

Alumni Workshop 2019

Beyond Orientalism and Occidentalism: Explorations in Islamic Studies

University of Erfurt, Germany | September 20-22, 2019



Alumni Workshop participants at the University of Erfurt, September 2019.

Organizers: Dr. Muhammad Akram and Dr. Syed FurrukhZad Shah

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Venue: Faculty of Humanities, University of Erfurt, Nordhäuser Str. 63, 99089 Erfurt, Thuringia, Germany

Rationale

The Alumni Workshop 2019 brought together former doctoral and post-doctoral fellows, affiliated scholars and current partners of the Chair of Muslim Cultural and Religious History at the University of Erfurt. Established in 1999 under Professor Jamal Malik, the Chair developed into a research centre devoted to Islam and Muslim societies, with particular attention to plural traditions, intercultural dialogue and academic exchange across regional and disciplinary boundaries.

The workshop created a compact forum to reconnect alumni, present ongoing research and strengthen cooperation between Erfurt-based scholars, DAAD fellows and international partners. Its wider aim was to support a stable scholarly network for exchange, communication and collaboration in Islamic Studies.

Themes

Contemporary Islamic Studies	Current theoretical, methodological and thematic directions in the study of Islam and Muslim societies.
Muslim Diaspora in the West	Muslim communities, identity negotiation, migration, transnational religious networks and European or North American contexts.
Developments in Islamic Studies	Digital publics, Islamic mysticism, charity, development, and emerging approaches in the humanities and social sciences.
Islamic Studies in Asian Context	South Asian intellectual history, normative cultures, Sufi politics and reformist debates.

At a Glance

20-22 September 2019	4 thematic sessions	17 participants	University of Erfurt
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Programme Overview

Thursday, 19 September 2019		
09:30-20:00	Arrival of participants	Frau Ines Scheidt / University of Erfurt
Friday, 20 September 2019		
10:30-12:00	Registration: Meet & Greet; Welcome Note by Professor Dr. Jamal Malik; Intro to the workshop theme by Dr. Muhammad Akram	Alumni Committee / LG-4/D-04
12:00-15:00	Lunch break	
15:00-16:30	First Session: Contemporary Islamic Studies. Chair: Dr. Syed FurrukhZad Shah. 1. Dr. Saeed Zarrabi-Zadeh: <i>Islamic Spirituality in the Modern Age</i> 2. Dr. des. Misbahur Rehman: <i>Digital Turn in Islamic Studies</i> 3. Dr. Thomas Gugler: <i>Normative Orders as Everyday Activity: The Tablighi Jama'at & Da'wat-e Islam</i>	LG-4/D-04
18:00-20:00	Erfurt city tour and dinner (optional)	

Programme Overview (continued)

Saturday, 21 September 2019		
09:30-11:00	Second Session: Muslim Diaspora in the West. Chair: Dr. des. Hasnain Bokhari. 1. Dr. Syed FurrughZad Shah: <i>Multiculturalism and identity negotiation among Muslim youth in Canada</i> 2. Mr. Michael Asbury: <i>Naqshbandi mystical teachings in Europe and North America</i> 3. Prof. Dr. Anwar Alam: <i>Gülen movement and integration of Turkish immigrants in Germany</i>	LG-4/D-04
11:00-12:00	Coffee break	
12:00-13:30	Third Session: Developments in Islamic Studies. Chair: Prof. Dr. Mueez Khalfaoui. 1. Dr. des. Hasnain Bokhari: <i>Digital Muslim Public Sphere: Beyond Eickelman, Bunt, et al.</i> 2. Dr. Soraya Khodamoradi: <i>Reorientation of Islamic mysticism in Indian context: Sufism and yoga</i> 3. Dr. Ishrat Abbasi: <i>Islam and development: Exploring the role of transnational Islamic charities</i>	LG-4/D-04
13:30-15:00	Lunch break	
15:00-19:00	City tour / sightseeing	
19:00	Farewell dinner at city centre	

Sunday, 22 September 2019		
09:30-11:00	Fourth Session: Islamic Studies in Asian Context. Chair: Dr. Muhammad Akram. 1. Dr. Heyder Shadi: <i>Athens, Mecca, and Baghdad: On diversity of Islamic(ate) intellectual and normative cultures</i> 2. Dr. des. Mahmood Hashmi: <i>Sufi politics: Political ideology of Ashraf 'Ali Thanawi in British India</i> 3. Dr. des. Neda Saghaee: <i>The quest to revisit true Islam in eighteenth-century India: Muhammad Nasir 'Andalib's Sincere Muhammadan Path</i>	LG-4/D-04
11:00-12:00	Tea / coffee break	
12:00-13:00	Closing Session: Professor Dr. Jamal Malik, concluding remarks	

Participants

<p>DAAD Fellows (International)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Syed FurrughZad Shah, Researcher / Academic Advisor, Epiphany International, Calgary, Canada Dr. des. Mahmood ul-Hassan Hashmi, AP Islamic Studies, Government College Manshera, Pakistan <p>DAAD Fellows (Local, Germany)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Dr. Jamal Malik, Chair of Muslim Cultural and Religious History, University of Erfurt, Germany Prof. Dr. Mueez Khalfaoui, Chair of Islamic Law, University of Tübingen, Germany Dr. Saeed Zarrabi-Zadeh, Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter, University of Erfurt, Germany Dr. des. Misbahur Rehman, Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany Dr. des. Neda Saghaee, Germany Dr. Carolin Rosberg, Germany Dr. Sasha Dehghani, Germany 	<p>Non-DAAD Fellows (International)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Muhammad Akram, Assistant Professor, International Islamic University, Pakistan Professor Dr. Anwar Alam, Senior Fellow, Policy Perspective Foundation, India Dr. Ishrat Afshan, Assistant Professor, IR Department, University of Sindh, Jamshooro, Pakistan <p>Non-DAAD Fellows (Local, Germany)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Thomas Gugler, Cluster of Excellence, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany Dr. des. Hasnain Bukhari, Lecturer, University of Erfurt, Germany Dr. Heydar Shadi, Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule Sankt Georgen, Frankfurt, Germany Dr. Soraya Khodamoradi, University of Erfurt, Germany Mr. Michael Ashbury, University of Erfurt, Germany
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