

**The Shari'a Project: A UK-Netherlands
Network of Scholars of Islamic Law
Fourth Workshop, Thursday 6th February
and Friday 7th February 2014
Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies
University of Exeter**

**Guest Scholar: Professor Wael Hallaq
(Columbia University)**

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Thursday 6th February 2014:

09.00 Welcome: Léon Buskens (Director of LUCIS, Co-director - Sharia Project) and Robert Gleave (Director of the Islamic Reformulations Project and Co-director - Sharia Project)

09.15 Professor Wael Hallaq: “The Impossible State: Islam, Politics and Modernity’s Moral Predicament”

Mohammed Drammeh (Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies): “Reading The Impossible State in the Arab World: Contestations over Modernity, the Nation-State and the Shari’a”

Michael Nafi (John Abbott College/Harvard University): “What Do the Philosophers Want from the Law?”

11.15 Coffee/Tea

11.40 Panel 2: Gender, Marriage and Islamic Legal Practice

Tahrat Shahid (University of Oxford): “Sexual equality in family laws for Muslims in Bangladesh: A fear of change”

Yahia Baiza (The Institute of Ismaili Studies): “The Shī’a Ismailis of Afghanistan and their Engagement with Shari’a: a study of folk religious traditions in the marriage system”

13.10 Lunch

13.50 Panel 3: The Challenge of Modernity to Islamic Legal thought

Ahmad Khan (University of Oxford): “Religious Reformers as Legal Historians: The Functions of the *Asbāb al-Ikhtilāf* Genre in the Early-Modern Period”

Omar Anchassi (QMU London): “Fazlur Rahman’s ‘Qur’ānic Turn’, Islamic Law and Gender”

Valentino Cattelan (Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies): “Beyond ‘Islamic law’: from analogy to dialectics”

1520 Tea/Coffee

1540 Panel 4: Islamic Law and Judicial Practice

Ayang Utriza Yakin (State Islamic University, Jakarta): “*Adat* Rules and *Fiqh* Norms in the Judicial Practices of the *Qāḍī* of Banten (Indonesia) in the 18th Century”

Zahir Bhalloo (University of Oxford): “A legal controversy over the *ḥukm* in the absence of the defendant in early Qajar Iran, c.1231/1816”

Zubair Abbasi (Lahore Institute of Finance): “Co-existence of Shari’a and the Modern State: A Historical Perspective from South Asia”

17.10 Close

Friday 7th February 2014

0900 Professor Wael Hallaq: “Qur’ānic Constitutionalism and Moral Governmentality: Further Notes on the Founding Principles of Islamic Society and Polity”

10.30 Coffee/Tea

10.50 Panel 5: Government and Islamic Law: Theoretical Perspectives (sponsored by the Islamic Reformulations project)

Sohaira Siddiqui (University of Cambridge) “The Sharia and Governance: A Model from Absent government”,

Yaser Ellethy (VU University Amsterdam): “From Sharia to Democracy: *Siyāsa shar‘iyya* and *siyāsa dimuqrāṭiyya*”

Mustafa Baig (University of Exeter): “Operating Islamic jurisprudence in non-Islamic Jurisdictions”

1220 Lunch

1330 Panel 6: ‘Ulamā’ Authority – classical and modern

Talal Al-Azem (University of Oxford): “Periodisation and the Typologies of Jurists: Ibn Kemāl Pāshā’s *Ṭabaqāt al-fuqahā’* and its Detractors”

David Warren (University of Manchester) “Negotiating the Epistemic Authority of the ‘Ulamā’ and the Legal Tradition: Yūsuf al-Qaradāwī, Tariq Ramadan and Radical Reform in the Qatar Context”

1430 Short Break

1440 Panel 7: Islamic Legal Dispute Resolution in the West

M.A. Muradin (Leiden University): “A Critical Review of Studies on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) within Muslim Communities in the West”

Kim Lecoyer (Ghent University): Islamic family law and dispute resolution: A Belgian case-study

1540 Tea/coffee

1600 Panel 8: State Law/Islamic Law

Catherine Vieth (London School Of Economics): “Projects for Legislating Society: Legal Pluralism, The Code *Morand*, And the Iraqi Constitution”

Syahril Siddik (Leiden University): Islamic Law and Discourse on Heresy in Indonesia: The case of Aḥmadiyya

1700 Closing Remarks: Professors Robert Gleave and Léon Buskens

1715 Close

Attending the Workshop

The workshop is open to all and is free of charge, though pre-registration is essential as places are limited. To register, email Jane Clark (jane.clark@exeter.ac.uk) before Friday 31st January 2014.

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