



SPACE AND SPEECH:
DISCURSIVE ENVIRONMENTS ACROSS NON-ARAB ISLAM
SARRATT STUDENT CENTER, ROOM 216-220

THURSDAY 07 SEPTEMBER 2017

08:00-08:30 COFFEE AND TEA

08:30-09:00 INTRODUCTIONS AND THE MAPPING OF THE INTELLECTUAL PROJECT

TONY K. STEWART

Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Chair in Humanities, Professor and Chair, Department of Religious Studies, and Sawyer Seminar Co-Director, Vanderbilt University

09:00-11:00 CHAIR: DAVID J. WASSERSTEIN, Sawyer Co-Director, Professor of History and Eugene Greener, Jr. Professor of Jewish Studies, Vanderbilt University

ISMAIL ALATAS

Assistant Professor, Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, New York University
“Dreaming Saints, Building Shrines: Genealogy, Prophecy, and the Making of Islamic Pilgrimage Sites in Central Java, Indonesia”

PEYMAN ESHAGHI

PhD Candidate, Divinity School, University of Chicago, with BABAK RAHIMI, Associate Professor, Communication, Culture, and Religion, University of California, San Diego
“Social Media and Discursive Piety: Calling to Islamic Pilgrimage on Telegram in Shi’i Iran”

11:00-11:15 BREAK

11:15-12:15 CHAIR: TONY K. STEWART, Vanderbilt University

SHAHZAD BASHIR

Aga Khan Professor of Islamic Studies, Brown University
“Genre, Voice, and Subjectivity in Persian Writing in Early Modern India”

12:15-13:00 LUNCH

13:00-15:00 CHAIR: RICHARD MCGREGOR, Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Coordinator of Islamic Studies, Vanderbilt University

RUSSELL GUILBAULT

Undergraduate Presidential Scholar, State University of New York at Buffalo
“Submission and Cultivation in Chinese Islam”

MAX STILLE

Post-Doctoral Research Scholar, Max-Planck-Institut für Bildungsforschung
“The Importance of Being Mediated: Poetic and Performative Exegesis in Bengali Sermons

15:00-15:15 BREAK

15:15-17:15 CHAIR: WILLIAM MURRELL, PhD Candidate, History, Vanderbilt University

UNDINE OTT

PhD Candidate, Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Universität Göttingen
“Pilgrimage Sites in Central Asia (12th to 14th Centuries): Mirrors of Islamization,
Regionalization and Nativization”

HANNAH THEAKER

DPhil Candidate, Oriental Studies, St. Anne’s College, Oxford University
“The Case of the Mufti 穆夫提: Space, Adaptation, and Accommodation within a Chinese Sufi
Path, 1633 – 1911”



FRIDAY 08 SEPTEMBER 2017

08:30-09:00 TEA AND COFFEE

09:00-11:00 CHAIR: JULIA PHILLIPS COHEN, Associate Professor of History and Modern
Jewish History, Vanderbilt University

DARAKHSHAN KHAN

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, International Institute of Islamic Thought, Herndon, VA
“The Many Abodes of Islam: Narratives of Muslim Belonging from Small Town India”

TIMUR HAMMOND

Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Syracuse University
“Reshaping the Mediums of Belief: Istanbul, Islam, and the Place of the Prophet’s
Companions”

11:00-11:15 BREAK

11:15-12:15 CHAIR: DANIEL BIRCHOK, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY,
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-FLINT

MOHAMAD TAVAKOLI-TARGHI

Professor, Departments of History, Historical Studies, and Near and Middle Eastern
Civilizations, University of Toronto at Mississauga
“From Medical to Engineering Islam: Epistemological Shifts in Modern Islamic Discourse”

12:15-13:00 LUNCH

13:00-15:00 CHAIR: SAMIRA SHEIKH, Sawyer Co-Director and Associate Professor of History, Vanderbilt University

HAN HSIEN LIEW

PhD Candidate, History and Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University
“Alexander the Great in the Articulation of Malay Islamic Kingship”

JAHFAR SHAREEF

PhD Candidate, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
“Jasad-ul-Muslim”; Sailing across ‘Duniyav’: A Ship Painting from an 18th-Century Mosque in Malabar, South India”

15:00-15:15 BREAK

15:15-16:15 CHAIR: DIANNA BELL, Independent Scholar, Cape Town, South Africa

TONY K. STEWART

Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Chair in Humanities, Vanderbilt University
“Parody, Appropriation, and Displacement in Early Modern Bengali Sufi Fictions”



SATURDAY 09 SEPTEMBER 2017

08:30-09:00 TEA AND COFFEE

09:00-11:00 CHAIR: MOSES OCHONU, Cornelius Vanderbilt Chair in History, Vanderbilt University

BENJAMIN SOARES

Professor, Department of Religion, University of Florida
“Religiosity and its Others: Notes on Lived Islam in West Africa”

EMILY GREBLE

Associate Professor, History and German, Russian and East European Studies, Vanderbilt University
“Europe’s First Muslim Citizens (1878-1915)”

11:00 CLOSING REMARKS

FAISAL DEVJI

University Reader in Modern Asian History, and Director, Asian Studies Centre, St. Antony’s College, Oxford University & Conference Commentator-at-Large

SAMIRA SHEIKH, DAVID J. WASSERSTEIN, AND TONY K. STEWART
Sawyer Co-Directors

