THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

09:00–09:30: MAPPING THE INTELLECTUAL PROJECT
Tony K. Stewart, Project Co-Convenor, VU
John M. Sloop, Interim Dean, College of Arts and Science, VU

09:30–12:30: AUTHORITATIVE FORMS OF MODERN DISCOURSE
Gary Bunt, University of Wales Trinity Saint David
“Islamic ‘Big Data’—the Fatwa Machine and Religious Authority Online”
Scott S. Reese, Northern Arizona University
“The Qadi is not a Judge: The Qadi’s Courts, Community and Authority in Early Twentieth Century Aden”
Leor Halevi, Vanderbilt University
“Stealing Electricity, Handling Pork: Scruples and Qualms in the Transnational Labor for God and Mammon”
Respondent: David J. Wasserstein, VU

13:30–16:30: MATERIAL CULTURE
Teren Sevea, University of Pennsylvania
“Muhammad’s American Gun: Technological Negotiations of Shooter-Fuqas in Modern Malaya”
Sarover Zaidi, Max Planck Institute, Göttingen, Germany
“Religious Modernism: Architecture and Selfhood in Bohra Shias of Bombay”
Pauline Lewis, University of California–Los Angeles
“Building Modernity: A Microhistory of a Late Ottoman Engineer”
Respondent: Samira Sheikh, VU

FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

09:00–13:00: THEORIZING STATE AND SOVEREIGNTY
Simon Wolfgang Fuchs, Princeton University
“Abū Mucāwiyah’s Longings for the State: the Dialectics of the Local and the Transnational in Sunni Shī’ī Sectarianism”
Ahmed Khanani, Indiana University
“Refiguring Islam and Democracy: Moroccan Islamism and the Language of Democracy”
Eric T. Schlussel, Harvard University
“The Muslim Emperor of China: Sacred History and Apocalypticism in Xinjiang, 1870s–1920s”
James M. Caron, University of London
“Anarchism and Religion Across the Modern Indo-Afghan Frontier, 1880–1925”
Respondent: Moses Ochonu, VU

14:00–16:00: EXPANDING MEDIA
Elizabeth Lhost, University of Chicago
“Of Phonographs and Fatwas: Disputation, Print Culture, and Debating Islamic Modernism in British India”
Ahmad Nuril Huda, Leiden University
“Santri Making Film: Islamic Temporality, Negotiated Technology, and Narratives of Modernity in an Indonesian Pesantren”
Respondent: Richard McGregor, VU

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

09:00–12:00: EVERYDAY NEGOTIATIONS
Katrina Daly-Thompson, University of Wisconsin–Madison
“Gay Men Arising in Zanzibar: Transgressing Islamic Sexual Norms through Popobawa Talk”
Candace Mixon, University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill
“Street in the City—Thinking of Style and Practice in the Lives of Modern Sufi Students”
Mara A. Leichtman, Michigan State University
“NGO-ization as Legitimization: The Expansion of a Shi’i Semen”
Respondent: Dianna Bell, VU

12:00–12:30: CLOSING REMARKS
David Gilmartin, North Carolina State University
Richard McGregor, Project Co-Convenor, VU
Tony K. Stewart, Project Co-Convenor, VU