

Call For Papers

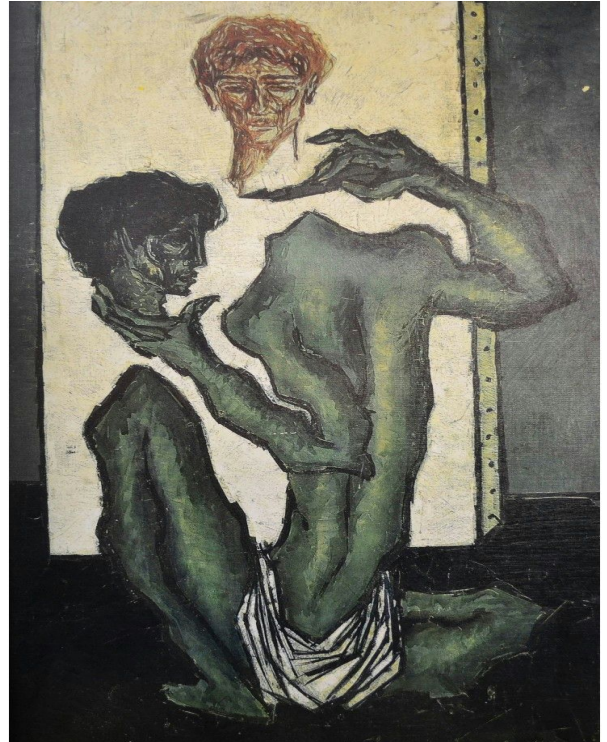
Global Muslim Modernities & The Post-Secular

13th Annual Duke-UNC Islamic Studies Graduate Student Workshop

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Feb. 27-28, 2016

The Duke-UNC Islamic Studies Graduate Student Organizing Committee is pleased to accept abstracts for our thirteenth annual workshop on “Global Muslim Modernities & The Post-Secular”

The categories and concepts of “modernity” and “secularism” have received renewed attention within academic literature on Muslim societies and Islamic studies. This year’s conference aspires to create a forum for those exploring and developing innovative engagements with this material from an interdisciplinary perspective drawing on critical theory and global approaches.



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Topic may include but are not limited to:

- Contextualizing “secularism,” “secularity,” & “secularization” in relation to law, custom, everyday life
- Positions of race and racialized thinking within the historical formation of modernity/secularism
- Theoretical interventions in the study of Islam from “Post-Secular” inquiries
- Interrogating “modernity” beyond binary constructions of East and West
- Secular and religious constructions of gender and sexuality
- Global political theologies

As a hallmark of past Duke-UNC Islamic Studies conferences, we will provide opportunity for interactive, deliberative, and interdisciplinary engagement with scholarly work in progress by gathering in an intimate workshop format. **As an added incentive for committed and serious proposals, this year we intend to provide each participant with 45 minutes dedicated solely to his or her paper. We will pre-circulate full papers and expect all participants to arrive prepared to discuss their own work and engage their fellow participants in substantial depth.**

We expect that those invited to present papers will remain present for the duration of the two-day conference in order to engage the other participants in a true exchange of ideas. Lunch and refreshments will be provided on both days, and a dinner will be held on Saturday night. Partial travel reimbursements will be available depending on funding.

Please submit at minimum a 500-word abstract accompanied by a working bibliography and CV to DUKEUNCconf@gmail.com by December 1, 2015. In addition, fill out this [brief biographical form](#) at the time of your conference submission. Submission of a full paper (20 pages max) will be required upon acceptance for participation in the workshop. Ph.D. students in advanced stages of research and dissertation writing are especially encouraged to apply.