Symposium Program*

**Tuesday, October 2, 2018**

**9:00 – 9:20 am**  
**Welcome**  
Chair: Dr. Patrick Rooney  
Dr. Amir Pasic  
Dr. David King  
Dr. Ahmed Alwani  
Tayyab Yunus  
Tariq Cheema

**9:20 – 9:35 am**  
**Framing the Symposium**  
Dr. Scott C. Alexander  
Dr. Shariq Siddiqui
9:45 – 11:15 am  **Session I: Muslim Philanthropy in the Public Eye**

Muslim American Activist Linda Sarsour and the Fate of U.S. Democracy -- Edward Curtis (Indiana University)

Start with Khadijah: Women in Commerce, Culture, and Community in the Development and Globalizing of Islam -- Tiara Dungy (Indiana University)

Orphans in Islamic teaching, and the care of vulnerable children -- Jonathan Bentthall (University College London)

Muslim American Foundations: Engaging with the Data -- Hanna Shaul Bar Nissim (Brandeis University) and Shariq Siddiqui (Indiana University and ARNOVA)

11:30 am – 1:00 pm  **Session II: Perspectives on Education Reforms within Muslim Societies**

The 'Third Space': Rethinking Education Reform in Muslim Societies -- Ilham Nasser (International Institute of Islamic Thought), Cynthia Miller-Idriss (American University), Ahmed Al-Wani (International Institute of Islamic Thought)

Examining the Purposes and Premises of American Higher Education for Muslim Undergraduate Students -- Arshad Ali (George Washington University)

Empathy, Muslim Philanthropy and Advancing Education Reform in Muslim Societies -- Sara Konrath (Indiana University), Shariq Siddiqui (Indiana University and ARNOVA), and Saulat Pervez, (International Institute of Islamic Thought)

Moving between Secular and Islamic Education -- Jenny Berglund (Stockholm University)

1:00 – 2:00 pm  **Break**

2:00 – 3:30 pm  **Session III: Trends in Zakat**

The Emergence of Religious Actors as Administrators of Zakāt in the Society in Northern Nigeria: Challenges Confronting Muslim Organizations -- Dauda Abubakar (University of Jos)

Islamic Sharia Based Group Micro-lending Initiative and Implementation Trajectory Experience in Kandahar during Taliban Regime -- Kazi Abdur Rouf (University of Toronto and York University)

The Contribution of the Islamic Wakf to the Formation of the Modern and Western Institution of the Foundation -- Thomas Adam (University of Texas at Arlington)

Reimagining Zakat -- Smita Jassa (Ambedkar University)

3:45 – 5:15 pm  **Session IV: Political Dimensions of Philanthropy**

Charity as Politics ‘Writ Small’ in Gulf Monarchies -- Miriam R. Lowi (The College of New Jersey)

Philanthropy in 20th Century Saudi Arabia -- Nora Derbal (American University in Cairo)
The Politics and Poetics of Giving in Contemporary Turkey -- Damla Isik (Regis University)

The Muslim Students’ Association and the Building of American Muslim Philanthropy -- Justine Howe (Case Western Reserve University)

**Wednesday, October 3, 2018**

8:00 – 9:30 am  **Session V: Muslim Philanthropy, Culture, and Community within the Education Sector**
Assessing the Use of Digital Technology for Fundraising in Nonprofit Muslim Educational Organizations in Ghana -- Khadijah Abdul-Samad (University of Ghana)

Muslim Education in Nigeria: Examination of the Impacts of Muslim Philanthropists and Muslim Societies -- Rasheed Adeleke (Adayemi College of Education)

Between Culture, Religion, and College: Why Islamic High Schools? -- Jeffrey Guhin (UCLA)

Muslim Education in Democratic South Africa -- Nuraan Davids (Stellenbosch University)

9:45 – 11:15 am  **Session VI: Legitimacy and Motivations of Muslim Philanthropy**
“The Fundraiser’s Not Religious, It Helps Everyone!” The Annual Ramadan Charity Fundraiser and the Production of Muslim Ethical Norms -- Katie Merriman (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

Informal Giving in Turkey -- David Campbell (Binghamton University), Ali Çarkoğlu (Koç University)

Who is My Neighbor?: Philanthropy in the Light of QUR’AN 4:36 -- Fatih Harpci (Carthage College)

Making Muslim American Philanthropy Work: Nonprofit Organizations and Social Capital -- Nadeen Makhlouf (Indiana University), Shariq Siddiqui (Indiana University and ARNOVA), David King (Indiana University)

11:30 – 1:00 pm  **Session VI: Contextual Considerations of Nonprofit Organizations and Philanthropy**
Ecological and Institutional Factors and the Growth of NGOs -- Dipendra K C (Thammasat University)

A Comparison of Nonprofits’ Application of Project Management Practices -- Khaldoun AbouAssi (American University), Nadeen Makhlouf (Indiana University)

Teachers Building "Planetary Villages": Considering the Possibilities in Majority-Muslim Countries" -- Supriya Baily (George Mason University)

National Muslim American Nonprofits: A Defining Framework -- Shariq Siddiqui (Indiana University and ARNOVA), Nadeen Makhlouf (Indiana University)

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**Session VIII: Civic Engagement in Muslim Societies**  
Understanding Muslim Philanthropy: Community and Faith Identity in Maputo, Mozambique -- *Beth Oppenheim-Chan (Mozambican Fundraising Network)*  

The Production of Fatwa on Philanthropy in Indonesian Islam -- *Hilman Latief (Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta)*  

Behind the Data: Examining Why US Muslims Give Less to Religious Institutions -- *Rafia Khader (Indiana University)*  

Reasoning about Forgiveness among Arab Teachers -- *Ilham Nasser (International Institute of Islamic Thought), Mohammed Abu-Nimer (American University)*

3:45 – 5:15 pm  

**Session IX: Muslim Charity in Challenging Times**  
Muslim Brotherhood, Philanthropy and Civil Society -- *Jonathan Bentthall (University College London)*  

Purifying and Multiplying the Profits: Analyzing Local and Global Dimensions of Muslim Charity Organizations and Philanthropy in Birmingham, UK -- *Sufyan Abid Dogra (Bradford Institute for Health Research)*  

(Self-) Regulation of Muslim Charitable Sectors in the US and the UK in the post-9/11 Era -- *Agnes Chong (Australian Muslim Civil Rights Advocacy Network)*  

An Islamic Bitcoin or Terrorist Financier? Hawala on Muslim Humanitarian Frontier -- *Abbas Barzegar (Georgetown University)*

5:15 – 5:45 pm  

**Closing**

* Please note that the program lineup is subject to change