



Ben-Gurion University  
of the Negev

Department of Middle East Studies

The 13th Annual Soref Workshop

A Different Approach to Debates on Political Islam:  
Micro-Level Studies  
2-4 June, 2008

Conference Program

**Monday, 2 June 2008**

16:30-19:40  
Greetings and Announcements

Keynote Address:

**Juan I. Cole**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
*Political Islam between Cult and Ballot Box*

**Tuesday, 3 June 2008**

**1. 09:30-11:30 - Recruitment and Modes of Persuasion**

**Jacob Bosch**, Islamic School of Greater Kansas City  
*Islamic Communities: Identity and Education in the U.S.*

**Lisiunia Romanienco**, Wroclaw University, Poland; Suez Canal University, Egypt  
*Intellectual Interventions Disrupting Fundamentalist Recruitment of Elites*

**Gunther Jikeli**, International Institute for Education and Research on Anti-Semitism, London  
*Islamist Ideologies among Young Muslims in Britain, Germany and France*

**Melani McAlister**, George Washington University  
*The Persecuted Body: American Evangelicals, Islam, and Religious Suffering*

Discussant: **Yossi Yonah**, Ben Gurion University

**2. 12:00-13:30 - Gender Issues and Emerging Media**

**Dorothea E. Schulz**, Indiana University, Bloomington  
*Authority Matters: Islamic Moral Renewal, Aural Media, and Female Authority in Contemporary Mali*

**Fatma Tütüncü**, Abant İzzet Baysal University, Bolu, Turkey  
*Islamist Matchmaking Websites and Feminine Agency in Turkey*

**Kimberly Hart**, Buffalo State College  
*Making Islamic Modernity in a Turkish Village*

Discussant: **Dalya Markovich**, Beit Berl College

**3. 15:00-16:30 - De-Privatized Religion and the Nation-State**

**Zvi Ben Dor**, New York University  
*The Chinese Qur'an: Political Dimensions of its Translation*

**Shlomo Fischer**, Tel Aviv University  
*The Political Ideas of Radical Religious Zionism: The General Will and the Divine State*

**Reuven Paz**, Project for Research of Islamic Movements, Israel  
*Atamanna Laka al-Shahadah: New Jihadi Salafi Discourse*

Discussant: **Amnon Raz-Krakotzkin**, Ben Gurion University

**Wednesday, June 4**

**1. 09:30-11:00 - Political Islam and Popular Culture**

**Ted Swedenburg**, University of Arkansas  
*Hip Hop and Political Islam: "Fun-Da-Mental"*

**Sariel Birnbaum**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*Islamists Fight Back on Screen - Islamic Historical Films*

**Ksenia Svetlova**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*'Amr Khaled: One Preacher, One Islam*

Discussant: **Iştar Gozaydin**, Istanbul Technical University

**2. 11:30-13:00 - Establishing Authority: Pre-Modern & Modern Perspectives**

**Nimrod Hurvitz**, Ben Gurion University of the Negev  
*Early Hanbali Community and Religious Activism*

**Eli Alshech**, MEMRI, Israel  
*The Quest for Legitimacy: Al-Qaeda Reconstructs Sunni Notions of Authority*

**Muhammad al-Atawneh**, Ben Gurion University of the Negev  
*Leave Politics to Politicians: Wahhabis and Politics at the Turn of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

Discussant: **Daniella Talmon-Heller**, Ben Gurion University

**3. 14:30-16:00 - Political Challenges and Resistance**

**Ranabir Samaddar**, Calcutta Research Group, India  
*The Concrete and Universal in Anti-Colonial Nationalism: The Significance of a Distinct Muslim Public Sphere in Colonial Eastern India*

**Yoram Meital**, Ben Gurion University of the Negev  
*The Trial of Mahmud 'Abd al-Latif: Religion and Politics in Republican Egypt*

**Adnan Musallam**, Bethlehem University  
*The Making of Radical Influence and Global Jihad: The Sayyid Qutb Factor and Influence*

Discussant: **Nimrod Hurvitz**, Ben Gurion University

**4. 16:30-18:00 - "Soft" Politics, Welfare and Globalization**

**Joshua D. Hendrick**, University of California, Santa Cruz  
*Transnational Religious Nationalism: Globalization, Muslim Networks, & The Turkish Movement of M. Fethullah Gülen*

**Jeremy Walton**, University of Chicago  
*Civic Islam, Islamic Civility: Ethnographic Notes from among Turkey's Charitable Foundations*

**Paula Abenante**, University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy  
*The Political Senses of Sufism in Contemporary Cairo*

Discussant: **Amy Singer**, Tel Aviv University

**5. 18:30-19:30 - Concluding Session**

Political Islam: Possible Directions for Research

Moderators: **Haggai Ram & Dror Ze'evi**, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

The Conference will be held at Rotem Hall, Student Union (Agudat Ha-Studentim) Building