



The seminar series:

The Copenhagen University Islam Lecture Series is organised by CEIT and CNIO and aims to present important scholars working on topics of relevance to the Islam focus of Copenhagen University, <http://islam.ku.dk/english/>. The autumn 2009 lectures inaugurated the new series. We aspire to attract a wider audience and provide a lively platform for state-of-the-art research on Islamic thought, media, and public debate.

About CEIT:

The Centre for European Islamic Thought (CEIT), which is funded by the Danish National Research Foundation, investigates the processes and circumstances in which Islamic thought and 'theology' is appearing. By seeking to locate and understand these developments in the context both of the history of Islamic religious thought and of contemporary change in Islamic thinking the centre seeks to evaluate these issues as a response to the European environment specifically and to modernity more generally. The centre is headed by Professor Jørgen S. Nielsen.

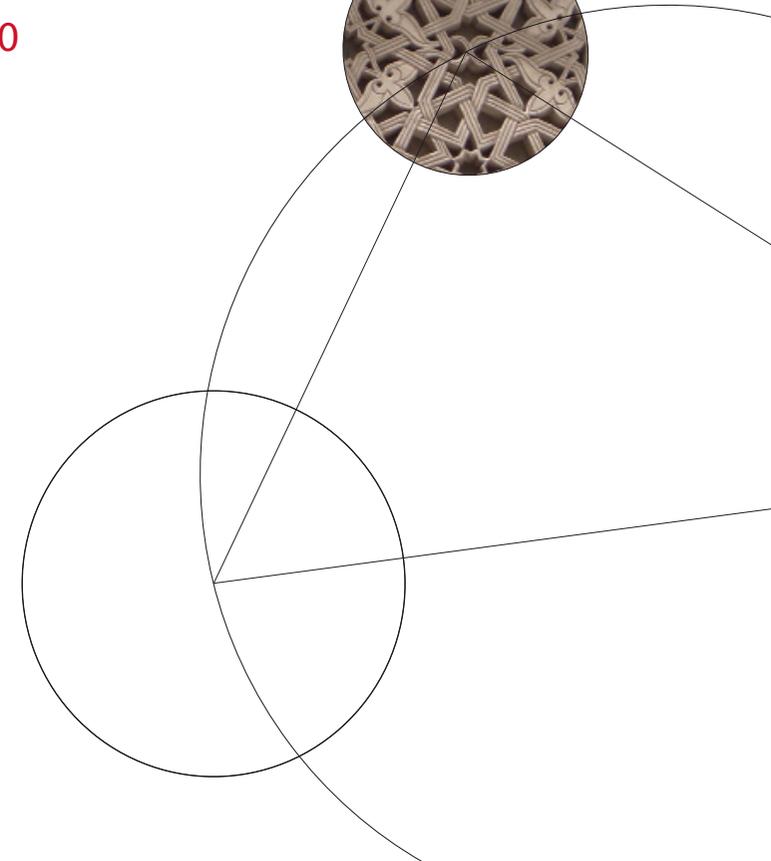
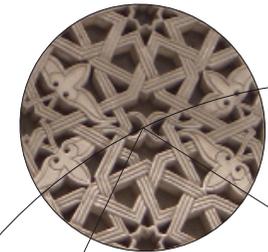
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About CNIO:

The New Islamic Public Sphere Programme (CNIO) maps and analyses how new media such as satellite TV and the Internet are changing Islamic norms, politics and identity in the contemporary Middle East. Since the 1990s, transnational media have created new public realms, making it possible for Muslims to communicate and interact with fellow believers across states and regions, and weakening the ability of individual states to control culture and religion in their media. The appearance of new media has coincided with a large scale Islamic revival since the 1980s. The Programme is headed by Professor Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen.

<http://islamicpublicsphere.hum.ku.dk>

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Unless otherwise stated the lectures take place at the Metro Annex 4:15 pm - 6:00 pm, Room 10, Fiolstræde 4-6, 1171 Cph K

- 15.9 Main trends in the interpretation of the shari'a in Bosnia and Herzegovina 2000-2005  
Professor Fikret Karcic, Faculty of Law, University of Sarajevo

Bosnia and Herzegovina is a secular state. However the Islamic normative system (Shari'a) has its relevance for Bosnian Muslims. Historically Muslims of Bosnia and Herzegovina have very developed institutions. Recently, an official Council for fatwa has been included, as well as alternative sources for the interpretation of Shari'a. Prof. Karcic will identify main tendencies in the interpretations of the Islamic normative system and discuss questions in relation to Shari'a for Muslims living in a secular state.

- 29.9 Islamic Veils, Identities and Public Spheres  
Professor Mohamed Kerrou, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of Tunis, Université de Tunis El Manar

The veil, complete or partial, raises questions about the status of the woman in society, citizenship and civil society. The discussion must also focus on how the Muslim women understand their own identity. Aesthetic, political and economical perspectives will be included in this discussion of a new reading of the veil.

The lecture is held in cooperation with the Danish Foreign Policy Society and takes place at 5:00 pm at the cinema at the Danish National Museum, Frederiksholms Kanal 12, 1220 Cph K

- 13.10 The impact of Islam on the UK's law of religion  
Professor Julian Rivers, School of Law, University of Bristol

This lecture discusses recent changes to UK law as a result of Muslim political agency. These include religious hate speech legislation and state-funded Islamic schools. It is suggested that the substantial presence of Islam is contributing to other more subtle changes in the law of religion, which can be characterised as a shift from conscience to religion and from church to community.

- 3.11 On Contemporary Consumer Culture among Youths in Egypt  
Associate Professor Mona Abaza, Department of Sociology, the American University in Cairo

The talk will discuss the transformations in consumer culture and how it is related to the shift from socialist economy to the opening of Egypt's economy, and how this has af-

ected everyday life, through themes such as changing lifestyles and conspicuous consumption, the spread of mobile phones, and coffee shops, gated communities and secondary resorts.

The lecture is held in cooperation with Politiken and takes place at 4:15 pm at Foretagsalen, Vestergade 28, 1456 Cph K

- 10.11 Accommodating Islamic family law(s). A critical analysis of some recent developments and experiments throughout Europe  
Marie-Claire Foblets, Professor of Law and Anthropology, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven

The focus will be on the treatment of Islamic family laws in the European legal order, in a context that is increasingly multicultural in nature. The practical difficulties and limitations, encountered when seeking to ensure harmony in families who daily experience this cross-cultural encounter, reveal the gap that exists today between the legal framework and certain new realities as these are lived day to day by Muslims in a growing number of situations and for which solutions cannot be found in existing law.

- 24.11 Promoting the Duty to Combat "Defamation of Religions": A Subversive Campaign in the UN Human Rights Council  
Professor Ann Mayer, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

The Organization of the Islamic Conference has campaigned to persuade the UN Human Rights Council that the duty to combat "defamation of religions" belongs as a principle of international human rights law. It aims to intensify pressures on the West to impose religiously-based censorship. With its successes in the Human Rights Council, the OIC is effectively turning it into a tool for advancing an OIC foreign policy agenda.

The lecture is held in cooperation with Danish PEN

- 15.12 The Religious Lives of the Second Generation: Constructing Religiosity across Time and Space  
Professor Peggy Levitt, Department of Sociology, Wellesley College, MA

Religious socialization among children of immigrants occurs transnationally and inter-generationally through an iterative conversation between people, objects, and cultural repertoires around the world. Interviews with second generation Indian American Hindus and Muslims in Boston revealed how young people create religious selves by combining their images of their parents' upbringing with their own experiences, the Christian faith that surrounds them and their experiences of faith in their ancestral homes and other salient sites.