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1 September, Friday

8.00-9.30
Registration

9.40-10.30
Opening Addresses

9.40  Zeinoul Abedien Cajee—Ismail Munshi  National Awqaf Foundation of South Africa, Awqaf SA

9.50  JFJ van Rensburg  Chairperson, Department of Semitic Languages, Centre for Islamic Studies, University of Johannesburg

10.00  Halit Eren  Director General OIC Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture, IRCICA

10.10  H.E. Ekmeleddin İhsanoğlu  Secretary General Organisation of Islamic Conference, OIC

10.20  H.E. Thabo Mbeki  President of the Republic of South Africa
Plenary Session

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
14.30-16.00  
**Session 1**  
*History*  
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*
Session 2
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

Session 3
The Socio-political Contribution of Muslims
Chair: Lubna Nadvi

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’diya Shaikh
Engaging Gender Ethics: Voices of South African Muslim
Women

15.30 Discussion

16.00-16.15
Coffee Break
Session 4

The Socio-political Contribution of Muslims
Chair: Adam Habib

16.15 Lubna Nadvi-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
Session 5  
Hall B

**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

Session 6  
Hall C

**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

Session 7
Hall A

Socio-Economic Development
Chair: Anas Tikriti

9.00 Abdulkadir Hashim
   Crown and Crescent: Competing Policies on the
   Administration of Waqf Institutions in the East African
   Coast

9.20 Zeinoul Abedien Cajee-Asma Hassan
   South African Muslim Contribution to Poverty Alleviation:
   Past, Present & Future

9.40 Hussein Najmul Rasool
   An Analysis of the Muslims’ Contribution to the Socio-
   Economic Development of Mauritius

10.00 Discussion
9.00-10.30  
**Session 8**  
**Hall B**  

**History**  
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**  
**Hall C**  

*The Socio-political Contribution of Muslims*  
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*
11.00-12.30  Session 10  Hall A

Socio-Economic Development

Chair: Ashraf Dockrat

11.00 Fuad Hendricks

*Conceptualizing a Collective Vision, Leveraging
Organizational Capacities and Resources through Networking and Partnering*

11.20 Surayah Hartley

*Islamic Banking and Islamic Finance*

11.40 Rashid Bhikha

*Healthcare Challenges in Southern Africa: Can Islamic Medicine Deal with them?*

12.00 Discussion
**Session 11**

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

**Session 12**

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
14.00-15.30  
**Session 13**  
**Hall A**

**History**

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
Session 14  
Islam and Economics  
Chair: Raaghib 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

Session 15  
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
16.00-17.30  

**Session 16**

*Hall A*

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**History**

Chair: Umar Ahmed Kasule

16.00 Tapiwa Mapuranga  
*Islam in Zimbabwe: a Historical and Sociological Analysis*

16.20 Ahmed Binumeit A. Badawy  
*The Role of East African Ulama in Enhancing the Islamic Image in South Africa*

16.40 Izzeldin Omer Mousa  
*The Southern African Coast as Portrayed by Early Muslim Geographers*

17.00 Discussion
### Session 17: Islamic Education and Intellectual Development
**Chair:** Shamirah Zafar

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**Chair:** Suleman Dangor

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**Session 19**  
Hall A

**The Socio-political Contribution of Muslims**  
Chair: Ismail Munshi

9.00  Inga A. O. Niehaus  
*South Africa’s Muslims between Participation and Exclusion*  
– the Role of a Religious Minority during the Transition to Democracy

9.20  Hassan Juma Ndovu  
*Politization of Islam in Kenya*

9.40  Na’eem Jeenah  
*Political Islam in South Africa and Its Contribution to the Discourse of a Fiqh of Minorities*

10.00  Discussion
09.00-10.30  Session 20  Hall B

**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

09.00-10.30  Session 21  Hall C

**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*

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| 11.00    | Concluding remarks of the symposium organizers |
| 11.30    | Closing of the symposium                       |
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