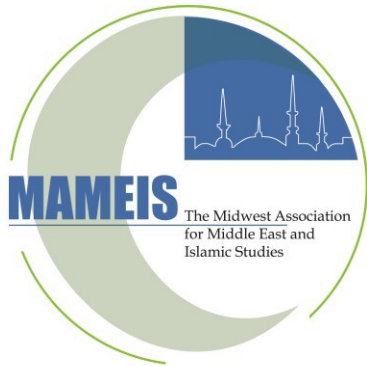


# Islamic Modernities: Time and Space



Midwest Association for Middle East and Islamic Studies  
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Middle East & Islamic Studies, University of Louisville

**University of Louisville**  
**Louisville, KY**  
**April 16-17, 2015**

Keynote Speaker: **Asma Afsaruddin**, Chair and Professor, NELC, Indiana University

The Midwest Association for Middle East and Islamic Studies and University of Louisville's Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies program are pleased to present this joint conference on Islamic Modernities: Time and Space at the University of Louisville, April 16-17, 2015.

Modernity serves as a dynamic lens for viewing a wide range of transformations in Middle Eastern and Islamic societies, even as no generally accepted definition of modernity has yet emerged. The scholarly discussion on modernity has broadened to view this as not only a global, structural transformation centered on Europe, but a process that has created "many modernities," each with its own local vernacular form. Moreover, modernity has been recognized as not only a temporal period, but also a process manifested in spatial relationships that shape, and are shaped by, historical agents. This conference will highlight current research related to theorizing and applying the concept of "modernity" to Middle East and Islamic studies in a broad, interdisciplinary manner.

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# THURSDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>

1:00-1:15 Welcome Address

Ekstrom, W104

Dean's Office

Dr. Julie Peteet, Director, Middle East & Islamic Studies

1:15-4:30 Session I: Modernity in Time and Space

Ekstrom W104

Chair: **Greg Hutcheson**, University of Louisville

**James M. Gustafson**, Assistant Professor, Indiana State University.

*Modernity and the Spatial Imagination of Iranian Elites, 1870-1900*

**H. Lyman Stebbins**, Assistant Professor, LaSalle University

*Modernity, Imperialism, and Spheres of Influence in Late Qajar Iran*

**Todd Reisz**, Visiting Assistant Professor, Yale University

*"A Deep Reverence to the Region's History"*

**Kevin W. Martin**, Assistant Professor, Indiana University

*The Public Security Speak with 'the Voice of Syria': Syria's First Experiment with Authoritarian Culture*

*Break 4:30-5:00*

5:00-6:30 Keynote Lecture

Chao Auditorium

Chair: **Maryam Moazzen**, Assistant Professor, University of Louisville

**Asma Afsaruddin**, Chair and Professor, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University

*Islam and the Challenge of Modernity*

7:30 Conference Dinner

Saffron's Mediterranean

131 Market St.

Louisville, KY 40202

(502) 584-7800

# FRIDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>

## 9:00-11:45 Session II: Intellectual History

Ekstrom W104

Chair: **Gray Henry**, Fons Vitae

**Coeli Fitzpatrick**, Associate Professor, Grand Valley State University.

*Averroes in the Image of the Modern: How a Thinker is Shaped (and Misshaped) for the Legacy of Medieval Islam*

**Maryam Moazzen**, Assistant Professor, University of Louisville.

*Contesting Intellectual Modernity: The Curriculum of Religious Higher Learning in Qājār Iran.*

**Khadija E. Fouad**, School of Education, Indiana University, Bloomington.

*Compatibility of Science and Religion in the Modern World in the Context of Biological Evolution*

**Mohamed Wajdi Ben Hammed**, Ph.D. Student, University of Notre Dame

*On Societal Disintegration and the Rise of Antisocial Utopias in Mohammed Achaari's *The Arch and the Butterfly**

11:45- 12:45 Conference Lunch, University Club

## 1:00- 3:15 Session III: Modernism in Ottoman Studies

Humanities RM 300

Chair: **James M. Gustafson**, Indiana State University

**Zackery M. Heern**, Assistant Professor, Murray State University.

*Eighteenth-Century Islamic Reform: Modern Movements or Traditional Relics*

**Malissa Taylor**, Assistant Professor, University of Louisville.

*Islam, Reform, and the State in Ottoman Damascus*

**James N. Tallon**, Assistant Professor, Lewis University.

*The Islamic Modernisms of the Young Turk Period 1908-1913*

## 3:30- 5:45 Session IV: The Politics of Modernization in Turkey

Humanities RM 300

Chair: **Pamela Beattie**, University of Louisville

**Nathan Young**, Ph.D. Student, Ohio State University.

*Loss and Reclamation: Economic Re-Purposing of Village Traditions in Western Turkey*

**Gul Aldikacti-Marshall**, Associate Professor, University of Louisville

*Gender Equality Policies and the Current Islamist Government in Turkey*

**Esma Erdogan Kilic**, Ph.D. Student, Indiana University-Bloomington.

*Power Relations, Asabiyya and Islamic Tesettur Styles in Turkey*

5:45- 6:00 Concluding remarks: **James M. Gustafson**, Indiana State University ; President, MAMEIS