

Alumni Workshop 2019

‘Beyond Orientalism and Occidentalism: Explorations in Islamic Studies’

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Venue

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Rationale

The Erfurt Chair of Muslim Cultural and Religious History was established in 1999 at the University of Erfurt with the appointment of Professor Jamal Malik. Under his erudite scholarship, it continues to emerge as a major center devoted to research and study of various aspects of Islam and Muslim societies, with a special focus on pluralist traditions. The Chair has successfully conducted regular seminars, lectures and workshops for about two decades to promote a culture of inter-communal and intercultural understanding through continuous academic dialogue against the odds of increasing global environment of ethnic tensions, religious intolerance, and xenophobia. These events and projects have brought together scholars from diverse academic and cultural backgrounds to share their ideas and develop an authentic understanding of Muslim cultures and societies beyond stereotypes. It is no surprise that the doctoral and post-doctoral studies carried out at the Chair count for significant advancement in the field Islamic Studies, particularly in the areas of intersections of traditional Islamic learned traditions and the modern scholarly approaches, global sufism, madrasas, and issues related to ethnically, religiously, and culturally diverse societies like South Asian and Europe. These projects are funded by grants from government and non-governmental organizations around the World, primarily by German Academic Exchange Program (DAAD), German Science Foundation (DFG), Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, German Foreign Office, various German and US foundations and Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC).

This workshop signifies a milestone in terms of academic achievements of the Chair through professional networking of its alumni to ensure continuous progress. It shall provide a long-awaited opportunity to the alumni of the Chair of Muslim Cultural and Religious History to strengthen interaction, highlight achievements of its members, and offer rewarding opportunities for academic excellence within Islamic Studies between the Chair and its alumni. This would help build stable network of alumni with a strong connection to the Chair and the University of Erfurt, Germany to develop formal channel for continuous scholarly exchange, communication, dialogue, and collaboration.

Themes

The focus of this workshop is fairly broad within Islamic studies to allow its participants to discuss their current academic and research interests with participants from University of Erfurt and humanities across German academia. However, it is also specific in respect of being beyond the oriental and occidental traditions. Thus, the workshop will juxtapose different interesting and cutting edge angles of ongoing research in the field of Islamic studies within a variety of regional contexts and theoretical perspectives. Notwithstanding the interdisciplinary nature of the proposed workshop, its sessions are organized according to the following themes:

- a) Contemporary Islamic Studies
- b) Muslim Diaspora in the West
- c) Developments in Islamic Studies
- d) Islamic Studies in Asian Context

Program

The speakers will be the graduated doctoral and post-doctoral fellows of the Chair. However, those who are presently enrolled with the Chair shall also engage as participants along with DAAD scholars across Germany. The detailed proposed program is as follows:

Thursday September 19, 2019			
0930-2000	Arrival of Participants	Frau Ines Scheidt	University of Erfurt
Friday September 20, 2019			
1030-1200	Registration: Meet & Greet	Alumni Committee	LG-4/D-04
	Welcome Note	Professor Dr. Jamal Malik	
	Intro to Theme of Workshop	Dr. Muhammad Akram	
1200-1500	Lunch Break		
1500-1630	First Session: Contemporary Islamic Studies Chair: Dr. Syed FurrukhZad Shah		LG-4/D-04
1. Dr. Saeed Zarrabi-Zadeh: Islamic Spirituality in the Modern Age 2. Dr. des. Misbahur Rehman: Digital Turn in Islamic Studies 3. Dr. Thomas Gugler: Normative Orders as Everyday Activity: The Tablighi Jama‘at & Da‘wat-e Islam			
1800-2000	Erfurt City Tour & Dinner (Optional)		
Saturday September 21, 2019			
0930-1100	Second Session : Muslim Diaspora in the West Chair: Dr.des. Hasnain Bokhari		LG-4/D-04
1. Dr. Syed FurrukhZad Shah: Multiculturalism and Identity-negotiation among Muslim Youth in Canada 2. Mr. Michael Asbury: Naqshbandi Mystical Teachings in Europe and North America 3. Prof. Dr. Anwar Alam: Gulen movement and Integration of Turkish immigrants in Germany			
1100-1200	Coffee Break		
1200-1330	Third Session: Developments in Islamic Studies Chair: Prof. Dr. Mouez Khalfaoui		LG-4/D-04
1. Dr. des. Hasnain Bokhari: Digital Muslim Public Sphere: Beyond Eickelman, Bunt, et.al. 2. Dr. Soraya Khodamoradi: Reorientation of Islamic Mysticism in Indian Context: Sufism and Yoga 3. Dr. Ishrat Abbasi: Islam and Development: Exploring the Role of Transnational Islamic Charities			
1330-1500	Lunch Break		
1500-1900	City tour/Sight Seeing		
1900-	Farewell Dinner at City Center		
Sunday September 22, 2019			
0930-1100	Fourth Session: Islamic Studies in Asian Context Chair: Dr. Muhammad Akram		LG-4/D-04
1. Dr. Heyder Shadi: Athens, Mecca, and Baghdad: On Diversity of Islamic(ate) Intellectual and Normative Cultures 2. Dr. des. Mahmood Hashmi: Sufi Politics: Political Ideology of Ashraf ‘Alī Thānawī in British India 3. Dr. des. Neda Saghaee: The Quest to Revisit True Islam in Eighteenth-Century India: Muḥammad Nāṣir‘Andalīb’s Sincere Muḥammadan Path			
1100-1200	Tea/Coffee Break		
1200-1300	Closing Session Professor Dr. Jamal Malik: Concluding Remarks		

Participants

Following alumni fellows shall be participating in the event, as per their initial confirmation.

a. DAAD Fellows(International)

1. Dr. Syed FurrukhZad Shah, Researcher/Academic Advisor, Epiphany International, Calgary, Canada
2. Dr. des. Mahmood ul-Hassan Hashmi, AP Islamic Studies, Government College Manshera, Pakistan

b. DAAD Fellows (Local) Germany

3. Prof. Dr. Jamal Malik, Chair of Muslim Cultural and Religious History, University of Erfurt, Germany
4. Prof. Dr. Mouez Khalfaoui, Chair of Islamic Law, University of Tübingen, Germany
5. Dr. Saeed Zarrabi-Zadeh, Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter, University of Erfurt, Germany
6. Dr. des. Misbahur Rehman, Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany
7. Dr.des. Neda Saghace, Germany
8. Dr. Carolin Rossberg, Germany
9. Dr. Sasha Dehghani,Germany

c. Non-DAAD Fellows (International)

10. Dr. Muhammad Akram, Assistant Professor, International Islamic University, Pakistan
11. Professor Dr. Anwar Alam, Senior Fellow, Policy Perspective Foundation, India
12. Dr. Ishrat Afshan, Assistant Professor IR Department, University of Sindh, Jamshoroo, Pakistan

d. Non-DAAD Fellows(Local) Germany

13. Dr. Thomas Gugler, Cluster of Excellence, Goethe-University, Frankfurt, Germany
14. Dr. des. Hasnain Bukhari, Lecturer, University of Erfurt, Germany
15. Dr. Heydar Shadi, Philosophisch-theologische Hochschule Sankt Georgen, Frankfurt, Germany
16. Dr. Soraya Khodamoradi, University of Erfurt, Germany
17. Mr Michael Ashbury, University of Erfurt, Germany

Office Hours Contact:

Frau Ines Scheidt, Secretary to Professor Malik shall be available during these dates/hours at I.G-4/E-15, Universität Erfurt, Philosophische Fakultät, 99105 Erfurt, Tel: +49 361 737-4100.

a. For reimbursement

Friday 20.09. from 9.30 - 10.30 a.m. (before workshop) & 2 - 3 p.m. (during lunch break)
Saturday 21.09. from 11.30-12.00 a.m.& 3 - 4 p.m.
Sunday, 22.09. 11 a.m. 2 pm (after workshop)

b. To collect your keys

Thursday 19.09. from 9.00am- 1.00pm. &3:00pm-8:00pm. Frau Scheidt / student assistant will be available to hand over the keys for your rooms in Philosophische Fakultät, LG-4 / E- 15.
Keys should be returned before your departure to Frau Scheidt. <i>Please be advised that in case of loss of key, 200 euros shall be paid by you.</i>