

**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON
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SOUTHERN AFRICA**

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University of Johannesburg
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1 September, Friday

8.00-9.30
Registration

9.40-10.30
Opening Addresses

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| 9.40 | Zeinoul Abedien | National Awqaf Foundation of South Africa, Awqaf SA |
| | Cajee—Ismail Munshi | |
| 9.50 | JFJ van Rensburg | Chairperson, Department of Semitic Languages, Centre for Islamic Studies, University of Johannesburg |
| 10.00 | Halit Eren | Director General
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| 10.10 | H.E. Ekmeleddin İhsanoğlu | Secretary General
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| 10.20 | H.E. Thabo Mbeki | President of the Republic of South Africa |

<i>10.30-12.00</i>	<i>Plenary Session</i>	<i>Hall A</i>
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Chair: Halit Eren-Zeinoul Abedien Cajee

10.30 Ebrahim Rasool

Future Perspectives on Islamic Civilisation in Southern Africa

10.50 Suleiman Nyang

Current State of Islamic Civilisation in Southern Africa

11.10 Ahmet Kavas

Ottoman Relations with Southern Africa (16th-20th Centuries)

Jumu'ah & Lunch

<i>14.30-16.00</i>	Session 1	<i>Hall A</i>
<i>History</i>		

Chair: Aslam Fataar

14.30 Auwais Rafudeen

Ritual and Political Critique: Tuan Guru's Subversive Pietism

14.50 Ebrahim Rhoda

The Founding of the Muslim Community of the Strand in the Nineteenth Century, 1822-1928

15.10 Eric L. Germain

South African Muslims' Expressions of Solidarity with the Umma: From the Russo-Ottoman War of 1877-78 till the Khilafat Movement in the Early 1920s

15.30 Discussion

<i>14.30-16.00</i>	Session 2	<i>Hall B</i>
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Community-State Relations

Chair: Tahir Sitoto

14.30 Umar Ahmad Kasule

Islam and African Culture South of the Sahara: Towards a Steady Convergence

14.50 Faraj A. Tamim

The Phenomenon of Exclusion by Integration as a Roll-back Strategy against Islamic Influence in Southern Africa: The Case of Tanzania

15.10 Ahmed M. Patel

Establishment of Islam in Ireland by Muslims from South Africa

15.30 Discussion

<i>14.30-16.00</i>	Session 3	<i>Hall C</i>
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The Socio-political Contribution of Muslims

Chair: Lubna Nadi

14.30 Nisbert Taringa

Pluralism and Islam in Zimbabwe: A Phenomenological Exploration of the Theological and Political Dimensions

14.50 Mustafa Efe

The Effects of Colonialism on Islam and Muslims in Southern Africa

15.10 Sa'diyya Shaikh

Engaging Gender Ethics: Voices of South African Muslim Women

15.30 Discussion

16.00-16.15

Coffee Break

<i>16.15-17.45</i>	Session 4	<i>Hall A</i>
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The Socio-political Contribution of Muslims

Chair: Adam Habib

16.15 Lubna Nadvvi-Imraan Buccus

The Muslim Vote in Post-Apartheid South Africa: A Comparative Analysis of Voting Patterns amongst Muslims in Durban at National and Local Government Level

16.35 Muhammad Sekatawa

Politics and the Development of Muslim Communities in Sub-Saharan Africa: Potential Lessons from the Ugandan Experience

16.55 Saber Ahmed Jazbhay

Globalisation, the Constitution and Religious and Cultural Conflicts

17.15 Discussion

<i>16.15-17.45</i>	Session 5	<i>Hall B</i>
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History

Chair: Suleman Dangor

16.15 G. Shams Rehman

Western Perception of Southern Africa (A Case Study of Missionaries and Colonialists' Historiography)

16.35 Yusuf Dadoo

Reflections on South African Muslim Historiography

16.55 Ibrahim Elzain Soghayroun

Role of Traders and Muslim Scholars in Spread of Islam in Zanzibar and East Africa

17.15 Discussion

<i>16.15-17.45</i>	Session 6	<i>Hall C</i>
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Islamic Education and Intellectual Development

Chair: Yasien Mohamed

16.15 Haroon Mahomed

Islamic Education in non-Muslim Countries: South Africa as a Case Study of the Challenges

16.35 Salie Abrahams

Pluralism and the Co-existence of Cultures: Dictate or Dialogue

16.55 Aslam Fataar

Intersections of Religious and Political Discourses among Muslim Teachers in Apartheid Cape Town

17.15 Discussion

2 September, Saturday

9.00-10.30	Session 7	Hall A
Socio-Economic Development		
Chair: Anas Tikriti		
9.00	Abdulkadir Hashim <i>Crown and Crescent: Competing Policies on the Administration of Waqf Institutions in the East African Coast</i>	
9.20	Zeinoul Abedien Cajee-Asma Hassan <i>South African Muslim Contribution to Poverty Alleviation: Past, Present & Future</i>	
9.40	Hussein Najmul Rasool <i>An Analysis of the Muslims' Contribution to the Socio-Economic Development of Mauritius</i>	
10.00	<i>Discussion</i>	

9.00-10.30	Session 8	<i>Hall B</i>
<i>History</i>		

Chair: Muhammed Haron

9.00 Risimati Ali Mathonsi

Medieval Trans-Limpopo Trade

9.20 Ibrahim Abdul Gani Panjwani

Muslims in Malawi: Past, Present, and Future

9.40 E. Jaffer

Muslims in Pretoria during the late 19th Century

10.00 *Discussion*

9.00-10.30	Session 9	<i>Hall C</i>
<i>The Socio-political Contribution of Muslims</i>		

Chair: JFJ van Rensburg

9.00 Wesahl Domingo

Muslim Personal Law in South Africa: An Overview of the Draft Muslim Marriages Act

9.20 Farida Mahomed

Reflections on Muslim Philosophical Discourse during the Liberation Struggle

9.40 Simphiwe Sesanti

Challenges Facing African Muslim Women: Case Study Kwa Nobuhle Township

10.00 *Discussion*

<i>11.00-12.30</i>	Session 10	<i>Hall A</i>
Socio-Economic Development		
Chair: Ashraf Dockrat		
11.00 Fuad Hendricks		
<i>Conceptualizing a Collective Vision, Leveraging Organizational Capacities and Resources through Networking and Partnering</i>		
11.20 Surayah Hartley		
<i>Islamic Banking and Islamic Finance</i>		
11.40 Rashid Bhikha		
<i>Healthcare Challenges in Southern Africa: Can Islamic Medicine Deal with them?</i>		
12.00 Discussion		

<i>11.00-12.30</i>	Session 11	<i>Hall B</i>
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Spread of Islam in Southern Africa

Chair: Abdu B.K. Kasozi

11.00 Viera Pawlikova-Vilhanová

Similarities and Differences in the Spread of Islam: East and South Africa Compared

11.20 Al-Amin Abu-Manga-Kamal Mohamed Jahalla

Factors of Spread and Recession of Islam in Zimbabwe and Uganda: A Comparative Study

11.40 Musleem Jumeer

A Critical Analysis of the Spread of Islam in Mauritius

12.00 Discussion

<i>11.00-12.30</i>	Session 12	<i>Hall C</i>
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Community-State Relations

Chair: Asma Hassan

11.00 Shenaaz Muslim

White South Africa's Perception of Islam: Influenced by Global Media or other Factors?

11.20 Attiya Waris

Making a Mountain out of a Molehill: The Protection of the Right to the Freedom of Religion of the Muslim Religious Minority in Kenya's Constitution

11.40 Hamza Mustafa Njozi

The Campaign against Qur'anic Schools in Tanzania

12.00 Discussion

<i>14.00-15.30</i>	Session 13	<i>Hall A</i>
<i>History</i>		

Chair: Muhammed Haron

14.00 Yousuf Ismail Eshak

The Life, Times and Contribution of Maulana Cachalia to the Struggle for Freedom in South Africa

14.20 Ahmed Essop

Suleiman Mohamed Nana: An Influential Leader

14.40 Sheikh Moegamat Abduraghiem Paulsen

The Malay Community of Gauteng: Syncretism, Beliefs and Customs

15.00 Discussion

<i>14.00-15.30</i>	Session 14	<i>Hall B</i>
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Islam and Economics

Chair: Raaghieb Najjaar

14.00 Ismail Munshi

*The Potential Role of Awqaf in Socio-economic Development
in Southern Africa*

14.20 Ebrahim Vawda

*Islamic Banking in South Africa: Its History, Growth and
Performance and Prospects*

14.40 Mehmet İpsirli

*A Comparative Study of Certain Turkish and East African
Waqfs and Future Prospects of Waqf in Africa*

15.00 Discussion

<i>14.00-15.30</i>	Session 15	<i>Hall C</i>
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Spread of Islam in Southern Africa

Chair: Yusuf Dadoo

14.00 Mohamed Said

The Legacy of Sheikh Ahmed Deedat in Tanzania

14.20 Sindre Bangstad

*The Weight of the World and the Words of Allah:
Conversions to Islam among Black Africans in Cape Town,
South Africa*

14.40 Abdullah Hakim Quick

*The Call to Islam in 21st Century Southern Africa in the light
of Pre-Colonial Trends of Islamisation in the Western Sudan*

15.00 Discussion

<i>16.00-17.30</i>	Session 16	<i>Hall A</i>
<i>History</i>		
Chair: Umar Ahmed Kasule		
16.00 Tapiwa Mapuranga <i>Islam in Zimbabwe: a Historical and Sociological Analysis</i>		
16.20 Ahmed Binsumeit A. Badawy <i>The Role of East African Ulama in Enhancing the Islamic Image in South Africa</i>		
16.40 Izzeldin Omer Mousa <i>The Southern African Coast as Portrayed by Early Muslim Geographers</i>		
17.00 Discussion		

<i>16.00-17.30</i>	Session 17	<i>Hall B</i>
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Islamic Education and Intellectual Development

Chair: Shamirah Zafar

16.00 Liazzat J. K. Bonate

Islamic Education and State Politics of Education in Mozambique

16.20 Issa Haji Ziddy

The Transmission of Islamic Learning in Zanzibar - 19th – 20th Century (Achievements, Problems and Challenges)

16.40 Kahumbi Maina

The Interface Between Religion and Culture: Constraints to Muslim Girls' Access to Secondary School Education in Kenya

17.00 *Discussion*

<i>16.00-17.30</i>	Session 18	<i>Hall C</i>
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Community-State Relations

Chair: Suleman Dangor

16.00 Ayesha Mall

A Critical Assessment of the Role and Governance of Muslim Community Radio in South Africa: The Case of Radio Al-Ansaar

16.20 Yousuf Cajee-Ebrahim Mphutlane wa Bofelo

The Impact of Racism and Related Discrimination within the Muslim Community in South Africa: Prospects and Proposals

16.40 Tahir Sitoto

Contesting Muslim Identity in South Africa

17.00 *Discussion*

<i>3 September, Sunday</i>		
<i>09.00-10.30</i>	<i>Session 19</i>	<i>Hall A</i>
<i>The Socio-political Contribution of Muslims</i>		
Chair: Ismail Munshi		
9.00	Inga A. O. Niehaus <i>South Africa's Muslims between Participation and Exclusion – the Role of a Religious Minority during the Transition to Democracy</i>	
9.20	Hassan Juma Ndzovu <i>Politicization of Islam in Kenya</i>	
9.40	Na'eem Jeenah <i>Political Islam in South Africa and Its Contribution to the Discourse of a Fiqh of Minorities</i>	
10.00	<i>Discussion</i>	

<i>09.00-10.30</i>	Session 20	<i>Hall B</i>
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Islamic Education and Intellectual Development

Chair: Haroon Mohamed

9.00 Abdu B.K. Kasozi

*Struggle to Deliver Utilitarian (Secular) Education to
Muslims in Eastern Africa 1900-1960*

9.20 Amina A. Issa

*Religious Teaching in Government Schools in Colonial
Zanzibar*

9.40 Yasien Alli Mohamed

Turkish Educational Institutions in South Africa

10.00 *Discussion*

<i>09.00-10.30</i>	Session 21	<i>Hall C</i>
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Spread of Islam in Southern Africa

Chair: Ashraf Dockrat

9.00 Zoraida Isaacs

The Growth of Sufi Orders in the Durban Region

9.20 Shaikh Ihsaan Hendricks

*Influence of the Muslim Judicial Council in Shaping Muslim
Socio-Political Thought and Action in South Africa*

9.40 Salmin Idruss Omar

Islam in Malawi

10.00 *Discussion*

<i>11.00-12.00</i>	Conclusive Session	<i>Hall A</i>
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11.00 Concluding remarks of the symposium organizers

11.30 Closing of the symposium

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