farid Panjwani

Vatandaşlık ve Dini Eğitimin Kalitesi: Müslümanlar

Hakkındaki Eğitim Üzerine

Jasmin Zine

Savaş ve Terör Dönemlerinde Eğitim-Öğretim: Anti-İslamofobi Eğitimi

Üzerine Eleştirel Bir Çerçeve

19:00-19:30 **ONUR KONUŞMASI (SAFİR SALON)**

AbdulHamid Abu-Sulayman

Entellektüellerin Geleceğin Şekillenmesindeki Rolü

20:00 *Boğaz Turu ve Yemek için Otelden Ayrılış*

3. Gün • 3 Eylül Pazar 2006

09:00-10:45 OTURUM 5A: (SAFİR SALON)

AVRUPA'DA MÜSLÜMANLAR: VATANDAŞLIK MESELELERİ

OTURUM BAŞKANI: **Taha Özhan**

KONUŞMACILAR

Mohammed Mestiri

Sekülerleşme Dinamikleri ve Vatandaşlık Süreci: Fransa'daki Müslümanların Durumu Üzerine bir Değerlendirme ve Öneri

H. A. Hellyer

Hoşgörüden Tanımaya ve Daha Ötesine!

Ahmet Altunbaş

Alman Bakış Açısından Vatandaşlık ve Güvenlik

09:00-10:45 OTURUM 5B: (OPAL SALON)

VATANDAŞLIK VE KATILIM

OTURUM BAŞKANI: **Jasmin Zine**

KONUŞMACILAR

Sonia James-Wilson ve Rabia Hos

Mültecilerin Demokratik Katılım İçin Hazırlanması: Öğretmenlerin, Yardım Çalışanlarının ve Yerel Cemaat Örgütlerinin Rolü

Lucy Michael

Çokkültürlü Şehirde Medeni İlişkileri Muhafaza Etmek

Abdul-Rehman Malik

İnançlı Olmak Lazım: İslami Gönüllü Teşekküller ve Siyasi Süreç

10:45-11:15 *Kahve Arası (L1 Fuaye)*

11:15-13:00 OTURUM 6A: (SAFİR SALON)

İNGİLTERE'DE ÇOK KÜLTÜRLÜLÜK VE MÜSLÜMAN AZINLIKLAR

OTURUM BAŞKANI: **H. A. Hellyer**

KONUŐMACILAR

M. A. Kevin Brice

Çokkültürlü Toplumda Asimilasyon, Yabancılaşma ve Görünmez Azınlıklar:
İngiliz Muhtedilerden Öğrenilen Dersler

Tahir Abbas

7 Temmuz Bombalamaları Sonrasında İngiltere’de İslami Kültür: Etnisite,
Siyaset ve Radikalleşme

Mohammad Siddique Seddon

Kadim ve Modern Küresel Vatandaşlık: İngiltere’deki Yemenliler
ve Yerel Ötesi Kabilecilik

11:15-13:00 OTURUM 6B: (OPAL SALON)

DEMOKRATİKLEŐME SÜRECİNİN DİNAMİKLERİ VE MEYDAN OKUMALARI

OTURUM BAŐKANI: **M. A. Muqtedar Khan**

KONUŐMACILAR

Kamran A. Bokhari

Demokratikleşme, İslamcılık Sonrası ve Terör Karşıtlığı

Bobby Sayyid

Batılı Demokratlar, Doğulu Despotlar

Mehmet Asutay

Güven ve Vatandaşların Önünü Açmada Sosyal Kapitalin Ortaya Çıkışı: Barış
ve Güvenliğin Sosyo-Ekonomik Boyutları

13:00-14.30 *Öğle Yemeđi (Sultan Restaurant)*

14:30-16:15 OTURUM 7A: (SAFİR SALON)

TÜRKİYE: DOĞUYA ÖRNEK, BATIYA TEHDİT Mİ?

OTURUM BAŐKANI: **Abdulhamit Kırmızı**

KONUŐMACILAR

Berdal Aral

Türkiye İslam Dünyası İçin Bir Model midir?

H. Tarık Oğuzlu

Türkiye’yi Sürece Dahil Etmenin “Batı İçindeki” ve “Dođu-Batı
Arasındaki” Güvenlikle İlgisi Var mı?

Jeremy Walton

Sivil Toplum ve İslam Medeniyeti: Türkiye'deki İslami Sivil Toplum Örgütleri
Örneği

14:30-16:15 OTURUM 7B: (OPAL SALON)

ULUSAL KİMLİK VE DİN: İSLAM DÜNYASINDAN ÖRNEKLER

OTURUM BAŞKANI: **Talha Köse**

KONUŞMACILAR

Muratova Elmira Serverovna

Kırımlı Tatarların Diriliği: Ulusal Kimlik ve İslam

Rasim Özgür Dönmez ve İbrahim Kılıç

Travma, Meta-Kimlik ve Türkiye'de Alt Kimlikler

Sami Zemni

Siyasi İslam, Demokrasi ve Arap Alemi: Küresel Siyasi Meydan

Okumaların İslami Partiler ve Hareketler İçin İkilemleri ve

Seçenekleri

16:15-16:45 *Kahve Arası (L1 Fuaye)*

20:00 *Akşam Yemeği (Sultan Restaurant)*

Conference Speakers

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BRITISH ISLAMIC CULTURE AFTER 7/7: ETHNICITY, POLITICS AND RADICALISATION

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The tragic events of 7/7 have placed the subject of British Muslims at the centre of public policy, debate and rhetoric. Based on ongoing ethnographic research on the British South Asian Muslim community in Birmingham, this paper explores the changing religio-culture nature of Muslim identities. First, the demographic and socio-economic profile of the British Muslim population is elaborated upon. Second, discussions of multiculturalism, integration and segregation and how they have informed the perceptions towards and the experiences of British Muslims are contextualised. Third, the sociological drivers of Islamic political radicalism are interpreted, exploring the ways in which the local and global contexts are inextricably linked in the formation of extremist identities. Finally, the ways in which government policy has developed in the light of the strengthening of anti-terrorist legislation and its impact on civil liberties and the political, cultural and intellectual mobilisation experienced at grassroots level are analysed. This paper argues that British South Asian Muslims are at an important crossroads in their lives in this country, with important ramifications for political, intellectual and theological leadership impacting on developments to civil society and urban governance.

DEMOCRATISATION IN INDONESIA AND THE ARAB WORLD: INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CHALLENGES

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The urgent need for Democratisation in the Muslim world has been felt by both domestic and international actors as radicalism and terrorism have become increasingly associated with authoritarianism and repressive non-democratic environments. However, the rise of political Islam has prompted many intellectuals and Western policy-makers to advocate the exclusion of the Islamist groups from the political process. This exclusionist stance has been justified by some studies based on assumptions that associate Islam with the rejection of certain liberal ideals. Other studies have been more attentive to the rich diversity of Islamic applications and

conceptions of politics, law and human rights issues. The paper aims to examine the following two questions: If Islam influences a particular form of political development, why has Democratisation become a strong impulse in Indonesia and remained effectively a non-existent in the Arab world? What conditions and factors, internal and external, have contributed to the success or failure of Democratisation in Indonesia and the Arab world?

ISLAMIC REVIVALISM AND THE ELUSIVE ETHICAL STATE: REVISITING THE “DAMASCUS MODEL” AS A KEY TO RESTORING SANITY TO MUSLIM POLITICS

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The recent difficulties experienced by Islamic regimes such as those of Iran or Sudan, and the crises faced by many modern Islamic movements, has been described by some analysts as an indication of the “failure of political Islam” (Roy, 1994). This was in turn seen as a function of chasing an impossible dream of establishing the virtuous state in this world. This paper tries to reposition the debate on this issue by simultaneously re-examining the caliphate model which revivalist movements seek to create, and also the theoretical foundations of the modern state in order to shed new light on the key questions involved. The paper argues that the collapse of the Medina model of the Righteous Caliphate needs to be seen in the broader context of the failure of pre-modern republican regimes, and is due to objective conditions that made the model of the city state republic impractical for imperial regimes. On the other hand, the problem of modern revivalism can also be seen in the wider context of the problem of the autonomy of politics. The problem is not just specific to the impracticality of the Islamic state as such, but the ethical state in general. The paper argues that the democratic solution to this predicament has important lessons for Islamic political thought which need to be drawn and elaborated upon to solve the problem of the elusive ethical state.

ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE IN MUSLIM HISTORY: PARALLELS TO AMERICAN CASES AND PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE APPLICATION

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The paper will examine the alternatives to violence in Muslim history. Examples are the unauthorised pilgrimage to Makkah that led to the treaty of Hudaibiyya, Abu Kalam Azad’s role in the Indian resistance against the British occupation, and the first Palestinian intifada.

We consider the parallels between the Muslim examples to the best-known Western cases:

Thoreau's resistance to the taxes supporting slavery and the Mexican War, the American civil rights movement, and the Vietnam War protests. These parallels include the role that religion played in these movements, the formation of alliances, how the movements dealt with issues of provocation, the role of publicity, and the role of the threat of violence. We conclude by considering policy applications in the near future with regard to current issues such as restrictions on Islamic dress, responses to insults to Islam in the European press, and final status negotiations between the Israelis and the Palestinian Authority.

THE MIND MAP OF A 'MUSLIM INDIAN': AN INTRODUCTION TO THE INDO-ISLAMIC LIBERALISM OF SYED SHAHABUDDIN

Hilal Ahmed

This paper examines the political ideas of Syed Shahabuddin, one of the most prominent Muslim political leaders in postcolonial India, who is described as an anti-secular radical Muslim politician. Unlike his controversial public image, Shahabuddin's political writings are focused and organised. He is concerned about Indian constitutionalism, possibilities of an 'India' specific secularism and the rights of marginalised groups. In fact, he attempts to conceptualise the 'Muslim issues' in the wider context of democracy and citizenship. The paper focuses on three crucial aspects of Shahabuddin's political writings: (a) identities and institutions (b) 'contextual' secularism and (c) the politics of 'Muslim Indians' and the agenda of social justice. I argue that Shahabuddin's political ideas on Islam and secular politics challenge the conventional and rigid understanding.

PAKISTANI MUSLIM WOMEN IN BRITAIN IN THE POST 7/7 ERA

Zareen Roohi Ahmed

Pakistanis account for 43 per cent of Britain's Muslim population, constituting the largest and dominant group. Characteristics of the British Muslim population are predominantly those of the Pakistani community. Since the 7/7 London bombings and realisation that most perpetrators were British born Pakistanis, this community has been under scrutiny. The ensuing discourse highlighted Muslim Women as a potential means to solving problems of extremism, social cohesion, and democracy within the Muslim community. Many spontaneous initiatives were launched by Muslim politicians and organisations; but these were focused on already engaged, professional women. The paper focuses on "the exclusion of Pakistani Muslim Women in British society and how this impacts on social regeneration, community, citizenship,

family challenges”. The study includes:

- Mapping Muslim women ‘post 7/7’ activity,
- focus groups involving inner-city Pakistani Muslim women,
- analysis from a nationwide survey of 5000 Pakistani Muslim women,
- analysis from government projects relating to Muslim women,
- interviews with policy makers/influencers.

THE PLACE FOR OTHERS IN ISLAM

Ahmet Alibasic

The first part of the presentation deals with the general Islamic principles and precedents that make up the “liberal ethos of Islam,” such as the primacy of justice over religious formalism, and the messenger Muhammad’s acceptance and magnanimous reciprocation of the good deeds of non-Muslims. The second part deals with the norms of Islamic law that concern non-Muslims. The aim is to show how contemporary Muslim scholars find sufficient ground for the solid justification of co-existence with a high level of tolerance between Muslims and non-Muslims even in classical Islamic law without far-fetched interpretations. The presentation concludes with the thesis that the Islamic sources might leave no room for religious indifference, agnosticism, or moral relativism in its extreme forms, but that Islam has that dose of relativism that is necessary for the normal functioning of multi-religious societies.

CITIZENSHIP AND IDENTITY FROM A GERMAN PERSPECTIVE

Ahmet Altunbas

Germany has today between 3.2-3.5 million Muslims who came mainly as migrant workers from the early sixties of the last century till today. For the first time in 1998 the German government changed its policy towards this migrants heading to integrate them to the German society better. The challenges and difficulties connected to the presence of this minority have been in the focus of numerous studies and research projects in the last years. The target of this paper is to present an overview about what has been done in this field and to open up perspectives for the future developments.

IS TURKEY A MODEL FOR THE ISLAMIC WORLD?

Berdal Aral

The assertion that Turkey is a model for the Islamic world, as sometimes expressed at some particular western political centres are based on the thesis that Turkey is a model country that can set an example for the Islamic world as a secular, democratic, nation-state model that is in harmony with the West. These people accept the AK Party, which has been in power since 2002, one of the strongest evidence of the reconciliation of Islam with secularism and democracy: the AK Party accepts secularism in spite of the fact that most of the party founders and supporters are religious Muslims.

This paper will firstly answer the question of why Turkey is described as a model for the Islamic world by the dominant powers of the world. In this context these powers desire to break resistance points and also prevent the unification tendencies of the Islamic world, will be particularly emphasised. Based on this analysis, the paper will claim that Turkey infact does not set an example for the Islamic World in this context. The basic reasons being that: 1) The historical break, which occurred in the early years of the Turkish Republic, caused a serious identity crisis in Turkish society. 2) The official ideology which surrounds state and public fields as a result of the unhealthy citizen-state relation in Turkey. 3) The hysterias of official ideology may be felt in both the constitution and laws. Furthermore, the legal and actual influence of military and civil bureaucracy on the system is continuing. Consequently, the claim that Turkey is a democratic law state is not realistic. 4) Turkey is not a state that reconciles Islam and secularism. It is a state which abstracts religion from the public field by compressing Islam to within iman (faith), worship and morality triangle. Moreover, one of the aims of education policy, which is still under the responsibility of state, is not to raise “religious Muslims”. Finally, the argument that Turkish society has tolerance and inclines to pluralism does not have a strong base. This will be evidenced by an analysis of some public surveys.

TRUST AND FORMATION OF SOCIAL CAPITAL FOR ENABLING CITIZENS: SOCIO-ECONOMIC DIMENSIONS OF PEACE AND SECURITY

Mehmet Asutay

The discourse and strategies of economic development have shifted in the last two decades from macro perspectives to micro foundations, as it has become clear that governments have failed to develop their societies through their macro policies. This follows the wisdom articulated by Sen with his ‘development as freedom approach’, in which he explains that policies should aim to help ‘functioning’ and ‘enabling’ people; to provide them with their dignity in

their search to overcome economic hardship, without which economic development cannot take place. As a result, social capital, which includes human development, has become an important element of developmentalism. An important factor in social capital development is 'trust', which lacks terribly in developing societies, due to political, social, ethnic, and ideological conflicts. This paper, thus argues, that trust could be developed into social capital with the objective of enabling and functioning individuals beyond all these conflicts prevailing developing countries, as trust has been an important centrepiece of human relations, which has influenced economic, social and political performance of societies. This is also related to citizenry process, because with the development of social capital and trust being part of this process, individuals as citizens would have stakes in the economic, political and social life of their societies. Hence, it is expected that stability will prevail in such societies and individuals as functioning and enabled citizens would work to enhance peace, security and stability.

DEMOCRATISATION, POST-ISLAMISM, AND COUNTER-TERRORISM

Kamran A. Bokhari

Three distinct political forces – Democratisation, Islamism, and jihadism – are driving geopolitics in many Muslim states. The outcome of the interaction between these will shape the future socio-political direction of the Islamic world. As the incumbent authoritarian structures begin to wither away under the pressures of the US push for political reform, Islamist forces are being brought to the fore, but Washington's war against terror and the ongoing transition from autocratic political structures to democratic systems is also providing a window of opportunity for extremist and terrorist Muslim elements to advance their agenda. The purpose of this paper is to examine the current state of geopolitics in the Muslim world and offer prescriptions on how to prevent the volatile global political climate and the situation of flux within Muslim states from providing radical and militant Islamist forces the opportunity to exploit the atmosphere of change to further their objectives. This will be accomplished by making the case that Muslims need to develop an anti-extremism and counter-terrorism ethic. Another important element that will aid in preventing the transition of Muslim states from secular authoritarianism to Islamist totalitarianism is the need for Muslim political actors from all across the political spectrum to commit themselves to forging a social contract rooted in the rule of law and commitment to the democratic process. Finally, the need to usher in an era of post-Islamism where Muslim religious democratic forces strike a balance between ideology and pragmatism will be discussed.

ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE: DISSENT IN CIVIL SOCIETY

Raana Bokhari

In a world of increasing political, economic and social changes, the questions of security and citizenship, loyalty and nationality are being revisited under a new light. The task of the polity in the Western world, to weigh these concerns against the prevailing need for individual rights and liberties, is of paramount concern. In the light of this discussion, what is more pressing is the manner in which global politics affects peace, co-existence, and forms of dissent. This paper explores the practice of dissent as an alternative to violence, and as a form of protest aimed at affecting social and political change. This will be done by studying the dissenting voices of Muslim and non-Muslim women, working actively, in alliance in Leicester, UK. Leicester is a model multi-cultural city, where the Hindu population accounts for 14% of the population, and the Muslim population comprising 11%. Community cohesion is exemplary. Despite this, however, global and national politics affect the local scene: how do the Muslim women express their dissent? Can we draw generic conclusions from this about women's ways of knowing and dissenting, that is about women's epistemology and ontology?

DEMOCRACY IN THE MIDDLE EAST ACCORDING TO ABDURRAHMAN MUNIF

Faruk Bozgöz

Abdurrahman Munif was born in 1933 in Jordan's capital Amman to a Saudi father and Iraqi mother. Following his studies on oil politics, he authored several novels and books in which he argued oil has been "a curse rather than a blessing" for Middle Eastern people. Accordingly, he articulated that the solution for the region lied upon "*ed-Dimukratiyyetu Evvelen ve'd-Dîmukratiyyetu Dâimen*/Democracy; First and Forever" principle. However, there existed many obstacles before establishment of democracy in the region. Most crucial, according to Munif, of these obstacles was the West who brought to the fore "*Aklaniyye*/Rationality" in the west; while bringing the "*ellâ Aklaniyye*/Irrationality" to the fore in the Middle East. On the other were the happy-little Petro-Islamic minority states and tyrannical and repressive Middle Eastern regimes. Other obstacles on the way to democracy in the "Middle East which was transformed into a huge prison" were Arab Nationalism, modern looking though tribal petro-Islamic states, untransformed agrarian societies, desert prisons and once Britain's, now America's powerful ally Israel, who with its very existence, continually humiliated Arabs. In this paper I shall present ideas of Abdurrahman Munif, who has discussed transformation in Arab societies through oil, thus reputed to be the oil-novelist and was without a place in the huge

Arab world because of his ideas on democracy and the Middle East, which he longed for and thought to be indispensable for the region.

ASSIMILATION AND ALIENATION IN A MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY – NON-VISIBLE MINORITIES: LESSONS LEARNT FROM INDIGENOUS CONVERTS TO ISLAM IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Muhammad Arifin Kevin Brice

Following 9/11 and the London bombings, the Muslim community in the United Kingdom has come under increased scrutiny and suspicion. The visible “otherness” of the Muslim community, expressed through their ethnicity and culture, is highlighted and calls are made for Muslims to assimilate or integrate into “mainstream” society. “White British” converts to Islam, unlike the non-indigenous Muslim, are a non-visible minority. They have chosen to assimilate a non-indigenous religious identity and this often results in a rejection of the majority culture. The case of “White British” converts helps highlight the need to revisit the thinking behind demands that Muslims should assimilate into the majority culture. Having assimilated a non-indigenous religion, what sense can be made of suggestions that they should assimilate the culture of the majority once more? In this paper I shall look at some of the lessons that can be learnt about assimilation and alienation in multicultural Britain by studying “White British” converts.

BLINKERED POLITICS: THE US APPROACH TO ARABS AND MUSLIMS

Charles E. Butterworth

Much like a draft horse of a bygone era, prevented by fixed blinkers from sideways glances, the US trudges through current crises in the Middle East its attention fixed in one direction. Pulling a cart laden with the policies and prejudices of a single country and people, it ignores all others or reduces them to trivia. Those citizens who dare decry such policies are repulsed as naive, if not as traitors. Such is the tyranny of the majority against which no less a thinker than Tocqueville warned. This attitude weakens the US economically and runs against its self-interest, but remains ascendant. My goal here is to buttress these claims, to indicate how the US has come to pursue policies so harmful to itself, and to suggest how others – especially Arabs and Muslims – might help the US draft horse lose its blinkers and learn to look around in praiseworthy freedom.

CURRENT TRENDS IN NATIONALITY LEGISLATION AND CITIZENSHIP TRAUMA, META IDENTITY AND SUB-IDENTITIES IN TURKEY

Rasim Özgür Dönmez

Ibrahim Kılınc

The aim of the study is to analyse why sub-identities in Turkey are constructed by antagonism against other sub-identities and the Meta identity in the political and public sphere. The traumatic formation of the Turkish state, born from the ashes of the Ottoman Empire led the Turkish Republican elite to design a Turkish Meta identity based on a single religious and ethnic interpretation. This Meta identity imagination was complemented by strict implementation by the elite which suppressed these sub-identities and caused trauma to befall them. The bi-polar world order leading these identities melted into the politics of the left and right between the 1920's to the 1980's easing to a great extent the situation of these groups. The demolition of the Soviet Bloc led these groups to perform recognition politics in the public sphere. However, these traumatised groups or sub-identities have begun to define themselves against the State – Meta Identity – and other sub-identities. In this context, the study claims that the fuel of ethnic and religious outrage cannot simply rely on the State and Meta identity. Rather, this antagonistic relationship between the traumatised Meta and sub-identities can be defined as a vicious circle in the sense that they are located antagonistically against each other and that analyses should be conducted in a two-way-approach. In this sense not only the state but also the internal structure of these sub-identities should be evaluated. The first section of the study plans to evaluate the concept of societal trauma and its effects on the society and identities. The second section will elaborate on the relationship between trauma and the formation of the Turkish nation state. This section sheds light on how and why the State suppressed these sub-identities, including minorities. The last section will examine the outcomes of the suppression of these identities and its effects on Turkish politics.

‘WE ARE ALL MUSLIMS, WE ARE ALL BLACK’

Ülkü Güney

In my paper I will explore the complex processes of identity formations of Muslim Asian youth in Britain within the social categories of ‘race’ and religion in the wake of two significant occurrences in 2001 – “race riots” (2001) and the events – of September 11th. Globalisation has a significant impact in shaping, re-shaping and transforming identities. Localisation – as an accompanying process of globalisation – is very often discussed within the frame of national, regional or indigenous spatial spaces. In the light of those ambiguous processes of globaliza-

tion/localisation I intend to examine the identity formations of British Asian Muslim youth and the implications that these contradictory developments bring about.

My paper aims to trace particularly the link between the significance of the local space in constructing identifications and the sense of belongingness. Further I will look at the ways in which those youth relate their identification with the imagined global community of Muslims (Ummah) to their local community.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE EFFECTS OF TRADITIONAL APOSTASY RULES ON THE CURRENT MUSLIM STATES' PRACTICES: DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN CONVERSION, HERESY AND BLASPHEMY

Kamran Hashemi

The Muslim Legal Traditions on Apostasy (MLTA) have affected the situation of human rights in some Muslim countries. By distinguishing the three different phenomena of MLTA, i.e. conversion, heresy and blasphemy, this paper examines in separate parts the effects of each phenomenon on the current practices of Muslim states. Each part includes, among others, legislation, case law, and the formal position of respected States.

On the other hand, while freedom of religion and expression are broad issues that can be widely discussed under the relevant provisions of international human rights instruments, this paper addresses only those aspects of the issues that are in direct link with the effects of MLTA. In this sense, the main focus of the paper is on intra-religious freedoms, or freedoms of followers of a religion within their religious community. Finally, by comparing the experiences of different states with regard to each phenomenon, some practical suggestions will be afforded in each part for a better consideration of human rights standards.

FROM TOLERANCE TO RECOGNITION TO BEYOND

H.A. Hellyer

The citizenship debate has followed from the multiculturalism debate in Europe and elsewhere, bringing us to the point where Muslim communities, particularly in the 'West' are trying to cope with what Islam offers as guidance on the issues of 'belonging' and patriotism. However, the Muslim community has not yet fully examined what the full weight of Islamic teachings has borne down on the concepts and values of the citizenship debate, as well as the integration debate; a more thorough deconstruction of these areas is required before comprehensive understanding can be begun.

BEYOND THE TOWER OF BABEL: A LINGUISTIC APPROACH TO CLARIFYING KEY CONCEPTS IN ISLAMIC PLURALISM

Jeremy Henzell-Thomas

The Qur'an is unique among the revealed scriptures of the world in the explicit manner in which it divinely ordains religious diversity and enjoins dialogue between adherents of different faith-communities. My purpose in this paper is not to repeat what is already well known but to attempt to develop a focused linguistic approach which can begin to build a nuanced terminology in English for understanding key Islamic concepts of Unity and Diversity.

One essential need is to exercise the defining power of 'aql in distinguishing authentic concepts from their distortions and counterfeits and thus avoid being taken in or manipulated by ideological labels. We must distinguish Identity from tribalism, Diversity from division, and Unity from uniformity and the curse of standardised mono-cultural attitudes which dichotomise reality into competing unilateral or unipolar worldviews and ultimately into the isolating pathologies of civilisational narcissism and cultural autism. At the same time we need to distinguish Conformation to a divine pattern from uncritical conformity to human constructions; the Authority of divine revelation which liberates the human soul from the authoritarianism imposed by narrow human formulations which imprison it; and the existence of Absolute and timeless truths from the tyranny of an absolutism which obliterates all context. The process can be carried further to distinguish Community from communalism, Relationship from relativism, and Individuality from individualism and solipsism.

Awareness of distinctions such as these can help us towards the positive embodiment of the pluralistic Qur'anic vision of Unity within Diversity, but not through passive acknowledgement of the existence of plurality, or by mere tolerance of the "other", but by following the divine injunction to "know one another", and to explore the best of all traditions through respectful co-existence, mutual recognition, active engagement, and transforming love.

TRADITIONAL APPROACHES TO MORAL EDUCATION IN A MUSLIM SCHOOL

Musharraf Hussain

The *raison d'état* of Muslim Schools is often stated as preserving and transmitting the traditional moral virtues. This paper examines the various styles of teaching morality ranging from didactic instructions to story telling. The author argues that the best way of developing children's morality is through role models: peers, leaders and teachers. The paper then compares these and other approaches with Ghazzali's approach to moral development. This is based on

Ghazzali's *Disciplining the Soul and Refining the Character and Curing the Sickness of the Heart*. Ghazzali's work is re-organised into seven stages;

- (1) Setting the goal
- (2) Understanding the nature of morality
- (3) You can change
- (4) Self examination
- (5) Renunciation
- (6) 3 methods of developing good character
- (7) Reviewing the progress.

The merits of this traditional approach are discussed in light of modern programmes of moral education in Britain and America.

ISLAMIST GROUPS, OCCIDENTALIST DISCOURSE AND THE MUSLIM UMMAH

Mohammed Ilyas

As identities have become pluralised in a globalised world, the 'local' and the 'global' are widely understood to have a new kind of relationship. It is in this context that trans-national religious groups have emerged in Europe to both challenge national, class, ethnic based identities and represent/provide their respective communities with a political discourse.

Political Islamist discourse has emerged as a vital instrument in the construction of Muslim identities across Europe. Consequently self-identity is no longer constructed by local identity politics but by religious global politics. This has resulted in many cases local identities that are based on ethnic, national politics being made redundant. Moreover Identity in this conceptualisation is constructed in opposition to ontological 'others'. And in the case of Islamist groups the other is the west. These groups offer their members and other Muslims a source of stability and recognition through a political discourse and a framework to think through which I argue is Occidentalism. Given this the 'other' is constructed as something that is in complete opposition to the group and Muslims as community. Within this framework members and Muslims in general are asked to commit and embody a set of clear ideas and practices, which define inclusion and exclusion.

This paper is based on interviews with members of Islamist groups (Hizb ut-Tahrir, Saviour sect, and al-Ghurabaa), and Muslims from the UK. However these groups are not only influential in the UK but are also prevalent in mainland Europe. It aims to look underneath the

ready-made frameworks of understanding – provided by Islamist groups, western media representation of Muslims and geo-politics where Muslims are concerned. Through this process the paper aims to argue two things; firstly that Islamist groups are creating a politics for their members and non-members based on a binary opposite of Orientalism, which is Occidentalism and secondly they use this as a yard stick to measure the west.

PREPARING REFUGEES FOR DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION: EXAMINING THE ROLE OF TEACHERS, RESETTLEMENT WORKERS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY AGENCIES

Sonia James-Wilson

This paper will provide a qualitative case study of Muslim refugees from Africa and the Middle East in an urban elementary school in Western New York. These families were sponsored by a Catholic resettlement agency supported by school-based workers and a local community agency. Attaining U.S. citizenship and the opportunity to experience ‘democracy’ are two goals that each of these entities have for both the children and the families they work with. This paper will discuss the ways in which each of the agencies and stakeholders understand and take up the notions of ‘citizenship’ and ‘democracy’ in their work with these Muslim refugee communities and will also address the strategies children and families use to absorb, negotiate and resist new identities as ‘English as a Second Language students’, ‘low-wage workers’, ‘consumers’ and as ‘the Other’ in the post 9/11 America.

AN AUTHENTIC CRITIQUE OF THE ISSUE OF MULTICULTURALISM FROM THE ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE

Hilal Kaplan and Süheyb Ögüt

Multiculturalism, which is an extension of the homogenizing discourse of Enlightenment that promotes standardising under the concept of citizenship, has been criticised in several ways. One additional criticism should be against the message that the concept of multiculturalism conveys: All differences, including religious ones, are cultural. In this paper, the inconveniences of such an anthropomorphic perspective will be discussed. Another problematic is how cosmopolitan ethics can be sustained in a society deprived of substantial rationality. Another question should be how a social contract, seemingly between several sides, can function if the content of that contract is insisted only by one side. Within this framework, views of Habermas, Taylor and Rawls from political theory and conceptualizations of Nancy, Derrida and Levinas

on “otherness” and “sameness” will be discussed. Most importantly, how Islam constitutes the “other” and what it can offer to form universal ethics to actualise convivencia will be discussed on a factual basis.

BEYOND THEOLOGY AND THE JURISPRUDENCE: THE PROMISE OF POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY OF ISLAMIC DEMOCRACY

M. A. Muqtedar Khan

It is my contention that the Muslim World in general and the Middle East in particular can become part of the global cosmopolis only by finding an empowering way to democratise without de-Islamization or Islamise through Democratisation. The Muslim World needs a systematic political theory that articulates and illustrates the harmony between Islamic and democratic principles and finds a way to transcend the dichotomy between the sovereignty of reason and the sovereignty of revelation, and the debilitating juxtaposition of Islam as the past and modernity as the future. An Islamic democracy will make both Islam and modernity the present for Muslims. Identity implicates epistemology and underpins theory. Islam is the source of Muslim identity; there can be no Muslim modernity without Islam playing a foundation role. Therefore a systematic theory of Islamic democracy is necessary to open the door to Muslim modernity. The widespread claim that the object of an Islamic state is to impose/apply the Shari‘ah is the biggest barrier to theory development in general and to Islamic democracy in particular. This claim exposes political theory to the tyranny of legalism and the limits on thought imposed by Islam’s jurisprudential heritage rendering extant Islamic political thought impotent. There will be no Islamic democracy as long as jurists command an *a priori* authority. Essentially the content of law in an Islamic democracy should be a democratically negotiated conclusion emerging in a democratic society. In the absence of this free and open negotiation, Islamic democracy will be a procedural sham that confines voting mechanisms to secondary matters. This paper makes a case for the development of Islamic political philosophy and argues that Democratisation in the Muslim World will only be procedural until a theory of Islamic democracy is developed.

EUROPEAN POLITICS, MUSLIM COUNTRIES, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLITICAL ISLAM: SYNERGY OF THE OPPOSITES?

Gül Kurtoglu

This study compares the approaches on political Islam in Europe and Muslim countries in

recent years. Against the existing explanations, it specifically underlines the following three points. First, political Islam has not always been uniformly and completely repressed in all parts of the Muslim world. Second, while democratic, the European approach toward Islamist activism has not been without restrictions. Finally, political actions undertaken in Europe and Muslim countries concerning Islamist activism have mutually affected its development in both realms in ways formerly unanticipated by all actors. The paper uses general findings on numerous European and Muslim countries to further support these arguments.

MANY NATIONS UNDER GOD: THE UNSECLAR STATE OF EUROPE

John Madeley

The political resurgence of the religious factor across the world has had its counterpart in Europe, only recently renowned as the *locus classicus* of Secularisation trends which the rest of the world could eventually be expected to follow as night follows day. This paper argues that few of the many nations of Europe were ever as secular as reputed and that in particular state Secularisation, unlike the Secularisation of society or even religion itself, has typically fallen well short of the sort of strict separation of religion and the state that the US constitution, for instance, mandated. The European model of church-state-society relations has always privileged religion and might yet, if properly managed and regulated, provide for an accommodation of minority faiths such as the various branches of Islam and New Religious Movements which could set an example to the rest of the world.

YOU'VE GOTTA HAVE FAITH: THE MUSLIM VOLUNTARY SECTOR AND POLICY PROCESS

Abdul-Rehman Malik

The terrorist attacks on London's transport system on 7 July 2005 focused the attention of policy makers, pundits and public opinion on Britain's Muslim communities. In the midst of the widespread shock at the revelation that such acts were committed by British citizens, there was intense pressure on British Muslims to tackle what was termed the 'evil' in their midst. It was assumed that the problem was coming from within Muslim communities and they had somehow failed to address and confront 'extremism', 'preachers of hate' and an aberrant theology that supported violence and 'jihad' against the 'West'. Similar to the response after September 11, 2001 incidents in New York and Washington, the government was eager to show that it was engaging with Muslim communities. Given the government's social policy rhetoric on the

importance of voluntary sector and faith communities it was unusual that little public consultation was done with or attention paid to Muslim Voluntary Sector Organisations (VSOs) up to this time. The current security situation (which preceded the 7 July incidents), the emergence of a robust Muslim self-identity and the growing social policy emphasis on both the voluntary sector and faith communities raise a fundamental question: To what extent do Muslim faith-based VSOs participate meaningfully in the policy process?

This research study looks at this question by examining a single Muslim woman's VSO, which has a twenty year history of engaging with issues of faith at advocacy level and providing services to its client communities. Through face-to-face interviews, document analysis and a review of archival material, the perspective of one active Muslim faith-based VSO is used to give a starting point for further research. Is engagement (or lack of engagement) a function of being 'Muslim' or a 'faith-based organisation', or is it due to other factors?

DYNAMICS OF SECULARISATION AND CITIZENSHIP PROCESS: ANALYSIS AND PROSPECTIVE ON THE MUSLIM SITUATION IN FRANCE

Mohamed Mestiri

Since Napoleon's agreement with the church in 1801 called "Concordat", French secularism has started the spirit of secularisation as a process of mediation and negotiation between the State and different partners in civil society. Paradoxically the secularisation process has been before the secularism law of French "Laïcité" in 1905. Therefore, secularisation has been a methodology of negotiating the place of the cultural and religious specificities in a common and a collective citizenship. It has and continues to have an influence on private education, cultural identities and spiritual tradition's representation. However, Muslim presence in the public sphere through different expressions, human rights, religion, politics, culture..etc, is a new phenomenon. Since the Arab demonstration in 1984 called "La marche des beurs", Muslim's identities in the secular citizenship process have been in permanent crisis, especially with the veil affair from 1989 till the censorship law of 2004, and the issue of training Imams since 2003. The negotiation potential of French secularism seems to be marginalised in order to privilege the logic of prohibition and punishment in the name of the strict application of secularism law. This paper seeks to understand the different reasons of the mediation weakness in French secularism regarding Muslim's citizenship specificities, and to propose a prospective vision under the light of new dynamics of secularisation better adapted to the Islamic factor within the European context.

SECURING CIVIC RELATIONS IN THE MULTICULTURAL CITY

Lucy Michael

Community cohesion and social inclusion programmes have demanded new alliances across old divides established by historical processes of exclusion and marginalisation which have visibly ordered the ‘multicultural’ city along ethnic and religious lines.

Drawing on analyses of interviews and observations conducted across Muslim communities in Manchester and Stoke-on-Trent (UK), this paper looks at the evolving community-level systems of formal and informal representation and collective action that operate within and alongside institutions of local governance, and reflects on their capacity to manage conflict, cohesion and civility within those communities, and improve their capacity to access public institutions and mobilise effectively for a ‘fair’ share of social resources.

It also reflects on how those issues of security and participation are presented by community representatives to institutions of local governance, and within the new alliances which they have formed, and the consequences of these portrayals in ameliorating the position of their communities.

FOR THE TWIN TO MEET: REVISITING A 19TH-CENTURY PROPOSAL FOR PEACE AND PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN EUROPE AND ISLAM

Riad Nourallah

The paper examines a proposition made in 1882 by a former British diplomat to establish a new relationship between Europe and Islam based on mutual respect and recognition and the renunciation of policies and ideologies of conquest and conversion. The proposition was made by W.S. Blunt in his book *The Future of Islam*, which was published in the wake of a series of travels made by Blunt in various parts of the Muslim world, including Ottoman Turkey. The historical context and the hostility but also adulation which met Blunt’s proposition provide an interesting perspective on the exceptional and pioneering nature of that proposition and its value and practicality for more recent times. Its relevance is further highlighted and assessed by comparing and contrasting it with opposite and analogous messages and theories as well as policies in both Europe and the Muslim world since its issuance but more urgently during the past five years.

DOES THE WAY TO ENGAGE TURKEY HAVE ANY RELEVANCE TO SECURITY “WITHIN THE WEST” AND “BETWEEN THE WEST AND THE EAST”?

H. Tarık Oguzlu

What I want to examine in this paper is the relationship between the mode of citizenship in a particular country/region and the degree of security felt by the inhabitants there. In doing so, first, the paper will try to define what kind of societies exist in the EU area and the United States, monocultural or multicultural, modern or post-modern. Then, it will try to analyse the degree of societal security that different religious and ethnic groups feel in these different geographies. It will then attempt to measure the promise of each model contributing to security in other parts of the globe, particularly in the Middle East. The assumption here is that the EU and the United States aim at enhancing their security by projecting their citizenship model/societal values to the places from where they suspect threats to their security emanate. The transformation of other places in their own image is constructed here as a security strategy. In order to assess the credibility of the US and EU models, I will pay particular attention to the nature of the relationship between these parties on the one hand and Turkey on the other. The way these actors want to construct a relationship with Turkey, a predominantly Muslim society but a secular state aspiring to join the West, will shed a light on the promise of their respective models to contribute to security. What kind of an image each has of Turkey will certainly impact upon their relations not only with the Muslim communities living in the West but also the Middle Eastern region. I will assume that while the way Turkey is placed within the Greater Middle Eastern Project testifies to the essentials of the American way of engaging the Muslim world, Turkey's placement in the EU accession process points to the European way of dealing with the Muslim world. The question is whether these two different projects are compatible with each other and, if not, which of them has more promise in contributing to security between “the West and the Middle East”, “the Muslim communities living in the West and the Western people”, and “the West and Turkey”.

CITIZENSHIP AND THE QUALITY OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: THE CASE OF EDUCATION ABOUT MUSLIMS

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Simon Chambers's comment, “voice rather than votes is the vehicle of empowerment”, captures the recent shift in attention of theorists from voting process to public discussions in a polity. Also called the ‘deliberative turn’, the idea here is that democratic institutions cannot work effi-

ciently nor lead to increasing fairness if they work only with numbers (votes) while disregarding deliberations, debates and discussions. This calls for individuals to have the virtue of public reasonableness, ability to not only state preferences but also to provide public reasons for them. Yet, the sources of preferences or opinions thus debated in public space can be private, including religio-cultural. In fact, if the thesis of religious resurgence in recent decades is valid, peoples' religio-cultural beliefs are increasingly a source of their opinions and preferences. The quality of education through which they come to understand their religio-cultural tradition thus acquires immense importance. Hence, an intimate link between the quality of education about one's religion and culture and one's exercise of public reasonableness and participation in democratic deliberation is visible. Within the above theoretical context, the paper will take education about Islam in the schools of England as a case study to examine its contribution to the making of pupils' perception about their religious-cultural tradition. After exploring the characteristics of education about religion most likely to prepare students for an active, responsible and critical citizenship, the paper will investigate to what extent these characteristics are found in teaching about Islam.

WESTERN DEMOCRATS, ORIENTAL DESPOTS

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The article examines the relationship between political forms and cultural identity. It sets out to examine the way in which notions of 'democracy' and despotism are associated with distinct cultures. The identity of a political regime is less a matter of its political practices and procedures and more a function of the extent to which it can be considered to be 'western' or 'Islamic' (i.e. oriental). Given this intimate relationship between democracy and western identity, the paper examines some of the conceptual difficulties with articulation of Islam with 'democracy' in the context of the global dirty war – the so-called war on terror.

GLOBAL CITIZENRY ANCIENT AND MODERN: BRITISH YEMENIS AND TRANS-LOCAL TRIBALISM

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In the modern age it is no longer necessary to associate a specific culture with a specific place as a symbolic guarantee of belonging and the processes of migrations to new social domains have transformed traditional identity constructions. Instead, within the developing local/global communications nexus establishing 'virtual' boundaries around a distinct culture distin-

guishes it from others. Whilst the traditional culture of Yemen is experiencing fragmentation under the influence of global consumerism, Yemeni diaspora communities in Britain are able to tap into the 'homeland' via global communication networks. And, while Yemeni Muslims can embrace the ummatic dimensions of their religious identity, their syncretic tribal identities still appear to be distinctly 'local', even anachronistic. However, as globalisation promotes hegemonic Western cultures, 'local' cultures like those of Yemeni tribesmen are also able to reach out beyond the confines of their traditional 'space' and 'place'. As a result, British Yemenis are able to transcend the apparent limitations of their parochial tribalisms in a completely different cultural and social environment. This paper will explore facets of diasporic Yemeni identity by examining their trans-local social networks and how this community preserves its distinct religious and cultural traditions in modern Britain, raising some interesting questions regarding the expectations of the social integration, citizenry and 'belongingness' of minority Muslim communities.

CRIMEAN TATARS' REVIVAL: NATIONAL IDENTITY AND ISLAM

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The history and modern development of Crimean Tatars is really unique. This small Muslim nation was able to survive under difficult conditions in the past and to find possibilities for peaceful coexistence with other nations and religions in modern Ukraine. In my opinion, there are two things which helped them to do this: national identity and religion.

In the beginning of the 1990s, when Crimean Tatars began to return to their homeland from deportation, many analysts predicted the possibility of ethnic and religious conflicts in Crimea, the vast majority of the population there being Orthodox. But after more than fifteen years of coexistence there have not been any serious conflicts. Many scholars believe that this is a result of the Crimean Tatars' contribution who, despite numerous provocations and misjudgments, are trying to establish harmony and peace in their homeland. I think that the experience of this small Muslim nation will be very useful for other Muslim communities who try to survive and save their identity and religion.

THE SHADOW OF THE CLASSICS: ISLAMOPHOBIC DISCOURSE MASQUERADING AS ART AND LITERATURE

Anas Al-Shaikh-Ali

Tracing the seeds of modern-day Islamophobia to the mid to late Victorian era the paper will

examine a selection of “classical” literary works including poetry, travel literature, paintings and sculptures to investigate this very early use of public culture propaganda as a tool to mould and effect public opinion. The paper will examine modern attempts to incite morality-laden anger and volatile insecurity amongst the general public and intelligentsia. There will be a slide show depicting historical and contemporary examples of the latter to show their relevance to the current situation. The paper will also touch upon the importance of education in equipping pupils and students with the tools of critical thinking and socio-spiritual-cultural “awareness of the other” to generate a society of citizens who can think for themselves and can combat the sophistries of emotional manipulation and the “agenda laden opinions” of others.

BRITISH ARAB MUSLIMS AND THE ‘WAR ON TERROR’: PERCEPTIONS OF CITIZENSHIP, IDENTITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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Counter terrorism policies, practices and human rights abuses in the context of the ‘war on terror’ have disproportionately affected and targeted Muslims. Authority figures have argued for the necessity of profiling and derogation from human rights standards as necessary for security. Such derogations include secret abductions, interrogations and extra-judicial transfers, indefinite/arbitrary detentions and the use of torture, inhumane and degrading treatment. It is worth noting that Muslims are already amongst the most socially, economically and politically dis-empowered groups in Europe. Potential problems may arise from Muslim minorities in the West who are being encouraged on the one hand to ‘integrate’ and declare their loyalty while at the same time may be subject to double standards with respect to their legal rights. Using evidence from Amnesty International, this paper will examine the legal issues and human rights compromises in the ‘war on terror’ to assess whether a double standard is being created that disproportionately affects Muslims. The paper will summarise how Western governments are responding to human rights laws and, through the use of secondary data, will also explore the perceptions of those minority groups who are most likely to be affected by security measures in the wake of 9/11.

A comparison between attitudes towards ‘British-ness’ or ‘American-ness’ for example, of Western Muslims before and after 9/11 will be considered where possible. Drawing on the available data this paper will argue that compromises on human rights will not achieve long-term benefits for security and democracy, and with regard to Muslim citizens will lead in some cases to further dis-enfranchisement and reduced levels of civic participation.

CIVIL SOCIETY AND ISLAMIC CIVILISATION: THE CASE OF TURKISH ISLAMIC CSOs

Jeremy Walton

As the title of this conference suggests, one of the most urgent contemporary crises of Islam as a set of transnational political, cultural, and religious beliefs and practices is the seeming lack of a vibrant Islamic ‘Civil Society’. In particular, North Atlantic discussions of the so-called ‘Clash of Civilisations’ – and, more colloquially, Islamic terrorism – typically contain an explicit or implicit assumption that ‘Civil Society’ is one of the definitive characteristics of ‘Western CIVILISATION’. Concomitantly, Civil Society also serves to define ‘Islamic CIVILISATION’ negatively, by virtue of its lack. This paper argues against such simplistic dichotomies through a focus on the institution of the *vakıflar* (charitable foundations) in contemporary Turkey. Based on research conducted with several specific vakıflar, such as the Istanbul İlim ve Kültür Vakfı, the Türkiye Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfı and the Türkiye Gönüllü Tesekküller Vakfı, this paper will serve as both an introduction to the diverse Islamic “Civil Society” that exists today in Turkey, and, thereby, as a critique of the Occidentric notion of “Civil Society” itself.

POLITICAL ISLAM, DEMOCRACY AND THE ARAB WORLD: EXPLORING THE DILEMMAS AND OPTIONS OF CONTEMPORARY GLOBAL POLITICAL CHALLENGES FOR ISLAMIST PARTIES AND MOVEMENTS

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Caught between the hammer of authoritarian regimes, the anvil of jihadi-violence and the pressure of contemporary international politics, Islamist political parties and movements have to elaborate new political strategies. Especially since 9/11 Islamist movements and parties face a growing impact of global (political, military and/or cultural and ideological) forces. Considering the impact of the ‘War on Terror’ and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, I will discuss the different political strategies available to the ‘mainstream’ (i.e. non-violent, legalistic) Islamist movements. The dramatic and violent changes in the contemporary Arab and Islamic world constitute – from the perspective of policy, scholarship and citizenship alike – interesting opportunities to address several questions. In this article I will address the different challenges Islamist movements are facing. I will analyse the impact of global and regional developments on the Islamist movements. By describing different possible political scenarios for the Arab region and Central-Asia, I will discuss the different policy and ideological predicaments and options that Islamist movements and parties will necessarily have to confront and deal with. In doing so, I will engage with the ongoing debate on the democratisation of the Arab-Islamic

world, and shed light on the role Islamist parties might play in this.

TEACHING AND LEARNING IN TIMES OF WAR AND TERROR: DEVELOPING A CRITICAL FRAMEWORK FOR ANTI-ISLAMOPHOBIA EDUCATION

Jasmin Zine

This paper will address the challenge of developing an epistemological and pedagogical framework for anti-Islamophobia education in Canada following the 9/11 attacks. The tragedy and aftermath of 9/11 has created deep consequences for the local realities of Muslims living in the West. By as early as September 12th, peace-loving citizens were being viewed as potential enemies and terrorists by virtue of their race, ethnicity, and religious identity. As a result, we have witnessed the narratives of citizenship, nationalism, and security become inextricably linked in public discourse and policy-making in ways that disproportionately target Arab, Afghani, and Muslim communities as potential threats to public safety. Numerous incidents of racism, hate crimes and xenophobic anti-Arab and anti-Muslim sentiments have been documented across North America and Europe. Children and youth are the most vulnerable in these situations and yet have been the least supported in learning how to understand and cope with the challenges of this new global world order. Schools serve as important sites where critical perspectives can be developed and nurtured to help children and youth become active agents in anti-oppression struggles. As important cultural sites, schools can create learning environments that promote social justice and equity by engaging in transformative pedagogical strategies.