

## AALIMS-NYUAD Conference on the Political Economy of the Muslim World

**Date:** February 16-17, 2019

**Location:** NYU Abu Dhabi Institute, NYUAD

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All sessions are free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required.

### 2019 Annual Conference Organizing Committee

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**Day 1: Saturday, February 16, 2019**

**AFTERNOON**

**12:30-1:25 LUNCH (Torch Club, D2)**

**1:25-3:00pm Misperceived Norms and Patterns**

Chair: [Timur Kuran](#) (Duke University)

[Leonardo Bursztyn](#) (University of Chicago), [Alessandra González](#) (University of Chicago),  
and [David Yanagizawa-Drott](#) (University of Zürich),

"Misperceived Social Norms: Female Labor Force Participation in Saudi Arabia"

[Avital Livny](#) (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign),

"Using Night-Time Luminosity to Estimate Religiosity in the Muslim World"

**3:00-3:30 BREAK (A6 Atrium)**

**3:30-5:45 Historical Roles of Islamic Institutions**

Chair: [Lisa Blaydes](#) (Stanford University)

[Vincent Bauer](#) (Stanford University), [Melina Platas](#) (NYUAD), and [Jeremy Weinstein](#)(Stanford  
University),

"Historical Legacies of Islam in Africa"

[Asli Cansunar](#) (University of Oxford) and [Timur Kuran](#) (Duke University),

"Economic Harbingers of Political Modernization: Evolving Anatomy of Power in Istanbul, 1600-  
1839"

[Samuel Bazzi](#) (Boston University), [Gabriel Koehler-Derrick](#) (Harvard University), and [Benjamin  
Marx](#) (Sciences Po),

"The Institutional Foundations of Religious Politics: Evidence from Indonesia"

**Day 2: Sunday, February 17, 2019**

**8:30-10:00 Constructing Hegemony**

Chair: [Tahir Andrabi](#) (Pomona College and LUMS School of Education)

[Faisal Z. Ahmed](#) (Princeton University),

"The Political Legacy of Islamic Conquests"

[Lisa Blaydes](#) (Stanford University) and [Christopher Paik](#) (NYUAD),

"The Global Economic Order before (and after) Western Hegemony: Chinese-Middle Eastern Trade from the Silk Road to the 'Belt and Road Initiative'"

**10:00-10:15 BREAK (A6 Atrium)**

**10:15-12:30 Public Goods**

Chair: [Thomas Pepinsky](#) (Cornell University)

[Melani Cammett](#) (Harvard University), [Poulomi Chakrabarti](#) (Brown University) and [David](#)

[Romney](#) (Harvard University),

"Accountability in Intergroup Relations: Hindu-Muslim Cooperation in Public Goods Provision in Indian Slum Communities"

[Tuğba Bozçağa](#) (MIT) and [Fotini Christia](#) (MIT),

"Imams and Bureaucrats: Non-State Service Provision in Turkey"

Tentative: [Tahir Andrabi](#) (Pomona College and LUMS School of Education),

"Choosing between Secular and Islamic Schools"

**12:30-1:30 LUNCH (Torch Club, D2)**

**1:30-3:00 Development and Violence**

Chair: [Melani Cammett](#) (Harvard University)

[Christine Binzel](#) (FAU Erlangen-Nuremberg and CEPR) and [Rajesh Ramachandran](#)(Heidelberg University),

"Vernacularization and Economic Development"

[Yael Zeira](#) (University of Mississippi) and [Nadav G. Shelef](#) (University of Wisconsin, Madison),  
"International Recognition and Support for Violence among Nonpartisans"

**3:00:30 BREAK**

**3:30-5:00 Islam and Innovation**

Chair: [Melina Platas](#) (NYUAD)

[Francesco Cinnirella](#) (University of Southern Denmark), [Alireza Naghavi](#) (University of Bologna)  
and [Giovanni Prarolo](#) (University of Bologna),

"Islam, Human Capital, and Innovation in Historical Spain"

[Justin Stearns](#) (NYUAD),

"The Status of the Natural Sciences in the Early Modern Muslim World: the Case of Morocco"