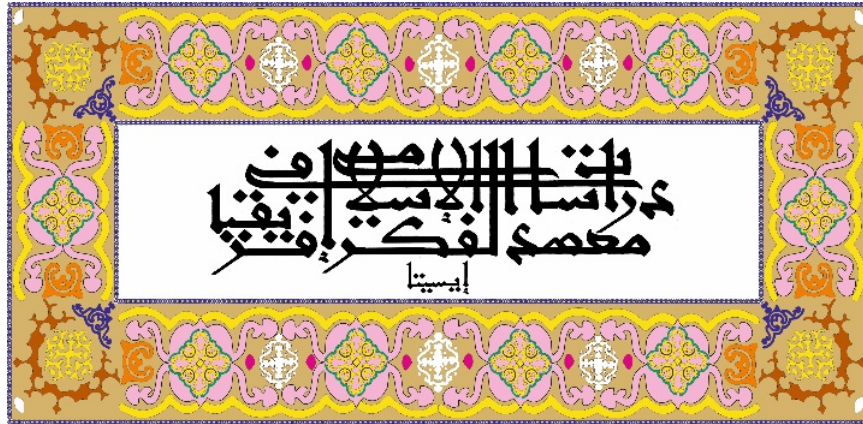


Islam in Global Africa: African Muslims in the World, Muslim Worlds in Africa

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Northwestern University
April 23-24, 2018

Monday, April 23

Location: Norris University Center, Wildcat Room, 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston

9:00-9:30 Welcome and opening remarks from conference organizers

- Zekeria Ahmed Salem, ISITA Director and political science, Northwestern University
- Brannon Ingram, religious studies, Northwestern University

9:30-11:00 Panel 1: Networks of Islamic Education

Chair: Brannon Ingram, religious studies, Northwestern University

- *Franco-Muslim Education and Northwest African Islam in the Early 20th Century*, Samuel Anderson, University of California at Los Angeles
- *Islamic Law at the Margins? Locating Legal Literature in Post-Colonial Sudan*, Matthew Steele, Harvard University
- *The Contribution of Islamic NGOs to Higher Education in Ghana: The Case of Kulliyat al-Quran and Madina Institute of Science and Technology (MIST)*, Mohammed Hafiz, University of Ghana

11:00-11:30 Coffee and tea break

Monday, April 23 (continued)

Location: Norris University Center, Wildcat Room, 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston

11:30-1:00 Panel 2: Global Connections

Chair: Sean Hanretta, history, Northwestern University

- *Senegalese Migrants' Children, Homeland "Returns," and Islamic Education in a Transnational Setting*, Hannah Hoechner, University of Antwerp
- *"Yalla na Yalla nangu ziyaar": Pilgrimage, Piety, and the Production of Elders*, Emma McGlennen, The Johns Hopkins University
- *Religion and Cultural Relevance: A Case of the Nigerian Islamic Association in Chicago*, Misbahudeen Ahmed-Rufai, Malcolm X College

1:00-2:00 Catered lunch at Norris Center

"Islamic Authority in Global Africa"

Keynote Address by

His Highness Muhammad Sanusi II, Emir of Kano



Monday, April 23

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Harris Hall, Room 107

1881 Sheridan Road

Evanston

RSVP is suggested but not required.

Link to the online rsvp form at the ISITA website:

<http://buffett.northwestern.edu/programs/isita/index.html>

Tuesday, April 24

Location: Norris University Center, Arch Room, 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston

9:00-10:45 Panel 3: Reconfiguring Muslim Politics

Chair: Rachel Riedl, political science, Northwestern University

- *Expressions of South African Islamism: Journeying through the Lives of Muslim Women*, Gadija Ahjum, University of Cape Town
- *Shehu Usman Nuhu Sharubut and the Transformation of the Office of the National Chief Imam of Ghana since the 1960s*, Ousman Kobo, Ohio State University
- *Biopower and Islamophobia in Angola*, Kim Searcy, Loyola University, Chicago
- *The Politics of History in Islamic Reformist Preaching in East Africa*, Felicitas Becker, Gent University

10:45-11:00 Coffee and tea break

11:00-12:45 Panel 4: Global Currents, Local Contexts

Chair: Robert Launay, anthropology, Northwestern University

- *"Who is a Muslim"? Jihadi-Salafism and the Discourse of Takfir in the 21st Century Hausaland and Bornu*, Abdulbasit Kassim, Rice University
- *Nigerian Debates on India's Muslim Question: African Resistance to Territorial Nationalism*, Shobana Shankar, Stony Brook University
- *Hausa Popular Poetry and Public Religious Engagement in Northern Nigeria: Sunni Invective Songs as a Response to the Spread of Shia in Kano*, Kabiru Haruna Isa, Bayero University Kano
- *Afropolitan Islam: Reflections on the Contemporary Tijaniyya in Global Contexts*, Zachary Wright, Northwestern University, Qatar

1:00-2:00 Catered lunch at Norris Center

2:00 Conference adjourns

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In conjunction with the conference and the Emir's visit, the Herskovits Library has put on display images, printed materials, and other treasures from their collection related to Kano. The Herskovits Library is located in 5th floor, east tower of the Main University Library.

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