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Teaching Islam in the Post-9/11 University

A Roundtable Discussion among Scholar-Teachers of Islamic Studies



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Friday, February 1, 2013. 10:00 am – Noon
CHASS Interdisciplinary Building Screening Room (INTS 1128)

This roundtable discussion will explore issues of teaching Islam, religion, and race in post-9/11 U.S. universities and institutions of higher learning. Scholar-teachers of Islam will examine the racialized politics of civic space in post-9/11 college classrooms.

Free and open to the public. RSVP to ucrwmst.rsvp@gmail.com. Seating is limited.

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FEATURING:

Zayn Kassam, Ph.D.

Pomona College, John Knox McLean Professor of Religious Studies

A historian of religions, Kassam has been honored with the American Academy of Religion's 2005 Excellence in Teaching Award and is a two-time recipient of Pomona College's Wig Distinguished Teaching Award (1998, 2005). She coordinates Pomona's Asian Studies Program and teaches a variety of courses, such as The Religion of Islam and The Divine Body: Religion and the Environment. Kassam has authored the book *Islam*, volume 5 for the Greenwood series *Introduction to the World's Major Religions* (2005) and edited *Women and Islam* for the Praeger series "Women and Religion in the World" (2010). Her interests include Islamic Studies, Religious Studies, Women and Islam, Islamic Philosophy and Mysticism, and Religion and the Environment.

Aysha Hidayatullah, Ph.D.

University of San Francisco, Assistant Professor of Islamic Studies

Hidayatullah's research examines feminist exegesis of the Qur'an, racial imaginaries of U.S. Islam, popular discourses on Muslim women, and the pedagogy of Islamic studies. Her forthcoming book, tentatively titled *Qur'an, Women, and the Unspoken: Beginnings and Critiques of Feminist Interpretation of the Qur'an*, examines the emerging body of Muslim feminist scholarship on the Qur'an in North America.

Martin Nguyen, Ph.D.

Fairfield University, Assistant Professor of Islamic Religious Traditions

Nguyen is author of *Sufi Master and Qur'an Scholar: Abu'l-Qasim al-Qushayri and the Lata'if al-isharat* (Oxford, 2011), the first extensive examination of the life of famous mystic and eleventh century theologian al-Qushayri and his final commentary of the Qur'an entitled *Laṭā'if al-ishārāt* ("Subtleties of the Signs"). Nguyen's areas of research include the Qur'an and its exegesis, Muslim theology, Sufism, and hermeneutics.

WITH UCR FACULTY:

Sherine Hafez, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Women's Studies and MEIS

Hafez's interests center on women studies in Middle Eastern and Muslim majority cultures. Her ethnographic research investigates women's Islamic activism in Egypt and is strongly interdisciplinary in its approach. Hafez has authored two books *The Terms of Empowerment: Islamic Women Activists in Egypt* (2003) and *An Islam of Her Own: Reconsidering Religion And Secularism In Women's Islamic Movements* (2011). She is the co-editor of *Anthropology of the Middle East and North Africa: Into the New Millennium* (Indiana, 2013, in press).

Muhamad Ali, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor, Islamic Studies, Religious Studies, SEATRiP, MEIS

Ali teaches courses such as Reading the Qur'an, Topics in Modern Islam, Approaches to Islam, Religious Public Discourses in Modern Islam, Religions in Southeast Asia, and Islam in Southeast Asia. His research interests include colonialism and Islam, religious freedom and pluralism, Islamic movements, and state-religion relations. His publications cover a wide range of topics: from gender jihad (2003) and interfaith marriage in Indonesia (2003) to liberal Islam in Southeast Asia (2005, 2011) and cyberspace (2010). He has authored two books: *Multicultural-Pluralist Theology* (Jakarta, 2003) and *Bridging Islam and the West: An Indonesian View* (Jakarta, 2009).

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Interested educators, faculty, and graduate students who would like to join further discussion with the visiting scholars around issues of pedagogy, email ucrwmst.rsvp@gmail.com

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