

Islam in Context workshop
University of Durham
18th August 2015

Workshop leaders: Mehmet Asutay (Durham University), Marco Cinnirella (Royal Holloway University of London), Amina Wadud (Virginia Commonwealth University)
Submission Deadline: June 17th 2015.

A one day post-graduate and early career researcher conference/workshop will be held at Durham University on the 18th August 2015. The aim will be to have post-graduate students and early career researchers participate in a number of different activities in order to become better acquainted with the subject matter that they are researching and the context in which they are researching it.

The proposed activities include 3 different “Keynote” interactive sessions (Mehmet Asutay, Durham University, Marco Cinnirella, Royal Holloway University London, and Amina Wadud Virginia Commonwealth University). These presentations will each highlight and relate their specific material to the subject of Islam. This will then be followed by breakout smaller group sessions where each of these individuals will become seminar leaders in their specific subject matter (Psychology/Sociology of Islam, Islamic Finance and Islamic Textual Scholarship) as students have a chance to present their own research to their peers. This will help the postgraduate students to be able to engage in peer development in a smaller environment with a leading scholar in their sub-discipline. This in turn encourages deep-learning and mutual engagement (the primary aims for the conference or workshop). The workshop will finish with a session on post-PhD perspectives and a dinner.

The overall mission is for this workshop is to bring together early career academic minds from a variety of fields all connected by an interest in understanding Islam or Muslims. The conference will explore research from a wide variety of fields and will educate researchers across disciplines and facilitate future cross-pollination in this area.

Please send notification of interest (a brief description of up to 500 words on how attending this workshop will help your research development), along with a short bio of participant(s), to laurens.de-rooij@durham.ac.uk or law.ilm@durham.ac.uk by June 17th 2015. Decisions on selected proposals will be sent out by June 30th 2015 at the latest. Participants are also encouraged to submit a paper proposal for the conference that will follow this workshop on the 19th and 20th August.

ILM is pleased to announce that the workshop is free to Durham Students and early career staff and that there is an availability of funds for post-graduate students from other UK universities wanting to participate in the workshop and all post-graduate students willing to participate in the conference. To be eligible students must demonstrate the need for financial support in up to 500-words in a separate document to be submitted simultaneously with their notification. Applications will be judged by the convenor and awards will be announced together with abstract acceptance.