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36th Annual Meeting of The American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies (ACSIS),
Villanova, PA, March 19-20 (Friday & Saturday), 2021.

The Influence of Islam in Politics and Society: Civic Engagement, Social Inclusion and Political Participation.

The Conference Will be Conducted via Zoom

Friday 19 March 2021, 1st day of the conference

Keynote Speaker: 9:15-9:45

Dr. Seyfeddin Ahmet Kara

The Sectarian Hate: The Never-Ending Trial of the Muslim Community

Discussion: 9:45-10:00

First Panel: Economy, Oil and Finance

Panel Chair: Dr. Michael B. Bishku, Augusta University

10:00 –11:00 am

Oil, Institutions and Sustainability in MENA: A New Approach to Empower the Citizens

Mohammed Akacem, Metropolitan State University of Denver

John L. Faulkner, formerly with the EPA, Retired

Dennis D. Miller, Baldwin Wallace University

Nigeria and the Muslim Middle East

Michael B. Bishku, Augusta University

A Brand-New Economy: How Increase in Muslim Population and Halal Products has Changed French Economy Since 2010

Fakhereh Mousavi, researcher and co-director of International Peace Academy at International Peace Soldiers' Association, Lyon, France

Discussion: 11:00-11:15

Second Panel: Women and Muslim Female Identity Politics in the West

Panel Chair: Dr. Sayed Hassan Akhlaq, Coppin State University

11:15 – 11:55

Piety and Personal Records: The Experience and Impact of Female Muslim Athletes

Kathleen Mroz, Emmanuel College

Clothes Make the [Wo]Man": An Exploration of Transnational Middle East- U.S. Identity Politics in Two Women's Memoirs

Dorothy Lee Goehring, PhD Candidate in Comparative Theology, Boston College.

Discussion: 11:55-12:10

Break from 12:10 to 13:45 pm

Third Panel: Political Islam and Political Engagement of Muslims in the West

Panel Chair: Dr. Kathleen Mroz, Emmanuel College,

13:45-14:25

From Politic in Islam to Politicized Islam; The Trajectory of Fiqh in the 20th Century Islam

Sayed Hassan Akhlaq, Coppin State University

Mustafa Sabri Efendi as a Model of Political Engagement

Jusuf Salih, University of Dayton

Discussion: 14:25-15:00

Saturday 20 March 2021, 2nd day of the Conference

First Panel: Islam in America

Panel Chair: Dr. Vivienne Angeles, LaSalle University

9:15 – 10:30

45 Khutbahs Responding to the Election of the 45th President

Steve Fink, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

The International Community in the Eyes of Ayatollah Sistani: Attitudes towards the United Nations and the USA Post-2003

Yousif Al-Hilli, University of Birmingham, UK

The Thought and Methodology of Grand Ayatollah Sistani

Sayyid Mohammad Baqir Kashmiri, Representative of Grand Ayatullah Sistani in North America

Discussion: 10:30-10:45

Second Panel: Intellectuality and Politics

Panel Chair, Leila Chamankhah, University of Dayton

10:45 -11:35

Complicated Constitutional Role of Sharia in the Middle East

Seyed Masoud Noori, Center for Human Rights and Global Justice (CHRGJ), NYU Law School

Does Shariati's Thoughts Envision a Form of Governmentality?

Milad Dokhanchi, Queen's University, Canada

Politics of Knowledge in Yahyā Suhrawardī's Revival of Ancient Iranian Wisdom

Mohammad Meerzaei, Ph.D. Candidate, Critical Studies in Asian, Islamic, and Jewish Traditions, Vanderbilt University

Discussion: 11:35-11:50

11:50-12:10 concluding remarks