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Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies

The purpose of the Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies (AALIMS) is to promote analytic research of Muslim societies, with a focus on the roles of culture and religion in social, economic and political trends in both the past and the present. It serves as a forum for the discussion and critical evaluation of relevant research that uses advanced descriptive, theoretical and empirical methods of the modern social sciences. AALIMS puts a premium on interdisciplinary exchanges as a means of fostering comprehensive analyses of Muslim societies and their institutions. Thus, it seeks to broaden contacts among economists, historians, legal scholars, political scientists and sociologists working on the Muslim world. It reaches out also to humanists, especially specialists on Islam or a part of the Muslim world, who share an appreciation of applying empirical and theoretical methods of the social sciences to the social, political, historical or economic study of Muslim societies. The association avoids political activism of all kinds and has no political affiliation. Imposing no limits on the inferences made or conclusions reached, it considers unrestricted scholarly debate and discussion as essential to intellectual advancement and refinement.

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Political Economy of the Muslim World

April 5–6, 2013

Kelly International Conference Facility

James A. Baker III Hall, Rice University

Friday, April 5

Graduate Student Workshop

Social and Human Capital

Chair: **Mahmoud El-Gamal**, Rice University

- 8:30 am *Religion in the Arab Spring: Between Two Competing Narratives*
Mike Hoffman, Princeton University
- Religious Institutions and Education in Africa: Historical Patterns and Consequences*
Melina Platas, Stanford University
- Does Ramadan Exposure in Utero Affect Children's Long-term Labor Market Behavior? Evidence From Indonesia*
Muhammad Farhan Majid, University of California, Riverside

10:45 am Break

Minorities in Muslim Societies

Chair: **Murat İyigün**, University of Colorado, Boulder

- 11:00 am *Comparative Colonization and Gender Equality*
Adi Greif, Yale University
- The Protégé System and Beratlı Merchants in the Ottoman Empire: The Price of Legal Institutions*
Cihan Artunç, Yale University
- Muslims and Minorities: Religion and City Growth in the Ottoman Empire*
Mark Westcott, University of Munich

1:15 pm Lunch

Conference, Day 1

Enduring Effects of Institutions

Chair: **Tahir Andrabi**, Pomona College

- 2:45 pm *Wealth and Inequality in Ottoman Lands in the Early Modern Period*
Hülya Canbakal and **Alpay Filiztekin**, Sabanci University
- Institutional Roots of Authoritarian Rule in the Middle East: Political Legacies of the Waqf*
Timur Kuran, Duke University
- Religion and the Rise and Fall of Muslim Science*
Eric Chaney, Harvard University

5:00 pm Break

Dynamics of Governance

Chair: **Thomas Pepinsky**, Cornell University

- 5:15 pm *Democratization, Division of Responsibilities and Governance Quality: Experimental Evidence on Local Institutions in Afghanistan*
Fotini Christia, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Compliance and Resistance in Authoritarian Iraq: Evidence From the Membership Files and School Registers of the Ba'th Party*
Lisa Blaydes, Stanford University

6:45 pm Dinner

Saturday, April 6

Conference, Day 2

Religion and Trust

Chair: **Asim Khwaja**, Harvard University

- 8:30 am *Complementarities and Interethnic Trust: Evidence From Polio in India*
Saumitra Jha, Stanford University
- The Costs of Violence and Public Views of Militant Groups in Pakistan*
Jacob Shapiro, Princeton University

10:00 am Break

Arab Spring

Chair: **Melissa Marschall**, Rice University

- 10:15 am *The Intergenerational Origins of Activism: First Movers in the Arab Spring Protests*
Adria Lawrence, Yale University
- Roundabouts and Revolutions: Public Squares, Coordination and the Diffusion of the Arab Uprisings*
David Patel, Cornell University
- Religion, Violence, Governance and Development: What's Not Driving Revolt*
Eli Berman, University of California, San Diego

12:30 pm Lunch

Religion and Economic Dynamics

Chair: **Jean-Paul Carvalho**, University of California, Irvine

- 1:45 pm *Madrasa or University? Subjective Expectations and School Choice in Urban Pakistan*
Basit Zafar, Federal Reserve Bank of New York
- Religious Legitimacy and Economic Success*
Jared Rubin, Chapman University
- From Kuttabs to Schools: Educational Modernization, Religion and Human Capital in 20th-century Egypt*
Mohamed Saleh, Toulouse School of Economics

5:00 pm Dinner

* For participants who wish to leave right after the last session, transportation will be provided from the conference building to the airport. They will be able to catch a domestic flight leaving at or after 6:00 pm.