

CALL FOR PAPERS

Mapping a Pluralist Space in Ismaili Studies

The Carleton Centre for the Study of Islam is pleased to announce that an international Ismaili Studies conference will take place on March 9 and 10, 2017 at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada. It will build on the remarkable success of the Ismaili Studies Conference: State of the Field held at the University of Chicago in 2014. These multidisciplinary gatherings are a progressive endeavour to provide opportunities for the presentation of research as well as for academic discussion and debate on the scholarly endeavour termed broadly as Ismaili Studies. They provide a pluralist locus for scholarship on the various entities and communities that are related to, have emerged from or are associated in other ways with Ismaili expressions of Islam in the past and the present. The conference also addresses these communities' relations within the wider Shia, Muslim and other societies. Also of interest are the engagements across religious boundaries and the articulations of thought and faith in between dominantly defined religious and cultural domains. This multidisciplinary intellectual space includes but is not limited to the critical analysis of the histories, migrations, and institutions as well as of social, economic, political and cultural expressions. It is also inclusive of all geographical regions. Such an approach provides for a robust and integral understanding of a broadly situated Ismaili Studies.

Proposals for papers and panels are invited in the following areas, but are not limited to them:

- Art and architecture
- Education
- History
- Institutional development
- Inter-faith / inter-cultural relations
- Khoja Studies
- Literature
- Media and communication
- Migration, diaspora, transnationalism
- Music
- Philosophy and theology
- Politics
- Policy
- Religious practice
- Socio-economic development
- Values and doctrines

Abstracts should be sent by July 8, 2016 to:

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