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**1 September, Friday**

8.00-9.30  
Registration

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10.30-12.00  **Plenary Session**  

**Hall A**

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 (16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Centuries)*

Jumu‘ah & Lunch
14.30-16.00  
**Session 1**  
**Hall A**

**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

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**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

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9.00-10.30 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
Session 10

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

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**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*
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**Session 14**  
Hall B

**Islam and Economics**
Chair: Raaghiba 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 İpşirli  
*A Comparative Study of Certain Turkish and East African Waqfs and Future Prospects of Waqf in Africa*

15.00 Discussion

14.00-15.30  
**Session 15**  
Hall C

**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
Session 16

History

Chair: Umar Ahmed Kasule

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

16.20 Ahmed Binsumeit 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
16.00-17.30  Session 17  Hall B

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

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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
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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

Politicization 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

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