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Islamic Law and Sexuality Conference

Draft Programme

9th – 11th January 2018

Institute of Arab & Islamic Studies, University of Exeter

Tuesday 9th January

- 16:30 – 17:00 Arrival and Refreshments
- 17:00 – 17:15 Introduction to the Project
- 17:15 – 18:05 **Keynote Lecture:** Kecia Ali, Boston University
- 18:05 – 18:35 Questions and Answers following keynote
- 19:30 Dinner

Wednesday 10th January

- 09:15 – 09:45 Arrival and Refreshments
- 09:45 – 10:00 Introduction to the Conference
- 10:00 – 11:00 **First Panel:** Doing Islamic Law and Legal History: Methodological and Historical Considerations (**Chair:** Rob Gleave)

The Tradition is Now: Sexual Mores and the Making of Islamic Law: *Rumee Ahmed, University of British Columbia*

The Instability of Gender: Desiring subjects in the legal thought of Muḥammad b. Aḥmad al-Sarakhsī: *Saadia Yacoob, Williams College*

- 11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:15 – 12:45 **Second Panel:** Hierarchy and Violence in the Marital Relationship (Chair: Omar Anchassi)

Hierarchy and Mutuality in Marital Sex relations: Views from 20th Century South Asia: *Johannes Rosenbaum, University of Bamberg*

Nushūz, Lawful Discipline, and Spouse Abuse in the Mālikī School: It's Relevance to Modern Legal Reform: *Mohammad Fadel, University of Toronto*

Jealousy, Sex and Violence in the Work of Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziya: *Marion Katz, New York University*

- 12:45-14.00 Lunch



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14:00 – 15:30 **Third Panel:** Imagining and Contesting Legal Past and Presents in a Modern Muslim Minority Community (**Chair:** Kecia Ali)

Re-conceptualizing Sexual Violence in the American Muslim Context: *Tazeen M. Ali, Boston University*

Understanding Child Marriage and Sex Slavery: Past Imperfect, Present Perfect? *Shehnaz Haqqani, University of Texas at Austin*

Marriage, Slavery and Sexual Coercion: Modernizing the 'Islamic Tradition' in North America: *Peter Gray, independent researcher*

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:15 **Fourth Panel:** Minor Marriage and Islamic Legal Past (**Chair:** Irene Schneider)

A Matter of Consensus? *Ijmā'* and the Issue of Minor Marriage: *Carolyn Baugh, Gannon University*

Challenging the Basis of Child-Marriage in Islamic Law: *Yasmin Amin, University of Exeter*

18:00 Dinner

Thursday 11th January

10:00 – 10:30 Arrival and Refreshments

10:30 – 11:30 **Fifth Panel:** Mothers, For and Against (**Chair:** Ayesha Chaudhry)

Prohibiting the Lawful? The (Non-) Marriageability of the Prophet's Wives: Reflections on Motherhood and Sexuality in the Islamic Tradition: *Shuruq Naguib, University of Lancaster*

Jihad Against Mothers: *Mahmood Kooria, Leiden University*

11:30 – 11:45 Coffee Break

11:45 – 12:45 **Sixth Panel:** Illicit Sexuality Across the Confessional Divide (**Chair:** Mohammad Fadel)

'Without Seeing Her `Awra': Classical and Contemporary Rulings on Marital Relations Following the Wife's Conversion to Islam: *Antonia Bosanquet, University of Hamburg*

Dangerous Liaisons: Slave-Concubinage, Purity and Confessional Boundaries in Early Islamic Law: *Omar Anchassi, University of Exeter*

12:45 – 14:15 Lunch

14:15 – 15:45 **Seventh Panel:** Law and Ethics: Shifting Conceptions of Sexual Diversity (**Chair:** Marion Katz)

Of Ruptures and Continuities in Islamic Law: the Legal Concepts of *Siḥaq* and *Liwāṭ*: *Serena Tolino, University of Hamburg*

Shi'a Neo-Traditionalist Muslims and Islamic law of Same-Sex Desires and Acts: A Critical Reflection on Muhsen Kadivar's Shifting Approach: *Mehrdad Alipour, University of Exeter*





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Ethical Deliberations and Diverse Sexualities: Farah Zeb, University of Exeter

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00 **Concluding Roundtable Session (Chair: Nijmi Edres):** Robert Gleave, Ayesha Chaudhry, Yossef Rapoport, Kecia Ali

17:00 – 17:15 **Final Remarks** by Organisers

19:00 Dinner



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