Events Fall Semester 2015–16

Tuesday, September 8, 2015
10:00 a.m.
102 Jones Hall
M.A. Final Public Oral Examination of
Jeffrey Morshed
Thesis title:

Thursday, September 10, 2015
11:00 a.m.
102 Jones Hall
Ph.D. Final Public Oral Examination of
Simon Wolfgang Fuchs
Dissertation title:
“Relocating the Centers of Shi‘i Islam: Religious Authority, Sectarianism, and the Limits of the Transnational in Colonial India and Pakistan”

Thursday, September 17, 2015
6:30 p.m.
102 Jones Hall
Akın Ünver
Kadir Has University (Istanbul)
“Turkey’s Kurdish Question: What do the 1990s tell us about contemporary politics?”

Monday, September 21, 2015
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2015–16
Sabine Schmidtke
Institute for Advanced Study
“An Anonymous Jewish Refutation of Samaw‘al al-Maghribi’s (d. 1175) Ifḥām al-yahūd”

Monday, September 21, 2015
4:30 p.m.
102 Jones Hall
The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia
Samuel Tadros
Senior Fellow at the Hudson Institute’s Center for Religious Freedom
“The Copts of Egypt: A Community under Siege”

Tuesday, September 22, 2015
12:00 noon
102 Jones Hall
The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia

Samuel Tadros
Senior Fellow at the Hudson Institute’s Center for Religious Freedom
“The Current State of Egyptian Islamism”
Monday, September 28, 2015
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2015–16

Richard Nephew
Columbia University SIPA Center on Global Energy Policy
“U.S.-Iran: The Nuclear Talks and Beyond”
Co-sponsored with the Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies
Princeton University Art Museum
Exhibit
“Princeton’s Great Persian Book of Kings”
CANCELED!
Monday, October 5, 2015
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2015–16
Amir Moosavi
New York University
“When the Dust Never Settles: Literary Narratives of Loss after the Iraq-Iran War”
Co-sponsored with The Sharmin and Bijan Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies
Wednesday, October 7, 2015
4:30 p.m.
102 Jones Hall
Paul E. Walker
University of Chicago
“The Public Voice of the Fatimids: A Shi‘i Dynasty Announces Itself in a Sunni World”
Thursday, October 8, 2015
4:30 p.m.
202 Jones Hall
Lucas Van Rompay
Duke University
“Syriac Surprises on the Road from Tikrit to Egypt (9th century CE)”
CANCELED
Friday, October 9, 2015
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
“Music of the Middle East and Eurasia: A Lecture and Live Performance of Azerbaijani Mugham”
with
Jeffrey Werbock

Monday, October 12, 2015
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2015–16
Geoffrey Schad
University of Pennsylvania
“Toward a Prosopography of the Mandatory Civil Service”

Sunday, October 18, 2015
6:00 p.m.
Black Box Theater
at Wilson College
“In Between: A One Man Show by Ibrahim Miari”
Sponsored by Judaic Studies, Center for Human Values, Center for Jewish Life, The Program in Near Eastern Studies, and Council for the Humanities

Monday, October 19, 2015
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2015–16
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
Firoozeh Kashani-Sabet
University of Pennsylvania
“Passing through the Persian Gulf: Histories of Commerce and Consumption”
Cosponsored with The Sharmin and Bijan Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies

Tuesday, October 20, 2015
4:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
Bowl 002. Robertson Hall
Workshop on Arab Political Development
Miriam Lowi
The College of New Jersey
“Identity, Community and Belonging in Gulf Oil Monarchies: The Role of the Foreigner”

Friday, October 23, 2015
4:30 p.m.
Naures Atto  
University of Cambridge  
“‘We have Come Here and Left All the Shame and Sin behind There’: Changes in the Understanding of Shame and Sin among Syriacs in Europe”  
Monday, October 26, 2015  
12:00 noon  
202 Jones Hall  
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2015–16  
Aaron Rock-Singer  
Princeton University  
Monday, November 9, 2015  
12:00 noon  
202 Jones Hall  
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2015–16  
Nahyan Fancy  
Institute for Advanced Study and DePauw University  
“The Physics of Motion in the Arabic Medical Commentaries on the Canon and its Abridgments, 1200–1520”  
Tuesday, November 10, 2015  
12:00 noon  
213 Aaron Burr  
South Asia Workshop  
Deborah Schlein  
Near Eastern Studies  
“Arabic Medical Sources in the Context of South Asian Medical Traditions: Najīb al-Dīn al-Samarqandi's Pharmacology in Indian Unani Medicine”  
Discussant: Prof. Nahyan Fancy  
Tuesday, November 10, 2015  
12:00 noon  
102 Jones Hall  
Princeton Islamic Studies Colloquium  
Presenter: Nareman Amin (REL)  
“The Sacrilegious Uprising: al-Azhar and the 2011 Egyptian Revolution”  
Discussant: Prof Amaney Jamal (POL)  
Saturday, November 14, 2015  
11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.  
Carl Fields Center  
Symposium  
“Muslim Masculinity in an Age of Feminism”
Co-Sponsors: Altmuslimah, The Mavric Project, Muslim Life Program, Women’s Center, Program in Gender & Sexuality Studies, and The Program in Near Eastern Studies

Monday, November 16, 2015
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2015–16
Matthew Hopper
Institute for Advanced Study
“Slaves, Fashion, and Globalization: African Pearl Divers in Eastern Arabia in the Age of Empire”

Monday, November 16, 2015
8:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.
10 McCosh Hall
Benefit Concert for the Syrian Refugee Crisis
Gabriel Meyer Halevy—The Human Project
All proceeds go to the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, Syrian Orphans Organization and Church World Service.

Event sponsors at Princeton University: CJL Social Justice Committee of the Center for Jewish Life, Muslim Advocates for Social Justice and Individual Dignity off the Muslim Life Program, Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Hindu Life Program, Muslim Students Association, Jewish Graduate Students and Young Professionals, Princeton Committee on Palestine, Tigers for Israel, Office of Religious Life, Program in Near Eastern Studies, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Language and Cultures, and Department of Music

Friday, November 20, 2015
12:00 noon
219 Aaron Burr Hall
Roundtable
“Paris Is Not Alone: Terror Attacks in Comparative Perspective”
Andre Benhaim, French and Italian
Bernard Haykel, Near Eastern Studies
Philippe Lancon, journalist, Liberation (formerly with Charlie Hebdo where he was injured during attacks)
Gyan Prakash, History
Kim Scheppele, Woodrow Wilson School and Sociology
Moderated by Sophie Meunier, Woodrow Wilson School

Co-organized by the EU Program; co-sponsored by the Council of the Humanities, the Department of French and Italian, the Program in European Cultural Studies; the Program in Contemporary Politics and Society, the Ferris Seminars in Journalism, the Program in Latin American Studies, the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, the Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies, the Institute for Transregional Studies and the Woodrow Wilson School.
Monday, November 23, 2015  
12:00 noon  
202 Jones Hall  
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2015–16  
Carlo Scardino  
Heinrich Heine University & IAS  
“Cultural Transfer between Late Antiquity and the Arabic-Islamic Culture”

Monday, November 30, 2015  
12:00 noon  
202 Jones Hall  
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2015–16  
Robert Vitalis  
University of Pennsylvania  
“Oilcraft”

Tuesday, December 1, 2015  
12:00 noon  
102 Jones Hall  
Princeton Islamic Studies Colloquium  
Presenter: Nebil Husayn (NES)  
Title: “When 'Ali was without equal: Tafdil 'Ali in proto-sunni thought”  
Discussant: Wasim Shiliwala (NES)

Monday, December 7, 2015  
12:00 noon  
102 Jones Hall  
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2015–16  
Rozaliya Garipova  
Institute for Advanced Study  
“The Crisis of Legitimacy of Muslim Marriage in Central Russia at the Turn of the Twentieth Century”

Wednesdays, November 11 & 18 and December 2 & 9, 2015  
5:30 p.m.–6:45 p.m.  
Green Hall 0-N-2  
Muslim Life Program Circles of Knowledge  
Wasim Shiliwala  
Near Eastern Studies  
“What is Shari'ah?”  
A 4-session class on “How Islamic Law Works”  
Week 1 – In Theory (11/11)  
Week 2 – In History (11/18)  
Week 3 – In Modernity (12/2)  
Week 4 – In Our Own Lives (12/9)
Wednesday, December 9, 2015
4:30 p.m.
102 Jones Hall
Ph.D. Final Public Oral Examination
Aaron White Rock-Singer
Dissertation title:
“Guiding the Pious to Practice: Islamic Magazines and Revival in Egypt, 1976–1981”

Monday, December 14, 2015
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2015–16
Jo-Ann Gross
The College of New Jersey
“Sayyid Genealogy, Narrative Tradition and the Sacred Landscape in Badakhshan”

Tuesday, December 15, 2015
12:00 noon
102 Jones Hall
Princeton Islamic Studies Colloquium
Presenter: Rebecca Faulkner (REL)
Paper title: “Iqbal and Ahmadis”
Discussant: Prof Leora Batnitzky (REL)

Monday, January 11, 2016
12:00 noon
102 Jones Hall
Hadi Jorati
The Ohio State University
Discussion of Teaching and Research

Monday, January 11, 2016
4:30 p.m.
202 Jones Hall
Hadi Jorati
The Ohio State University
“Persian Historiography through the Looking Glass: Juwayni’s Jahangusha and the Birth of a Canon”

Wednesday, January 13, 2016
12:00 noon
102 Jones Hall
Assef Ashraf
Yale University
Discussion of Teaching and Research
Wednesday, January 13, 2016
 4:30 p.m.
202 Jones Hall
Assef Ashraf
Yale University
“From Khan to Shah: The Formation of Qajar Iran, 1750–1834”

Thursday, January 14, 2016
 12:00 noon
102 Jones Hall
Hani Khafipour
University of Southern California
Discussion of Teaching and Research

Thursday, January 14, 2016
 4:30 p.m.
202 Jones Hall
Hani Khafipour
University of Southern California
“The Politics of Sacred Loyalty and the Rise of the Safavids”

Tuesday, January 19, 2016
 12:00 noon
102 Jones Hall
Daniel Sheffield
University of Washington
Discussion of Teaching and Research

Tuesday, January 19, 2016
 4:30 p.m.
202 Jones Hall
Daniel Sheffield
University of Washington
“Universal Harmony (ṣulḥ-i kull) in Safavid Iran”