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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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An internationally recognized scholar with an extensive publication and research portfolio focused on the areas of pre-modern and modern Islamic legal history and theory. Research focuses on pre-modern and modern Islamic legal history and theory, pre-modern modes of governance and adjudication, and the role of Shari'a both inside and outside the Muslim world. His general academic interests include topics in law and religion, legal history, law and social theory, and legal philosophy. He teaches constitutional law and statutory interpretation, and offers specialized seminars on Islamic legal history, Islamic legal theory and practice, and racial politics and the law.

## EDUCATION

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Yale University School of Law, JSD	2009
UCLA Department of History, PhD (History)	2005
Yale University School of Law, LLM	2004
University of Texas@Austin, MA (History)	1999
UCLA School of Law, JD	1996
UC Berkeley, BA (Rhetoric, honors)	1993

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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### **Canada Research Chair on Religion, Pluralism, & the Rule of Law**

Faculty of Law | University of Toronto  
2015 – Present

### **Associate Professor**

Faculty of Law | University of Toronto  
2010 – 2013

### **Assistant Professor**

Faculty of Law | University of Toronto  
2005 – 2010

### **Adjunct Faculty**

Course: Islamic Law | Fordham University School of Law  
2004

### **Teaching Fellow**

Course: The Qur'an: History & Legacy | Yale University  
2004

### **Lecturer**

Course: Islamic Law | University of Texas School of Law  
1998

## RESEARCH GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

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Fellow, John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation | 2014-2015  
High School Curriculum Development Project. Department of Justice. Government of Canada | 2013-2015  
Foundation for Legal Research. Research Grant: "Statutory Interpretation and the Rule of Law" | 2014-2015  
Connaught Summer Institute Grant for Islamic Studies Graduate Summer Institute | 2013  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council - Canada  
Connection Grant: Islamic and Jewish Legal Reasoning | 2012-2013  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council – Canada  
Insight Grant: Sharia and Rule of Law | 2012-2017  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council – Canada  
Workshop Grant: Labor and Migration in the Middle East | 2011-2012  
Jackman Humanities Institute Working Group on Islamic Studies | 2010-2013  
Religion and Diversity Scholar's Research Grant | 2010-2011  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council – Canada  
Standard Research Grant: Reasoning in Islamic and Jewish Law | 2008-2011  
Faculty Fellow - Religion in the Public Sphere, University of Toronto | 2007-2008  
Wright Foundation Grant, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto | 2006, 2008, 2010  
SIG Program Travel Grants, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto | 2006, 2008  
Connaught Start-Up Grant, University of Toronto | 2005-2006

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Series Editor/Founder. *Oxford Islamic Legal Studies Series* | 2012-present  
Editor-in-Chief/Founder. *Middle East Law and Governance: An Interdisciplinary Journal* | 2009-present  
Member, Editorial Board. *Religion in the Public Sphere Program*. Social Science Research Council | 2016-present  
Reviewer, American Council of Learned Societies | 2015-present  
Member, Institute for Advanced Studies, School of Social Sciences | 2014-2015  
Co-Chair (with Mark Ellis, Exec Dir. of International Bar Association). *Islamic and International Law: Searching for Common Ground*. Salzburg Global Seminar | November 14-19, 2010  
Visiting Faculty. Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, New Jersey | 2009-2010  
Faculty Advisor, Reading Abrahamic Scriptures Together, Victoria College, University of Toronto | 2006-2007  
Member, California State Bar of Attorneys | 1996-present

## PUBLICATIONS

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### BOOKS

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*Oxford Handbook on Islamic Law*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (Forthcoming, co-editor with Rumees Ahmed).  
*Islamic and Jewish Legal Reasoning: Encountering Our Legal Other*. Oxford: Oneworld Publications, 2016. [Editor]  
*Natural Law: A Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Trialogue*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014 (co-authored with Matthew Levering and David Novak).

*Religious Pluralism and Islamic Law: Dhimmis and Others in the Empire of Law*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.

*Islamic Law and International Human Rights Law: Searching for Common Ground?* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012. (co-editor with Mark Ellis and Benjamin Glahn).

*Islamic Natural Law Theories*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.

## ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

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"Fiqh." In *Oxford Handbook on Islamic Law*. Eds. Rumees Ahmed and Anver M. Emon. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

"Islamic Law and Finance." In *Oxford Handbook on Islamic Law*. Eds. Rumees Ahmed and Anver M. Emon. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

"Codification and Islamic Law: The Ideology of a Tragic Narrative." *Middle East Law and Governance* 8, nos. 2-3 (2016): 275-308.

"Sharia and the Rule of Law." In *Shari'a: Law and Modern Muslim Ethics*. Ed. Robert Hefner. 37-64. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2016.

"The Quadrants of Shari'a: The Here and Hereafter as Constitutive of Islamic Law." In *Roads to Paradise: Eschatology and Concepts of the Hereafter in Islam*. Eds. Todd Lawson and Sebastian Geunther. 2:1099-1126. Leiden: Brill Publications, 2016.

"Introduction: Islamic and Jewish Legal Reasoning — Beginnings." In *Islamic and Jewish Legal Reasoning: Encountering Our Legal Other*. Ed. Anver M. Emon. XI-XXVI. Oxford: Oneworld Publications, 2016. [Co-authored with Robert Gibbs].

"Sovereignty, Law, and the Pedagogy of Historical Fantasy: On the Halakha on the Laws of War and the Fiqh on Dhimmis." In *Islamic and Jewish Legal Reasoning: Encountering Our Legal Other*. Ed. Anver M. Emon. 155-218. Oxford: Oneworld Publications, 2016. [Co-authored with Arye Edrei].

"Law, Natural." *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*. 2nd ed. Vol 2. 649-651. New York: MacMillan, 2016.

"Ijtihad." In *Oxford Handbook on Islamic Law*. Eds. Rumees Ahmed and Anver M. Emon. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

"Shari'a and the Rule of Law: Preserving the Realm." In *Magna Carta, Religion and the Rule of Law*. Eds. Robin Griffith-Jones and Mark Hill Q.C. 196-214. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015.

"On Statutory Interpretation and the (Canadian) Rule of Law: Interpretive Presumptions as Boundary Setting," *Theory and Practice of Legislation* 3, no 1 (2014): 45-89.

"On Islam and Islamic Natural Law: A Response to the International Theological Commission's 'Look at Natural Law'." In *Searching for a Universal Ethic*. Eds. John Berkman and William C. Mattison. 125-135. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2014.

"The Paradox of Equality and the Politics of Difference: Gender Equality, Islamic Law, and the Modern Muslim State." In *Gender and Equality in Muslim Family Law: Justice and Ethics in the Islamic Legal Tradition*. Eds. Ziba Mir-Hosseini, Kari Vogt, Lena Larson, and Christian Moe. 237-258. London: IB Tauris, 2013.

"Editors Introduction." In *Islamic Law and International Law: Searching for Common Ground?* Eds Anver M. Emon, Mark Ellis and Benjamin Glahn. 1-16. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012 (co-authored with co-editors).

"Sharia and the Modern State." In *Islamic Law and International Law: Searching for Common Ground?* Eds. Anver M. Emon, Mark Ellis and Benjamin Glahn. 52-81. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.

"Religious Minorities and Islamic Law: Accommodation and the Limits of Tolerance." In *Islamic Law and International Law: Searching for Common Ground?* Eds Anver M. Emon, Mark Ellis and Benjamin Glahn. 323-343. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 201

"On Sovereignties in Islamic Legal History." *Middle East Law and Governance* 4, no. 2-3 (2012): 265-305.

- "The Future of Theological Ethics: Returning the Gaze." *Studies in Christian Ethics - The Future of Theological Ethics: Symposium* 25, no. 2 (2012): 223-235.
- "Sharia and the (Em)brace of Difference: From Theology to Law to Identity Politics." In *Kuyper Center Review*, volume 2: Revelation and Common Grace. Ed. John Bowlin. 173-199. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2011.
- "Pluralizing Religion: Islamic Law and the Anxiety of Reasoned Deliberation." In *After Pluralism*. Eds. Courtney Bender and Pamela Klassen. 59-81. New York: Columbia University Press, 2010.
- "To Most Likely Know the Law: Objectivity, Authority and Interpretation in Islamic Law." *Hebraic Political Studies* 4, no. 4 (2009): 415-440.
- "Techniques and Limits of Legal Reasoning in Shari'a Today." *Berkeley Journal of Middle Eastern & Islamic Law* 2, no. 1 (2009): 101-124.
- "Islamic Law and the Canadian Mosaic: Politics, Jurisprudence, and Multicultural Accommodation." *Canadian Bar Review* 87, no. 2 (February 2009): 391-425.  
Reprinted in revised form in *Debating Sharia: Islam, Gender, Politics and Family Law Arbitration*. Eds. Anna Korteweg and Jennifer Selby. 192-229. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2012.
- "Non-Muslims in Islamic Law." In *Encyclopedia of Legal History*. Ed. Stanley N. Katz. 4:233-235. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009.
- "Islamic Theology and Moral Agency: Beyond the Pre- and Post-Modern." In *Belonging and Banishment: Being Muslim in Canada*. Ed. Natasha Bakht. 51-61. Toronto: TSAR Publications, 2008.
- "The Limits of Constitutionalism in the Muslim World: History and Identity in Islamic Law." In *Constitutional Design for Divided Societies*. Ed. Sujit Choudhry. 258-286. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008.
- "Enhancing Democracy, Respecting Religion: A Dialogue on Islamic Values and Freedom of Speech," in *Faith and Law: How Religious Traditions from Calvinism to Islam View American Law*. Ed. Robert F. Cochran. 273-290. New York: New York University Press, 2007.
- "On the Pope, Cartoons, and Apostates: Shari'a 2006." *Journal of Law and Religion* 22, no. 2 (2006-2007): 303-321.
- "Conceiving Islamic Law in a Pluralist Society: History, Politics and Multicultural Jurisprudence." *Singapore Journal of Legal Studies* (December 2006): 331-355.
- "*Huquq Allah* and *Huquq al-'Ibad*: A Legal Heuristic for a Natural Rights Regime." *Islamic Law and Society* 13, no. 3 (2006): 325-391.
- "Natural Law and Natural Rights in Islamic Law." *Journal of Law and Religion* 20, no. 2 (2004-2005): 351-395.
- "Tasdir [Forward]." In Khaled Abou El Fadl, *al-Sulta wa al-Tasallut fi al-Fatwa*. Cairo: Maktabat al-Shuruq al-Dawliyya, 2004. [Arabic].
- "Toward a Natural Law Theory in Islamic Law: Muslim Juristic Debates on Reason as a Source of Obligation." *UCLA Journal of Islamic and Near Eastern Law* 3, no 1 (2003-2004): 1-51.
- "On Democracy as a Shar'i Moral Presumption." *Fordham International Law Review* 27, no. 1 (December 2003): 72-80.
- "Foreword." In Khaled Abou El Fadl, *The Authoritative and the Authoritarian in Islamic Discourses: A Contemporary Case Study*. 3rd ed. Alexandria, Virginia: al-Saadawi Publications, 2002.
- "Reflections on the 'Constitution of Medina': An Essay on Methodology and Ideology in Islamic Legal History." *UCLA Journal of Islamic and Near Eastern Law* 1, no. 1 (Fall/Winter 2001-2002): 103-133.  
Reprinted in *Islamic Political Thought and Governance*. Ed. Abdullah Saeed. London: Routledge, 2010.
- "An Islamic Moral Imperative Against Terrorism." *Middle East Affairs Journal* 6, nos. 1-2 (Win.-Spr. 2000): 65-84.
- "Negotiating Between Two Convictional Systems." 66 *Fordham Law Review* 1283 (March 1998).

## REPORTS/POLICY PAPERS

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- "Islamic Law and the Family." Prepared for Family, Children and Youth Section, Department of Justice, Canada. March 30, 2011.

- "Construing Rights: Majoritarianism and the Scope of Rights Protection." *Canadian Diversity: Balancing Competing Human Rights* 10, no. 10 (Summer 2010): 33-35.
- "Islamic Ethics of Mediation." Prepared for Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Canada. January 2010.
- "Shari'a, the State, and Identity Politics." In *Governing Diversity: Democratic Solutions in Multicultural Societies*. Eds. Razmik Panossian, Bruce Berman and Anne Linscott. Rights & Democracy; Ethnicity and Democratic Governance, 2007. Pp. 79-85.
- "Islam and the Rule of Law." Prepared for The Asia Foundation and Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (July 2007)

## REVIEWS

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- "[Review] Law and Religion in Theoretical and Historical Context." *University of Toronto Law Journal* 60, no. 3 (2010): 905-907.
- "Sharia and Its Discontents: Can we find more nuanced ways of examining the Other." *Literary Review of Canada* 16, no. 5 (June 2008): 11-12 [review of Sherene Razack's  *Casting Out: The Eviction of Muslims from Western Law and Politics* (University of Toronto Press, 2008)].
- "[Review] Origins and Evolution of Islamic Law, by Wael B. Hallaq." *University of Toronto Quarterly* 76, no. 1 (2007): 343-344.
- "[Review] Islamic Law and the Challenges of Modernity, ed. Yvonne Yazbeck Haddad and Barbara Freyer Stowasser." *Journal of Law and Religion* 21, no. 1 (2005-6): 259-263.
- "[Review] Medieval Islamic Pragmatics, by Mohamed M. Yunis Ali." *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 37, no. 1 (Summer 2003): 141-144.
- "[Review] Taste of Modernity: Sufism, Salafiyya, and Arabism in Late Ottoman Damascus, by Itzchak Weismann." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 34, no. 3 (August 2002).
- "[Review] Rethinking Tradition in Modern Islamic Thought, by Daniel W. Brown." *Journal of Law and Religion* 16, no. 2 (2001): 647-652.
- "[Review] The Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence, by Ahmad Hasan." *Journal of Law and Religion* 16, no. 2 (2001): 645-646.
- "[Review] Islamic Maritime Law: An Introduction, by Hassan S. Khalilieh." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 33, no. 1 (February 2001), 124-125.

## ESSAYS/EDITORIALS

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- "Islamic Law and Private International Law: The Case of International Child Abduction." *Institute Letters*. 2015.
- "Understand the 'Law' Behind the Schoolgirl Kidnapping, and Dare to Refine It." *HuffingtonPost.com*. May 12, 2014.
- "Banning Sharia." *The Immanent Frame* (An SSRC Blog)
- "A Malignant Vestige of 'Tradition'." *The National Post*. December 14, 2007.
- "An Ethics Forum on Free Speech." (with Joseph Carens, David Novak, Wayne Sumner, and Melissa Williams) *idea&s* 3, no. 2 (2006): 6-15.
- "[Op-Ed]: Pope Makes Mockery of Engaging Muslims." *The Toronto Star*. September 22, 2006, A17.
- "[Op-Ed]: An ancient doctrine, wretched out of context." *The National Post*. February 6, 2006, A17.
- "Minority Rights in a Multicultural Society." *Nexus* (Fall/Winter 2005): 37-39.
- "Understanding Sharia Law." *The Bulletin* (University of Toronto) 59, no. 6 (October 31, 2005), p. 20.
- "[Op-Ed]: A mistake to ban sharia." *Globe and Mail*. Tuesday, September 13, 2005, A21.
- "[Op-Ed]: "Shades of grey on Sharia." *The National Post*. Friday, July 29, 2005, A12.

## ACADEMIC CONSULTATIONS

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- Hague Abduction Convention and Islamic Law. Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Development. Government of Canada (2014-2016).
- Project Director. "Youth Agency and the Culture of Law: A High School Curriculum on Forced Marriage" (2012-2014)
- Judicial Independence and Professionalism Project: The Maldives. Commissioner for Federal Judicial Affairs, Department of Justice, Canada (2012-2013)
- Islamic Law and the Family. Department of Justice, Canada (2010-2011)
- Islamic Ethics and Mediation in Light of the Malta Process. Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Canada (2009-2010)
- Expert witness on religious freedom and prisoner's rights in *Forde v. Zickefoose*. Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization, Yale Law School.
- Islamic Law and Human Rights. International Human Rights Law Institute, DePaul University College of Law (2008-2009).
- Religion, Theology, and Felon-Disenfranchisement. American Civil Liberties Union (2007-2008).
- Islamic law in Practice in Mindanao, The Philippines. The Asia Foundation (June/July 2007).
- Islamic Law in Southeast Asia. Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Government of Canada (July 2007).
- Curriculum Developer. Islamic Studies Curriculum for Diplomatic Trainings. Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Government of Canada (2006-2007).
- Faith in the courtroom. National Judicial Institute (Montreal, Canada), February 10-11, 2006 and October 3-4, 2006.

## LECTURES (SELECTED)

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- Islamic Law, Private International Law, and the Abduction Convention. *Malta IV Conference on Cross-Frontier Child Protection and Family Law*, Valetta, Malta. May 2-5, 2016.
- Islamic Law and the Abduction Convention. *Global Affairs Canada, Regional Meeting of Mediation Working Group*, Doha, Qatar. March 28-30, 2016.
- MacMillan-Stewart Lecturer on Women and Development*. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA. December 2, 2015
- Private International Law, the Abduction Convention, and Consular Affairs. *United Nations "Law Week"*, New York, NY. November 3, 2015.
- "Islamic Law and the Hague Abduction Convention," Canadian Embassy, The Hague, The Netherlands, March 23, 2015.
- "Keynote: Islamic Law, Arbitration and Religious Pluralism," Freidrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, February 18, 2015.
- "Islamic Law and Religious Pluralism," Institute for Advanced Study, December 8, 2014.
- "Statutory Interpretation and the (Canadian) Rule of Law," Ministry of the Attorney General Summer School, MacMaster University, June 17, 2014.
- "Religious Freedom and Legal Practice," UC Berkeley School of Law, Sept 19, 2013.
- "Religious Pluralism and Islamic Law: Tradition and Transitions", Department of History, University of Texas, March 21, 2013.
- "Sharia and the Rule of Law." Presented at workshop held at Institute on Culture, Religion and World Affairs at Boston University, March 8-9, 2013.

"The Rhetoric of Sharia and the Arab Spring." Presented at Yale Law School's Middle East Legal Studies Seminar, Rabat, Morocco, January 11-13, 2013.

"Belonging and Difference in the Humanities." Participant in weeklong workshop on advanced research in the humanities. Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, Banff, Alberta, August 6-10, 2012.

"After Islamic Natural Law Theories," Presented at The Future of Islamic Legal Theory, Beirut, Lebanon, March 20-25, 2012.

"After Islamic Natural Law Theories." University of Dayton, Ohio, November 9, 2011.

"Tolerance, Governance and the Islamic 'Other'." Luce Seminar Series, Institute on Culture, Religion and World Affairs, Boston University, October 28, 2011.

"Sovereignities in Islamic Thought." Cornell University School of Law, September 29, 2011.

"Keynote: 'Religion, Pluralism and Governance: Reflections on Islamic Law and the Liberal Constitutional State.'" 12th Annual Workshop on International Development. Justice Canada & The Canadian Bar Association, Halifax, Nova Scotia, August 14, 2011,

"Returning the Gaze: The Future of Theological Ethics," presented at The Future of Theological Ethics. Cambridge University (UK), May 20-30, 2011

"Sovereignities in Islam." York University Legal Philosophy Workshop, March 25, 2011.

"York-Noor Lecture: 'Huquq Allah and Huquq al-Ibad - A discourse on claims and rights'." York University, March 14, 2011.

"York-Noor Lecture: 'Islamic Natural Law Theories and After'." Noor Islamic Cultural Centre, Toronto, Ontario, March 13, 2011.

Lecture on the Polygamy reference in British Columbia Supreme Court, SpinLaw Conference, University of Toronto, March 12, 2011.

"Rule of Law and Tolerance in Islamic Law: Dhimmis and Others', Yale Law School's Middle East Legal Studies Seminar, Amman, Jordan, January 14-17, 2011.

"Islamic Law, Pluralism and the Modern State." Sudairy Foundation Annual Working Group. Al-Ghat, Saudi Arabia, January 13, 2011.

"Islamic Law, Pluralism, and Tolerance," Karamah: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights. Washington, D.C., April 28, 2010.

Keynote: "Sharia and the (Em)Brace of Difference: From Theology to Law to Identity Politics," Common Grace and 'A Common Word', Princeton Theological Seminary, April 16, 2010, Princeton, New Jersey.

Commentator, Oslo Coalition Working Group on Islamic Family Law. Cairo, Egypt, January 9-10, 2010

"Sharia as Rule of Law," Musawah Research Workshop, Cairo, Egypt, January 5-8, 2010.

"Ordering, International Law and Sharia: From Conquest to Cooperation," 2nd Conference in The Hague on Islam, politics and law, Peace Palace, The Hague, November 27, 2009.

"Islamic Law and International Law: A Question of Red Herrings." International Bar Association Annual Conference. Madrid, Spain, October 7, 2009.

"Islamic Family Law - Comparative State Practices," Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Ottawa, May 1, 2009.

"Ethics and Sharia" and "Islamic Law and Torture". Presented at the 2009 Luce Hall Conversations, Centre for Theological Inquiry, Princeton, New Jersey. April 4, 2009.

"Seminar: Islamic Law and Human Rights," Department of Justice, Government of Canada, Ottawa, April 3, 2009.

"Sharia and Rule of Law Operations," NATO School, Oberammergau, Germany, December 15-19, 2008.

"Seminar: Islamic Family Law," Department of Justice, Government of Canada, Ottawa, December 5, 2008.

"Techniques and Limits of Rights Reasoning in Shari'a," State University of New York (Buffalo) School of Law, November 21, 2008.

Lectures on Sharia, Institute for Higher Studies of Criminal Law, Siracusa, Italy, May 2008.

"Interpretation and Objectivity in Islamic law," The Hebrew Bible in Contemporary Intellectual Discourses, Cardozo School of Law, March 16-17, 2008.

"Islamic Law and Multicultural Accommodation," Queen's University Faculty of Law, February 14, 2008.

"Sovereignty and Agency in Islamic Law," Queen's University, February 14, 2008.

"Islamic Law and Morality," Middle East Legal Studies Seminar (Yale Law School), Istanbul, Turkey, January 10-14, 2008.

Lecturer, Full-Day Seminar on Islamic Law, Department of Justice, Canada, Nov. 30, 2007.

"Sharia Law, Iraq, and the Middle East," Young President's Organization, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 10, 2007.

Convocation Address, University of Toronto (Mississauga), Commerce and Science, June 2007.

"A Lecture on Islamic Law," University of Frankfurt Institute of Finance, May 2007.

"Understanding Sharia - Canada and the Globe," Muslim Communities Working Group, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ottawa, Canada, March 27, 2007.

"Understanding Sharia/Islamic Law," Department of Justice, Government of Canada, March 23, 2007.

"Islamic Law and Political Islam," Canadian Forces College, Toronto, Ontario, March 6, 2007.

Inaugural Lecture for the Islamic Studies Program, University of Texas at Austin, February 27, 2007.

"Enhancing Democracy, Respecting Religion: A Dialogue on Islamic Values and Freedom of Speech," University of Texas at Austin, February 27, 2007.

"Islamic Law and the Canadian Mosaic," Faculty Seminar Series, Windsor University Faculty of Law, February 12, 2007

"Sharia Jurisprudence," Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Government of Canada, January 11, 2007.

"Sharia Law in Western Legal Systems," Ministry of Heritage, Government of Canada, January 11, 2007.

Panelist, Muslims in Western Society, Trudeau Foundation Conference on Public Policy, Vancouver, November 16-18, 2006.

"The Limits of Constitutionalism in the Muslim World: Narrative and Identity in Islamic Law," Ethnicity and Democratic Governance Conference, University of Toronto, November 4, 2006. Presented again at Yale Law School Middle East Legal Studies Seminar, Athens, Greece, January 20, 2007 and Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Montreal, November 17-19, 2007.

"Keynote: Sharia Family Law Arbitration," Ismaili National Conciliation and Arbitration Board Annual Conference, April 7, 2006.

Panelist, The Great Debate: 2006: Religion and Family Arbitration. Ontario Justice Education Network. Osgoode Hall. April 5, 2006.

National University of Singapore School of Law, Law and Multiculturalism, Singapore, February 23-24, 2006

"Sharia and the Canadian Mosaic," Shared Citizenship Lecture Series. Munk Centre, University of Toronto, February 10, 2006.

"Sharia Family Law Arbitration," Ontario Bar Association (Family Law Section Panel), November 3, 2005.

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