

Knowing Islam: An Interdisciplinary Seminar on Muslim Epistemology
International Institute, Rm. 1636
8/31/15 to 9/2/15

Monday, August 31st

6:00pm **Opening Keynote Address**

Opening remarks by Imam Fode Drame on “What is Knowledge According to the Qur’an? Reflections on Knowledge and Creativity.”

8:00pm **Dinner for Seminar Participants**

Tuesday, Sept. 1st

8:00am-9:45am **Exegesis**

Andrea Brigaglia, “Qur’anic Exegesis and the Transmission of Islamic Knowledge in West Africa” (University of Cape Town, South Africa)

Alexander Knysh: “The Vicissitudes of Sufi Exegesis” (University of Michigan)

10:00am-11:45am **Graduate Student Workshop**

Kimberly Wortmann, “Adab al-Talab: A 19th-Century Approach to Islamic Reform in Highland Yemen” (PhD student, Harvard University)

Amir Syed, “Materializing Love through Verse: An Analysis of Safinat al-Sa’ada in the life of ‘Umar Tal” (PhD student, University of Michigan)

12:30pm-2:15pm **Poetics**

Nancy Florida, “The Nine Grades of the Prophet’s Being: A Javanese Court Poet’s Metaphysics of Man.” (University of Michigan)

Noah Salomon, “The Country that Prays upon the Prophet the Most’: Poetry and Politics in Urban Sudan.” (Carleton College)

2:30pm-4:15pm **Graduate Student Workshop**

Talia Gangoo, "On Knowing and Not Knowing: The Epistemology and Meta-Epistemology of Shaykh Nazim al-Haqqani and Shaykh Hisham Kabbani." (PhD student, University of Michigan)

Matthew Steele, “Law as Commentary: Glossation and the Making of Juridical Scholarship in 19th Century Sudan” (PhD student, Harvard University)

4:15pm-5:15pm **Scheduled Break**

6:30pm **Dinner for Seminar Presenters**

Wednesday, Sept. 2nd

8:00am-9:00am **Epistemology & Embodiment**

Rudolph Ware, “Epistemology, Embodiment, and the ‘Ulum al-din” (University of Michigan)

9:15am-11:00am **Graduate Student Workshop**

Ali Hussain, “The Light of the Blessed Tree: Islam’s Intellectual Imperative in Modernity” (PhD student, University of Michigan)

Ismail Alatas, “Imagining Theology: Karāma, Takhyīl, and Taṣdīq” (PhD student, University of Michigan)

11:15am-1pm ***Bodies of Knowledge**

Wrap-up discussion and lunch

*Closed session, open only to seminar presenters