



## The Institute of Ismaili Studies

Summer Programme on Islam  
13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> August 2011

### DAILY SCHEDULE

- All sessions will take place at William Mong Hall, Sidney Sussex College unless otherwise stated.
- The JCR Bar Room will serve as a space for early morning prayer/quiet contemplation every day from 04:30 to 07:30 and the Old Library will serve as a space for evening prayer/quiet contemplation time from 18:00-19:00. If you would like to use the space in the morning, one person needs to collect the key from the Porter the night before and then return it to him before breakfast on the day.
- Breakfast is served in College Hall every morning from 07:30 to 08:30 (the timing for this is slightly different on Thursday and Saturday)
- Lunch and dinner will also be provided at College Hall.
- Tea and Coffee Breaks will be outside William Mong Hall.



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**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

### **Arrival & Registration**

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| 12:00         | Coach departs from The Institute of Ismaili Studies<br>210 Euston Road (packed lunch to be provided on the bus) |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | Arrival and check-in  |
| 15:15 – 15:45 | Afternoon Tea (outside William Mong Hall)   |
| 15:45 – 17:00 | Welcome, Opening Remarks and An Introduction to the work of the IIS<br>Dr Shainool Jiwa                         |
| 17:00 – 18:00 | Imamat Endeavours<br>Amyn Kassim-Lakha  |
| 18:00 – 18:30 | Ice Breakers<br>Selina K Ramji and Fatima Dhanani   |
| 18:30 – 18:45 | Briefing Note and Introduction to Evaluation<br>Selina K Ramji and Fatima Dhanani                               |
| 18:45 – 19:30 | Pre-course Evaluation and Essay writing   |
| 19:30 – 20:30 | Dinner  |
| 20:30 – 21:00 | Tour of Sidney Sussex College   |



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**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 04:30 – 07:30 | Prayer space available   |
| 07:30 – 08:30 | Breakfast  |
| 09:00 – 10:30 | <p><i>Encountering Islam: Historical Underpinnings</i><br/>Dr Alnoor Dhanani<br/>Objectives: to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Provide participants with a civilisational introduction to Islam</li> <li>b) Introduce participants to the message, the messenger and their importance in the contemporary period</li> </ul>   |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Health Break   |
| 11:00 – 11:45 | Group Work   |
| 11:45 – 12:40 | Synthesis and Q&A  |
| 12:45 – 13:45 | Lunch  |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | <p><i>Encountering Islam: Contemporary Contexts</i><br/>Dr Farid Panjwani<br/>Objectives: to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Explore the scope and diversity of intellectual discourses in Muslim societies</li> <li>b) Examine current intellectual challenges being faced by Muslim communities globally and explore the various responses to these struggles</li> </ul> |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Health Break   |
| 16:00 – 16:45 | Case Studies   |
| 16.45 – 17.30 | Synthesis and Q&A  |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | Wrap-Up and Evaluation   |
| 18:00 – 19:00 | Prayers/Free Time  |
| 19:00 – 20:00 | Dinner   |
| 20:00 – 21:30 | <p>Walking Tour of Cambridge<br/>Meeting point: Porter's Lodge</p>   |



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### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August

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| 04:30 – 07:30 | Prayer space available   |
| 07:30 – 08:30 | Breakfast  |
| 09:00 – 10:30 | <p><i>Introduction to the Holy Qur'an</i><br/>Dr Omar Ali de-Unzaga<br/>Objectives: to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Enable participants to be better informed about the Qur'an, its compilation, organisation and context of the revelations</li> <li>b) Appreciate its place in Muslim religious life by illustrating its use in ritual, poetry, art, calligraphy, performance, etc.</li> <li>c) Examine selected <i>ayats</i> to highlight how the Qur'an is/has been interpreted by different groups of Muslims (mystics, jurists, etc.)</li> <li>d) Discuss the notion of revelation and scriptures and understand its genesis in Muslim discourse</li> </ul> |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Health Break   |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Group Work   |
| 12:00 – 12:40 | Synthesis and Q&A  |
| 12:45 – 13:45 | Lunch  |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | <p><i>The Prophet and the Prophetic Tradition</i><br/>Dr Gurdofarid Miskinzoda<br/>Objectives: to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Discuss the notion of prophethood in Muslim societies and compare the different perspectives generally held by Muslims, Christians and Jews regarding the subject</li> <li>b) Discuss the compilation, development and significance of the <i>hadith</i> and <i>sira</i></li> <li>c) Examine how the Holy Prophet exercised his authority and how authority was exercised in his name after him, and modern understandings of these historical developments</li> </ul>   |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Health Break   |
| 16:00 – 16:45 | Case Studies   |
| 16.45 – 17.30 | Synthesis and Q&A  |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | Wrap-up & Evaluation   |
| 18:15 – 19:00 | Prayers/Free Time  |
| 19:00 – 20:00 | Dinner   |
| 20:00 – 21:30 | <p>Book club<br/>Facilitated by Selina K Ramji and Fatima Dhanani<br/>Location: The Old Library</p>  |



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**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August**

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| 04:30 – 07:30 | Prayer space available   |
| 07:30 – 08:30 | Breakfast  |
| 09:00 – 10:30 | <p><i>Articulating Imamah: An Ismaili Perspective</i><br/>Dr Shainool Jiwa<br/>Objectives: to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Survey the evolution of the various models of leadership and authority arising amongst Muslims after the Prophet's death explaining the emergence and development of the categories of Sunni and Shi'a</li> <li>b) Examine more specifically the development of the concept of Imamah amongst different Muslim communities over the course of time and highlight the Ismaili interpretations of the Imamate</li> <li>c) Discuss the contemporary significance of Imamah both for an individual and in the life of a community/society</li> </ul> |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Health Break   |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Lecture  |
| 12:00 – 12:40 | Synthesis and Q&A  |
| 12:45 – 13:45 | Lunch  |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | <p><i>Key Moments &amp; Critical Junctures in Ismaili History</i><br/>Dr Farhad Daftary<br/>Objectives: to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Provide an overview of the representations of Ismailis in history, discussing the roots and continuing impact of the myths and legends associated with the Ismailis</li> <li>b) Orient the participants to modern trends in Ismaili historiography</li> </ul>   |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Health Break   |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | Q&A  |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | Wrap-up & Evaluation   |
| 18:00 – 18:30 | Book Signing   |
| 18:15 – 19:00 | Prayers/Free Time  |
| 19:00 – 19:45 | Dinner   |
| 19:45 – 22:00 | <p>Activity: Punting on the Cam<br/>Meeting Point: Porter's Lodge</p>  |



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### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August

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| 04:30 – 07:30 | Prayer space available   |
| 07:30 – 08:30 | Breakfast  |
| 09:00 – 10:30 | <p><i>Law and Its Muslim Contexts</i><br/>Dr Mohamed Keshavjee<br/>Objectives: to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Introduce students to the origins and evolution of Islamic law in the formative period of Islamic history</li> <li>b) Understand the range and diversity of legal thought in Muslim contexts</li> <li>c) Review competing concepts of Islamic law, whether as divinely ordained or historically contingent, and the consequences those concepts have on legal thought and praxis</li> <li>d) Explore contemporary applications of Islamic law through pertinent case studies</li> </ul>  |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Health Break   |
| 11:00 – 11:45 | Case Studies   |
| 11:45 – 12:40 | Synthesis and Q&A  |
| 12:45 – 13:45 | Lunch  |
| 13:45 – 14:00 | <p>Group Photograph<br/>Location: Mong Garden</p>  |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | <p><i>Shaping the Discourse on Women's status in Islam</i><br/>Dr Karen Bauer<br/>Objectives: to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Review the status, roles and responsibilities of women in the Qur'an</li> <li>b) Review how women's roles in the household, as expressed in the Qur'an, have been interpreted in the genre of Qur'an commentary</li> <li>c) Review how women's authority, as expressed in the Quran, has been interpreted in the genre of law books (<i>fiqh</i>), particularly with regard to the question of women having authority over men as judges, heads of a Muslim state and prayer leaders</li> <li>d) Discuss how these discourses have changed through time, and examine how culture, milieu and method of interpretation affect an intellectual discourse</li> <li>e) Discuss the question of misogyny in the sources</li> </ul> |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Health Break   |
| 16:00 – 16:45 | Case Studies   |
| 16.45 – 17.30 | Synthesis and Q&A  |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | Wrap-up & Evaluation   |
| 18:00 – 19:00 | Prayers/Free Time  |
| 19:00 – 20:00 | Dinner   |
| 20:00         | Free Evening   |



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### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August

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| 04:30 – 07:30 | Prayer space available  |
| 07:30 – 08:15 | Breakfast   |
| 08:30 – 10:00 | <p><i>Esoteric Traditions in Islam</i><br/>Dr Farhana Mayer<br/>Objectives: to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Introduce the manifestations of esoterism within Islam, specifically the Sufi and Shi'i-Ismaili traditions and explore the relationship between them, observing similarities and differences</li> <li>b) Note pertinent aspects of the roles of Imam Ali and Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq</li> <li>c) Analyse the esoteric worldview</li> <li>d) Explore relevant manifestations of intercession and barakah</li> </ul>                                    |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | Health Break  |
| 10:30 – 11:15 | Case Studies  |
| 11:15 – 12:10 | Synthesis and Q&A   |
| 12:15 – 12:30 | Book Signing  |
| 12:15 – 13:10 | Lunch   |
| 13:15 – 14:45 | <p><i>Art &amp; Architecture in Muslim contexts</i><br/>Mr Alnoor Merchant<br/>Objectives: to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Survey the arts (literature, painting, music, architecture, calligraphy, sculpture, numismatics, etc.) in Islam so as to introduce participants to the variety of expressions of aesthetics in various Muslim societies</li> <li>b) Highlight the diversity of Islamic art/architecture as examples of local understandings and expressions of Islam</li> <li>c) Introduce participants to the collections of the Imamat</li> </ul> |
| 14:45 – 15:15 | Health Break  |
| 15:15 – 16:00 | Case Studies  |
| 16:15 – 17:00 | Synthesis and Q&A   |
| 17:00 – 17:30 | Wrap up & Evaluation  |
| 17:30 – 18:30 | Prayers/Free Time   |
| 18:30 – 19:00 | <p>Welcome Reception<br/>Location: Cloister Court</p>   |
| 19:00 – 22:00 | <p>Formal Dinner<br/>Guest Speaker: Dr Tom Kessinger<br/>Location: College Hall</p>   |
| 22:00         | End of formal evening programme   |



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**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August**

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| 04:30 – 07:30 | Prayer space available  |
| 07:30 – 08:30 | Breakfast   |
| 09:00 – 10:30 | <p><i>Muslim Ethics: Bringing Ethics to Life</i><br/>Dr Bashir Jiwani<br/>Objectives: to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Explore the link between ethics and identity</li> <li>b) Introduce participants to the skills of moral reasoning and how these apply to everyday life</li> <li>c) Examine the idea of a value system and the relationship of faith-based value systems within pluralist societies</li> </ul> |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Health Break  |
| 11:00 – 11:45 | Case Studies  |
| 11:45 – 12:40 | Synthesis and Q&A   |
| 12:45 – 13:45 | Lunch   |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | <p><i>Contemporary Issues: How do we understand and respond?</i><br/>Dr Hussein Rashid<br/>Objectives: to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Examine contemporary issues facing Muslims today</li> <li>b) Explore ways in which to think through these issues and develop appropriate responses</li> <li>c) Explore ways in which to engage as Ismaili Muslims</li> </ul>  |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Health Break  |
| 16:00 – 16:45 | Case Studies  |
| 16.45 – 17.30 | Synthesis and Q&A   |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | Wrap-up & Evaluation  |
| 18:00 – 18:30 | Essay Re-writing  |
| 18:30 – 19:00 | Prayers/Free Time   |
| 19:00 – 20:00 | Dinner  |
| 20:00 – 21:30 | <p>Evening Session:<br/>Q&amp;A with Mr Shiraz Kabani<br/>Location: The Old Library</p>   |





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### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August

|               |  |
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| 04:30 – 07:30 | Prayer space available   |
| 07:00 – 07:45 | Breakfast  |
| 07:45 – 08:15 | Check-out and board coach  |
| 11:00         | Coach arrives at The Ismaili Centre                                      |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Health Break   |
| 11:30 – 12:15 | <i>Reflections on the Programme</i><br>Dr Shainool Jiwa                  |
| 12:15 – 13:10 | Lunch  |
| 13:15 – 15:00 | <i>Keynote Address</i><br>Dr Aziz Esmail                                 |
| 15:00 – 16:00 | Q&A with Dr Esmail   |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | Closing remarks, final evaluation and vote of thanks<br>Dr Shainool Jiwa |
| 18:00 onwards | Participants begin to depart   |

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August

#### Departure Day

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| All day | Participants depart for airport from their respective hotels |
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