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Islam and Forgiveness: Reflections on Justice and Conflict Resolution in Muslim Contexts

This symposium invites reflection on the meanings, processes, and effects of forgiveness in multi-layered, complex, and interdependent Muslim societies.

All sessions held in Communications 202, unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, February 6, 2014

9:15 - 9:45 am: Welcome and Introductions

9:45 - 10:45 am: **Thomas Barfield** (Ant<mark>hropology, B</mark>oston University), *Justice vs. Equity in Afghanistan*

11:00 am - 12:00pm: Aïda Kanafani-Zahar (Social Anthropology Laboratory, French National Center for Scientific Research), *Reconciling* and Forgiving in Conflict Situations in Lebanon

2:00 - 3:00 pm: Bertram Turner (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology), The Place of Forgiveness in Conflict Management: Scale-Bound Institutional Arrangements in the Moroccan Nomosphere

3:15 - 4:15 pm: **Nada Moumtaz** (Near Eastern Languages & Cultures and Comparative Studies, Ohio State University), *From Debt Forgiveness to Foreclosure: The Remaking of the Islamic Legal Subject*

6:30 pm: Keynote Lecture, Kane 210

Khaled Abou El Fadl (School of Law, University of California, Los Angeles), Forgiveness in an Unforgiving World: The Theology of Shahada in the Modern Age

Friday, February 7, 2014

9:45 am - 10:45 am: **Yazid Ben Hounet** (Social Anthropology Laboratory, French National Center for Scientific Research), Reconciliation (sulh) and Blood Money (diya) in Algeria and Sudan: A Realistic Approach of the Idea of Forgiveness in Two Muslim Contexts

11:00 am - 12:00 pm: **Arzoo Osanloo** (Law, Societies, & Justice, University of Washington), *Judicial Discretion and 'Forgiveness Reasoning' in Iranian Criminal Sanctioning*

2:00 - 3:00 pm: **Aria Nakissa** (Religion & Culture, University of Winnipeg), An Alternative Approach to Conceptualizing the Habitus and What It Tells Us About the Role of Love/Desire in Islamic Legal Reasoning

3:15 - 4:15 pm: **Katherine Lemons** (Anthropology, McGill University), *Is Kinship Always Already Secular? Arguing for Divorce in Delhi's Dar ul Qazas*

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