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Mosher Alumni House
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In this talk, I explore practices of historical reflection regarding religious pluralism in Moorish Spain. Specifically, drawing on the works of writers, thinkers, and poets from the mid-19th C. to the present, I trace a tradition of reflection as the basis from which to reassess Spain’s relation to Islam, North Africa, and the Middle East. I conclude with some general observations on the way the sensory and material infrastructure of Moorish Spain mediates and conditions the possibilities of finding a place for Islam in the country today.
Friday, May 8

5:00pm | Opening BBQ at Goleta Beach

Saturday, May 9

8:30-9:00am | Breakfast

9:00-9:10am | Welcome and Introduction

Professor Adam Sabra
King Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud Chair in
Islamic Studies, Dept. of History,
University of California, Santa Barbara

9:15—11:15am | Panel I:
Youth Movements & Identity Formation
Moderator: Professor Sherene Seikaly
Department of History, UCSB

“Beyond the Salafiyya: Formation of the Muslim Youth in
Protectorate Morocco”

Ari Schriber, Harvard University

“Alienated at home: Marseille’s Muslim orthodox youth carry forth a
history of Islamic militancy”

Cécile Evers, University of Pennsylvania

“Islamic Education in Minority and Majority Contexts: The Cases of
Tunisia and Germany”

Alex Norris, George Washington University
Rose Minor, George Washington University

“The Muslim Student Association in the U.S.”

Daniel Azim Pschaida, UC Riverside
11:15—11:45am | Coffee Break

11:45—1:15pm | Panel II: Navigating Islamic Modernities

Moderator: Professor Juan Campo
Department of Religious Studies, UCSB

“Traditionalist and Secularist Perspectives of Islam in Pakistan: The Case of Ahmed Raza Khan Barelvi”

Mohammed Waqas Sajjad, Graduate Theological Union

“State feminism in Middle East and Central Asia: case study of Tajikistan, 1953-1985.”

Zamira Yusufjonova, UC Santa Barbara

"The Compatibility Between Islamic Finance and Entrepreneurship."

Priya Vithani, George Washington University

1:15—3:00pm | Lunch*

3:00—4:30pm | Panel III: Aesthetic Approaches in Islamic Studies

Moderator: John Thibudeau
Department of Religious Studies, UCSB


Patrick D'Silva, UNC Chapel Hill

“Annihilation in God or Just a Party? Local Circulations of Sufi Ritual and Song in Fez, Morocco.”

Phil Murphy, UC Santa Barbara

“Cultural Expression and Criticism in the Mipsterz Fashion Video.”

Kristin Peterson, University of Colorado, Boulder
Saturday, May 9 (cont.)

4:30—5:30pm | Keynote Reception

5:30-7:00pm | Keynote Address

Professor Charles Hirschkind
Department of Anthropology
University of California, Berkeley

8:00 | Dinner*

*Lunch and Dinner are limited to conference participants.

Sunday, May 10

9:00—9:30am | Breakfast

9:30—11:00am | Panel IV

Muslim Minorities in Asia

Moderator: Professor Mary Hancock
Department of Anthropology, UCSB

“The Religious Politics of Claiming a Saint’s Shrine in Gujarat: Contested Histories and their Uses at the Imam Shah Bava Dargah of Pirana.”

Claire Robison, UC Santa Barbara

“Religious Moderns: architecture and selfhood in Bohra Shia of Bombay.”

Sarower Zaidi, Max Planck Institute


Brendan Newlon, UC Santa Barbara

11:00—11:15am | Closing Remarks

Professor Kathleen Moore
Chair, Department of Religious Studies
University of California, Santa Barbara
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