



The Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies

The purpose of the Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies (AALIMS) is to promote analytic research of Muslim societies, with a focus on the roles of culture and religion in social, economic, and political trends in both the past and the present. It serves as a forum for the discussion and critical evaluation of relevant research that uses advanced descriptive, theoretical and empirical methods of the modern social sciences. It puts a premium on interdisciplinary exchanges as a means of fostering comprehensive analyses of Muslim societies and their institutions. Thus, it seeks to broaden contacts among economists, historians, legal scholars, political scientists and sociologists working on the Muslim world. It reaches out also to humanists, especially specialists on Islam or a part of the Muslim world, who share an appreciation of applying empirical and theoretical methods of the social sciences to the social, political, historical, or economic study of Muslim societies. The association avoids political activism of all kinds. It shall have no political affiliation. Imposing no limits on the inferences made or conclusions reached, it considers unrestricted scholarly debate and discussion as essential to intellectual advancement and refinement. (www.aalims.org)

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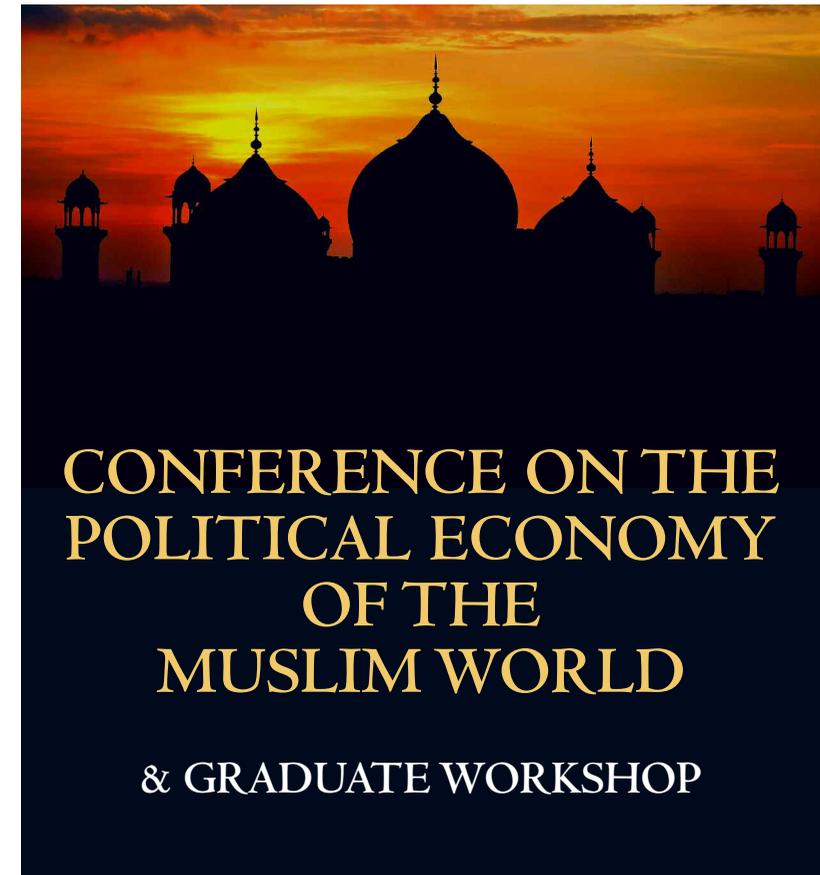
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FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017

GRADUATE STUDENT WORKSHOP

8:30-10 A.M. SESSION I

CHAIR: **Thomas Pepinsky**, Cornell University

The Moderates' Dilemma: Obstacles to Mobilization Against Islamist Extremism in Indonesia

Kerry Persen, Stanford University

Nation-Building and Civil Conflict: Theory and Evidence from Boko Haram and Tuareg Insurgencies

Maxim Ananyev, UCLA

Michael Poyker, UCLA

10:00-10:15 A.M. COFFEE BREAK

10:15 A.M.-12:30 P.M. SESSION II

CHAIR: **Lisa Blaydes**, Stanford University

Police Integration and Support for Anti-Government Violence in Divided Societies: Evidence from Iraq

Matthew Nanes, University of California at San Diego

The Mayor Effect: Female Municipal Employment Under Islamist Political Rule

Gözde Çörekçioğlu, European University Institute

Why Do Citizens Become Politicians? Experimental Evidence on the Social Dimensions of Candidacy

Saad Gulzar, New York University

Muhammad Yasir Khan, UC Berkeley

12:30-2:15 P.M. LUNCH

CONFERENCE, DAY 1

2:15-2:30 P.M.

Welcome

David W. Oxtoby, President of Pomona College

2:30-4:45 P.M. LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT

CHAIR: **Tahir Andrabi**, Pomona College

Persistent Effects of Inter-Religious Contact on Ethnic Tolerance: The Case of Ottoman Turkey

Avital Livny, University of Illinois

Mark Westcott, Ludwig Maximilian University

The Cultural Transmission of Trust Norms:

Evidence from a Lab in the Field on a Natural Experiment

Elira Karaja, World Bank and Columbia University

Jared Rubin, Chapman University

Urban Growth and Decline before the 19th century:

Comparative Urbanization in Europe, the Middle East and Central Asia

Lisa Blaydes, Stanford University

Christopher Paik, NYU Abu Dhabi

4:45-5 P.M. COFFEE BREAK

5-6:30 P.M. RELIGION AND POLITICAL COMPETITION

CHAIR: **Timur Kuran**, Duke University

Does Strain Induce Islamism?

Sharan Grewal, Princeton University

Amaney A. Jamal, Princeton University

Tarek Masoud, Harvard University

Elizabeth R. Nugent, Princeton University

Do Political Connections Reduce Job Creation: Evidence from Lebanon

Ishac Diwan, Harvard University

Jamal Ibrahim Haidar, Harvard University

6:30 P.M. DINNER AT EDMUNDS BALLROOM, SMITH CAMPUS CENTER, POMONA COLLEGE

9 P.M. SHUTTLE FROM POMONA COLLEGE TO HOTEL

SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2017

CONFERENCE, DAY 2

9-11:15 A.M. RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND ORGANIZATIONS

CHAIR: **Asim Khwaja**, Harvard University

The Business of Religion and Caste in India

Manisha Goel, Pomona College

The Wealth Tax of 1942 and the Disappearance of Non-Muslim Enterprises in Turkey

Cihan Artunç, University of Arizona

Seven Ağır, Middle East Technical University

Religious Communities: Organization, Fragmentation and Fragility

Jean-Paul Carvalho, UC Irvine

Michael Sacks, West Virginia University

11:15 A.M.-1 P.M. LUNCH

1-3:15 P.M. INFORMATION FLOWS AND POLITICAL PERCEPTIONS

CHAIR: **Amaney Jamal**, Princeton University

The Christian-Muslim Education Gap in Africa

Melina Platas, NYU Abu Dhabi

Pro-Capitalist Trends in Muslim Views: A Change-in-Change Analysis

Mahmoud A. El-Gamal, Rice University

The Lies of Others: Conspiracy Theories and Selective Censorship in State Media in the Middle East

Gabriel Koehler-Derrick, Harvard University

Richard Nielsen, MIT

David Romney, Harvard University

3:15-3:45 P.M. COFFEE BREAK

3:45-6 P.M. LOCAL PUBLIC GOODS AND DEVELOPMENT

CHAIR: **Jean-Paul Carvalho**, UC Irvine

Does Development Attract Insurgent Violence?

Evidence from Turkish Villages in Southeastern Anatolia

Ayşegül Aydın, University of Colorado, Boulder

Cem Emrence, Leiden University

The Effect of Social Service Provision on Perceptions of Government Legitimacy: Evidence from an Impact Evaluation of Community Based Schools in Afghanistan

Dana Burde, NYU

Joel Middleton, UC Berkeley

Cyrus Samii, NYU

Mobilizing Savings with Automatic Contributions:

Experimental Evidence on Present Bias and Default Effects in Afghanistan

Joshua Blumestock, UC Berkeley

Michael Callen, UC San Diego

Tarek Ghani, Washington University

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