



# AALIMS



The purpose of the Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies 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. AALIMS 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 and has 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.

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Graduate Student Workshop  
April 9, 2021

Conference on the Political  
Economy of Muslim Societies  
April 9 & 10, 2021

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Next AALIMS event:  
**AALIMS-Princeton: April 8-9, 2022**

graduate student workshop  
followed by general conference

Day 1: Friday, April 9, 2021

## Graduate Student Workshop

All times listed are Eastern Daylight Time

**9:00am Graduate Workshop Opening Remarks:**  
**Fotini Christia** (MIT)

**9:10am Graduate student workshop:**  
**Religion and Conflict**

Chair: **Fotini Christia** (MIT)

**Mohammad Isaqzadeh** (Princeton University).  
"Reassessing the Relationship Between  
Religiosity and Political Violence: Evidence from  
Afghanistan."

**Yusuf Magiya** (Columbia University). "The Para-  
dox of State Building: How Diversity Constrains  
Development and Dominant Groups Shoulder  
the Tax Burdens."

**10:10am Break**

**10:20am Graduate student workshop:**  
**Influence and Cooptation**

Chair: **Jean-Paul Carvalho**  
(University of California, Irvine)

**Lydia Assouad** (Paris School of Economics).  
"Charismatic Leaders and Nation Building."

[5 min break]

**Daniel Tavana** (Yale University) and **Erin York**  
(Harvard University). "Cooptation in Practice:  
Measuring Legislative Opposition in an Authori-  
tarian Regime"

[5 min break]

**Ahmed Ezzeldin Mohamed** (Columbia  
University). "Religious Cycles of Government  
Responsiveness: Why Governments Redistribute  
in Ramadan?"

**12:00pm Lunch** (with virtual gatherings)

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## Conference on the Political Economy of Muslim Societies

**1:00 pm Conference Opening Remarks:**  
**Timur Kuran** (Duke University)

**1:05pm Collective Action**

Chair: **Timur Kuran** (Duke University)

**Saumitra Jha** (Stanford University) and **Rikhil  
Bhavnani** (University of Wisconsin). "Walking  
Together and Alone: Why Nonviolent Protests  
Fail and How To Make Them Work."

**Sarah Mansour** (Cairo University), **Stefan Voigt**  
(University of Hamburg), **Engi Amin** (Cairo Uni-  
versity), and **Mazen Hassan** (Cairo University).  
"Using Discourse to Incentivize Cooperation in  
Arab-Muslim Culture: Experimental Evidence  
from Egypt."

**2:15pm Break**

**2:25pm Cronyism and Corruption**

Chair: **Tom Pepinsky** (Cornell University)

**Cihan Artunç** (Middlebury College) and  
**Mohamed Saleh** (Toulouse School of Economics).  
"Political Connections and Corporate  
Performance: Evidence from Interwar Egypt."

**Faisal Ahmed** (Princeton University) and **Adeel  
Malik**. (University of Oxford) "Crony Global-  
ization: The Politics of Partial Liberalization in  
Muslim Societies."

**3:35pm End of Day 1**

Day 2: Saturday, April 10, 2021

**9:30am Political Conflict and Violence**

Chair: **Amaney Jamal** (Princeton University)

**Rafat Mahmood** (University of Western Australia)  
and **Michael Jetter** (University of Western



Australia). "Gone with the Wind: The  
Consequences of US Drone Strikes in Pakistan."

[5 min break]

**Erin Walk** (MIT), **Kiran Garimella** (MIT),  
**Elizabeth Parker-Magyar** (MIT), **Ahmet Akbıyık**  
(Harvard University), and **Fotini Christia** (MIT).  
"Social Media Narratives on Conflict from  
northern Syria."

[5 min break]

**Allison Hartnett** (University of Southern  
California) and **Mohamed Saleh** (Toulouse  
School of Economics). "The Intra-Elite Conflict  
and the Demand for Democratization: Evidence  
from Khedival Egypt."

**11:25am Break**

**11:30am Human Capital**

Chair: **Tahir Andrabi** (Pomona College)

**Asim Khwaja** (Harvard University). "Online  
Education Decisions during COVID-19 in Saudi  
Arabia"

**Lisa Blaydes** (Stanford University), **Justin  
Gengler** (Qatar University), and **Noora Ahmed  
Lari** (Qatar University). "Cultural Constraints to  
Female Labor Force Participation: Gender,  
Family, and Employment in Qatar"

**12:40pm Lunch**

**1:40pm Islamist Politics**

Chair: **Richard Nielsen** (MIT)

**Sharan Grewal** (College of William and Mary).  
"The Islamist Advantage: The Religious  
Infrastructure of Electoral Victory."

**Steven Brooke** (University of Wisconsin) and  
**Neil Ketchley** (University of Oslo). "Islamist  
Rhetoric and Political Mobilization"

**2:50pm Closing Remarks: Richard Nielsen** (MIT)

**2:55pm End of Conference**



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