



CENTRE FOR THE COMPARATIVE STUDY OF
MUSLIM SOCIETIES AND CULTURES
SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

The Centre for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures was established at Simon Fraser University in 2006 to encourage the academic discussion and public understanding of the cultures and societies of Muslim peoples in the past and present. The mandate of the Centre shifts the emphasis from a single normative Islamic religion to the analysis of Muslim constructions of religion, society, and culture in their broad range of geographic and ethnic diversity.



INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF MUSLIM CIVILISATIONS
AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY

The Institute, established in London in 2002, aims to strengthen research and teaching on the heritages of Muslim societies as they have evolved over time, and on the challenges these societies face in today's globalised world. The Institute studies systems of moral and ethical thought, structures of governance and social and political life, and artistic and creative expressions in all forms. It also seeks to create opportunities for interaction among academics, traditionally trained scholars and other professionals in an effort to deepen the understanding by Muslims and non-Muslims alike of issues affecting Muslim societies today.

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2016 INTERNATIONAL SUMMER PROGRAM

EXPRESSIONS OF DIVERSITY: AN INTRODUCTION TO MUSLIM CULTURES

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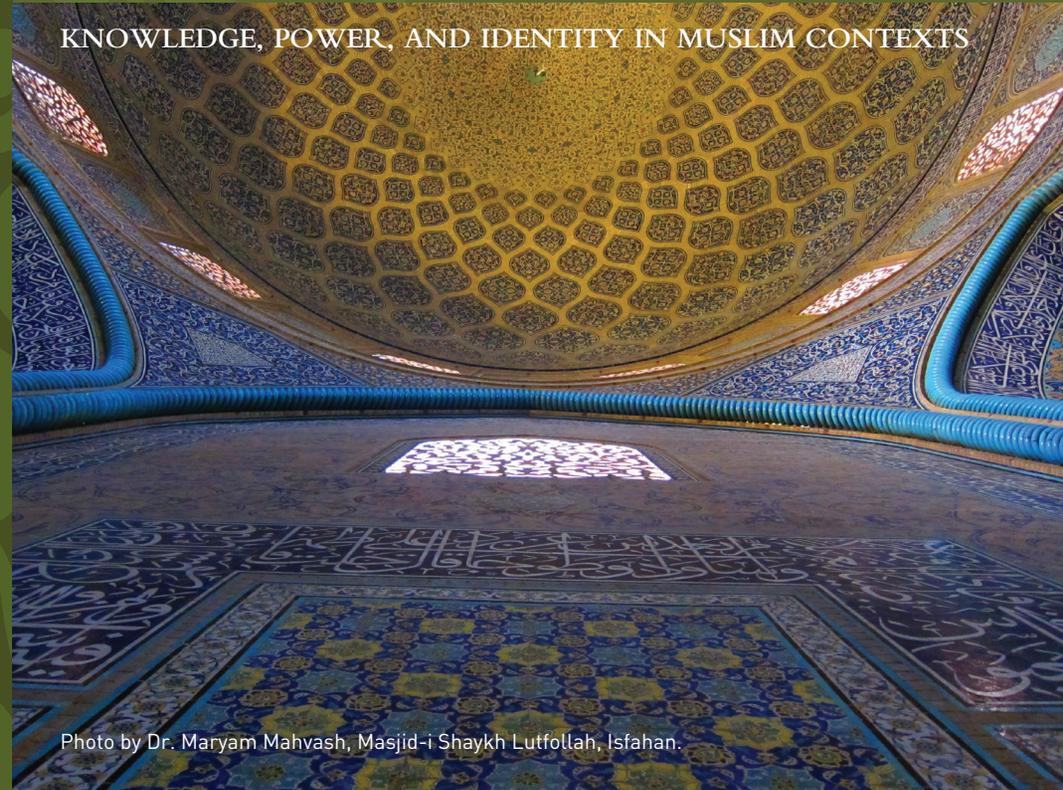


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Expressions of Diversity: An Introduction to Muslim Cultures KNOWLEDGE, POWER, AND IDENTITY IN MUSLIM CON- TEXTS

Expressions of Diversity: An Introduction to Muslim Cultures provides a window into the rich historical and contemporary diversities within Muslim societies and cultures. Major international scholars will be brought together on the Vancouver campus of Simon Fraser University to provide instructional modules and workshops addressing various facets of the history, culture, and contemporary challenges of Muslims. The objective of the program is to equip a cohort of participants with the resources and skills to understand the heritages, evolving experiences, contributions to world history, and contemporary relevance of Muslim peoples.

The 2016 program will focus its modules, lectures, and workshops on the important topic of **knowledge, power, and identity in Muslim contexts**, with a particular concern for the diversity of contexts over time and place. In an ambitious yet accessible series of faculty modules, participants will discuss systems of knowledge within Muslim societies and on the ways that these diverse forms of knowing produce identities within larger power differentials.

Now in its ninth year, the internationally renowned program is co-sponsored by the **Centre for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures at Simon Fraser University** and the **Aga Khan University Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations**. The program has a mandate to provide critical-historical understandings of Muslims within larger frameworks that recognize the importance of interdisciplinary and comparative approaches across regions, without reducing this understanding to issues solely related to the religion of Islam.



Portrait of Mirza Taki Khan (1807-52), Qajar Prime Minister, attributed to Muhammad Hasan Afshar, Iran, 1850.

FACULTY

The modules, lectures, and workshops are directed primarily by academics from Simon Fraser University and the Aga Khan University, with additional faculty from other universities. The extensive teaching experience and breadth of research interests and disciplinary skills of the faculty will enable participants to engage in discussion and debate on a range of topics.

The 2016 Expressions of Muslim Diversity Visiting Professor will be Dr. Karim H. Karim, Professor of Communication at Carleton University and Director of the Carleton Centre for the Study of Islam. An acutely perceptive observer of the contexts of knowing Islam and Muslims, Professor Karim is the author or editor of numerous works, including the ground-breaking collections of essays, *Re-imagining the Other: Culture, Media, and Western Muslim Intersections* (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2014) and *Engaging the Other: Public Policy and Western-Muslim Intersections* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014).

Program Fee:
\$550 full/\$275 concessionary

The Program is open to all persons over the age of eighteen. There is a concessionary rate for full-time students and seniors over 65 years of age. The fee includes tuition, sessional hand-outs, and refreshments.

Participants receive a Certificate of Completion at the end of the Program.

Early applications are encouraged as places are limited. Please allow time for the processing of visas, if required.

All modules will be held at the Vancouver campus of Simon Fraser University.

Further details and an application form:
<http://www.sfu.ca/ccsmc/summer-programme>



Quotes from participants:

“The course helped me grasp issues and sensitivities that I encounter in working with Muslim communities. In a world that is polarized between the west and the east; the have and the have not; and the religious and the secular, programs like this help broaden the western media’s narrow depiction of Muslims.”

ISP Participant 2010

“The program combined speakers with knowledge and passion on a wide variety of topics—mysticism, law, architecture, gender, and contemporary developments. It was a wonderful place to learn of Muslim diversity.”

Participant, ISP 2014