

Minority Islams

**Communal
Organization
and Coexistence
in Shi'ism
and Ibadism**

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PROGRAM

June 12, 2025 (Thu)

09:45

Welcome

Wissam H. Halawi (Université de Lausanne)

10:00

Introduction

Cyrille Aillet (Université Lyon 2), Faire société, Modèles normatifs et hétéronomie dans les islams minoritaires (shi'ismes et ibadisme)

10:30

I. COMMUNITY FORMATIONS

Chair : Bruce Fudge (Université de Genève)

Session 1 : Imamate and Societies

Adam Gaiser (Florida State University), Roots of the *Masālik al-Dīn* Idea among the Early Ibādīs

Farès Gillon (Aix-Marseille Université), Une communauté initiatique et politique : l'ismaélisme ancien comme *da'wa*

12:00



13:30

Session 2 : Mahdism and Esotericism

Elizabeth Alexandrin (University of Manitoba), The Qā'im's Hidden Dominion in Abū al-Ya'qūb al-Sijistānī's *Kashf al-Mahjūb* and *Kitāb al-Iftikār*

Carmella Baffioni (Université de Naples "L'Orientale"), The advent of the *mahdi* in the Brethren of Purity and the *Risāla al-Jāmi'a*. Between politics and eschatology: the destiny of an 'ideological' minority

15:00



15:15

II. MINORITY SOCIETIES AND POWER

Chair : Aline Schlaepfer (Université de Genève)

Session 3 : Communities and Central Authority

Andrew Sutherland (Université de Lausanne), Twelver-Shī'ī Relations with the Abbasids: A Case Study of al-Shalmaghānī

Benjamin Weineck (Universität Heidelberg), Alevi and Ottomans – Alevi as Ottomans: The Making of a Premodern Plural Society

16:30

Stefan Winter (Koç University / Université du Québec à Montréal), La famille Shillif et l'intégration de l'arrière-pays alaouite dans l'Empire ottoman, XVII^e-XVIII^e siècle

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June 13, 2025 (Fri)

II. MINORITY SOCIETIES AND POWER

Chair : Blain Auer (Université de Lausanne)

Session 4 : Local Authorities, Regional Powers

Mushegh Asatryan (University of Calgary), Wealth, Empire, Religion. Were the Qaramita a Countercultural Movement?

Amelia Gallagher (Niagara University), Magicians, Prophets, or Priests? An Inquiry into 'Alawi-Nusayri Leadership

Samer Traboulsi (University of North Carolina, Asheville), Lessons in the Art of Survival: The Ṭayyibī/Bohra Community in Yemen and India



III. THE COMMUNITY AND OTHER MUSLIMS

Chair : Deborah G. Tor (University of Notre Dame)

Session 5 : Minority vision of their role in society

Imranali Panjwani (Anglia Ruskin University), Was the Imami socio-political model ever conceived as a 'minority'? An exegetical exposition of 'Alī b. Abī Ṭālib's universalistic conception of verses of the Qur'an

Shafique N. Virani (University of Toronto), The Pilgrims' Provision: The Silent Imam and the Speaking Quran



Session 6 : The Pursuit of the Millenium

Dariouche Kechavarzi (École pratique des hautes études, EPHE), Schismatic Tendencies in Early Shī'ism: The *Ghulāt* and Their Attitude towards Other Muslims during the First Two Centuries of Islam

Maria M. Dakake (George Mason University), From the Periphery to the Center: Shii Mytho-Historical Constructions and Communal Self-Understanding

Jamel Velji (Claremont McKenna College), Utopian imaginaries and the articulation of difference: reflections from the Nizari Ismaili periphery

June 14, 2025 (Sat)

III. THE COMMUNITY AND OTHER MUSLIMS

Chair : Cyrille Aillet (Université Lyon 2, CIHAM)

Session 7 : Social Coexistence

Abdulrahman al-Salimi (German University of Technology, Oman), Reconstructing identity in the early Ibadism: al-Fazari's approaches on co-existence

Roy Vilozy (University of Haifa), "Visit their sick, participate in their funerals, testify against them or in their favor and pray in their mosques": Imāmī-Shī'ī *Taqiyya* as a tool of social integration rather than segregation

Bruno Paoli (Université Lyon 2), La *taqiyya* chez les Alaouites-Nusayris du Proche-Orient du IV^e/X^e siècle à nos jours : de la préservation de la doctrine à celle de la communauté, jusqu'à quel point ?



IV. COMMUNITY LEGAL TRADITIONS AND DOCTRINES

Chair : Robert Gleave (University of Exeter)

Session 8 : Institutions and Social Organization

Najam Haider (Columbia University), Kufan Zaydī Musings on Travel and Authority: The Shortened Travel Prayer in the Early Zaydī Legal Tradition

Ersilia Francesca (University of Naples "L'Orientale"), Law and society in pre-modern Maghreb. The decisions/judgments (*ittifāqāt*) of the ḥalqa of the 'azzāba between Ibādī law, local custom, and Maliki influences

Wissam H. Halawi (Université de Lausanne), Shaping the Community: Marriage, Sexuality, and Early Druze Law in Rural Mamluk Syria

Fatma Zahra Laajimi (Université de Lausanne), A Dispute between Ḥanafī and Twelver scholars on Mut'a: From Legal Divergence to a Shared Conception



Conclusion

Deborah G. Tor (University of Notre Dame)



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