

Reconsidering the Non-Muslim Other: Internal and External Religious Differentiation Prior to 1800

THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2013
SARRATT STUDENT CENTER, ROOM 325-327

09:00-09:30 INTRODUCTIONS AND THE MAPPING OF THE INTELLECTUAL PROJECT

Tony K. Stewart, Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Chair in Humanities, Professor and Chair, Department of Religious Studies, and Project Convener, Vanderbilt University

Carolyn Dever, Dean of the College of Arts and Science, Professor of English, Vanderbilt University

09:30-12:30 LAW AND DIFFERENCE

Antonia Bosanquet, PhD Candidate, Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies, Freie Universität–Berlin

“Rulings for the Protected Peoples: Space as Hierarchy in Ibn al-Qayyim's ‘Ahkām Ahl al Dhimma’”

Jonathan Katz, Professor, School of History, Philosophy and Religion, Oregon State University

“Muslim Jews: The Mechanisms of Conversion and Assimilation”

David J. Wasserstein, Eugene Greener, Jr. Professor of Jewish Studies, Professor of History, Vanderbilt University

“Language, Law and Difference: Jews and Christians in the Islamic Legal World”

Respondent: *Beverly Moran*, Professor of Law and Sociology, Vanderbilt University

13:30-16:30 HISTORIES OF COSMOPOLITANISM

Anthony Watson, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of History, Brown University

“‘Pedigrees that Have Grown with the Grass’: Medieval Islamic Perspectives on Mongols and Christians”

Talia Gangoo, PhD Candidate, Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Michigan

“Hindus, Buddhists, and ‘Deviant’ Muslims in the Realm of the Independent Sultans of Kashmir”

Eric L. Beverley, Assistant Professor, Department of History, State University of New York–Stony Brook

“Of Port & Court: Reading Diversity in Perso-Islamic South Asian Cities”

Respondent: *Samira Sheikh*, Associate Professor, Department of History, Vanderbilt University

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JEAN AND ALEXANDER HEARD LIBRARY, COMMUNITY ROOM

09:30-12:30 CONSTRUCTING BIOGRAPHICAL IMAGES

Robert Morrison, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Religion, Bowdoin College

“The Liminal Identity of Moses Galeano/Mūsā Jālīnūs”

Manuela Ceballos, PhD Candidate, Graduate Division of Religion, Emory University

“Marginal Theology or Theology from the Margins? Converts, Jews, Christians, and Refugees in the Biography of a Sixteenth Century Muslim Saint”

Youshaa Patel, Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee–Knoxville

“The Social Imaginary of a 17th Century Muslim Religious Scholar: Najm al-Din al-Ghazzi on Jews, Christians and Others”

Respondent: *Tony K. Stewart*, Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Chair in Humanities, Professor and Chair, Department of Religious Studies, Vanderbilt University

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13:30-16:30 GRAMMARS OF IDENTITY AND ALTERITY

- David Owen*, PhD Candidate, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University
“Latin Speakers and Greek Teachers: Linguistic and Conceptual Mediterraneanism in the Jurist-Theologian-Vizier Ibn Hazm (d. 1064)”
- Arthur Dudley*, Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Early Modern Indian Cultures of Knowledge, Oxford University
“Indo-Persian Cultural Studies of India and the Question of Early-Modern Secularism”
- Ayesha A. Irani*, Assistant Professor, Department of Historical Studies, University of Toronto–Mississauga
“Identity/Alterity in the Biographic Process: The Case of the Nabīvaṃṣā, ‘The Prophet’s Lineage,’ of Seventeenth-Century Bengal”
- Respondent: *Richard McGregor*, Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Vanderbilt University

SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2013
SARRATT STUDENT CENTER, ROOM 325-327

09:00-12:00 EARLY MODERN EPISTEMOLOGIES OF DIFFERENCE

- Palmira Brummett*, Visiting Professor of History, Brown University; Professor Emerita, University of Tennessee–Knoxville
“Encroaching on Christendom: ‘Black Infidels’ and Islamic Syncretism in the Ottoman Adriatic”
- Divya Cherian*, PhD Candidate, Department of History, Columbia University
“The Muslim as Untouchable: The Administration of Religious Difference in Eighteenth Century Marwar”
- Vikas Rathee*, PhD Candidate, Department of History, University of Arizona
“Hodgson’s ‘Islamicate’ and the Knowledge of Indian Society and Culture in Persian Language Works by Authors of Indian Origin, c.1700”
- Respondent: *Anand V. Taneja*, Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Vanderbilt University

12:00-12:45 COMMENTARY: NEGOTIATING LOCAL ISLAMIC IDENTITIES

- Ahmet T. Karamustafa*, Professor of History, University of Maryland
- Carl W. Ernst*, Kenan Distinguished Professor of Islamic Studies, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- Muzaffar Alam*, George V. Bobrinsky Professor in South Asian Languages & Civilizations, University of Chicago

Closing Remarks: Richard McGregor and Tony K. Stewart, Vanderbilt University