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ACSIS 25
**"Studying Islam:
What Have We Learned?"**

*American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies
25th Annual Conference*

April 11-12, 2008
The College of William & Mary Washington Center
1779 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., 8th Floor
Washington DC

Friday, April 11, 2008

8:30AM Coffee, bagels

9:00AM Welcome
Vivienne SM. Angeles, President

9:15AM Reopening the Gates of Ijtihad

Sponsored by SAMSA

Convener and Chair: Theodore P. Wright, Jr., SUNY Albany

Discussant: Mumtaz Ahmad, Hampton University

"The Shi`a Approach to Ijtihad"

Syed Nadeem Hasnain, Lucknow and St. Lawrence University

"Reopening the Gates of Ijtihad: A Feminist Perspective"

Etin Anwar, Hobart & Wm. Smith Colleges

"Ijtihad as Intellectual Jihad: Renewal of the 'Spirit of Islam' in Wahiduddin
Khan's Thought"

Irfan A. Omar, Marquette University

"Asgherali Engineer, Bohra Reformist of Mumbai and Ijtihad"

Theodore P. Wright, SUNY Albany

10:45AM New Perspectives on Muslim Women

Chair and Discussant: Vivienne SM. Angeles, La Salle University

"American Muslim Women and the 'Compartmentalization' of Feminism"
Farha Ternikar, Le Moyne College

"The Role of Female Religious Leaders in Social Transformation in the Ferghana Valley"
Svetlana Peshkova, Syracuse University

"Muslim Women and Peace-building"
Azita Ranjbar, George Mason University (student)

Noon Lunch (List of nearby restaurants will be provided.)
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2:00PM New Approaches to Islamic Identities

Chair and Discussant: Gisela Webb, Seton Hall University

"Islam and Education: What Have We Learned?"
Helen N. Boyle, Center for Middle East and Francophone Africa Programs

"Exploring Sociological Measures of Islamic Religious Tradition and Religiosity in Majority Muslim Countries"
Alessandra Gonzalez, Baylor University (student)

3:00PM New Perspectives on Islamic Law

Chair and Discussant: Tamara Sonn, College of William & Mary

"Muslim Soldiers Fatwa: A Sociolinguistic Study of an Islamic Legal Opinion"
Rebecca Skreslet, Georgetown University (student)

"Customs, Islamic Law, and Western Scholarship"
Ayman Shabana, UCLA (student)

"The Key Issue of Foundling (Laqit) in the Shafi'i School of Law"
Muhammad Som Sujimon, Universiti Brunei Darussalam

"The Application of Islamic Legal Methodology in Analyzing Muslim Legal Traditions in Malaysia"
Ismail bin Mat, Sultan Haji Omar Ali Saifuddien Institute of Islamic Studies

"Islamic Legal Maxims for Attainment of Maqasid al-Shari'a in Criminal Law: A Critical Examination of Judicial Procedure in Safiyyatu Hussaini v. Sokoto State of Nigeria Adultery Case"
Luqman Zakariyah, The Muslim College London (student)

5:30PM Refreshments and Dinner**Keynote:****"Charting the Future of Islam and the West:
What Do a Billion Muslims Really Think?"**

John L. Esposito
Prince Alwaleed Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding
Georgetown University

Saturday, April 12, 2008

9:30AM New Perspectives on Political Islam

Chair and Discussant: Tariq Karim, University of Maryland

"Understanding Hamas: Islamist Politics in Context and US Policy Implications"

Jason B. Nicholson, Major, US Army

"A New Hamas for a New Era: The Effects of Politics on Radical Ideologies
and Behaviors"

Chrystie Flournoy Swiney, Georgetown University (student)

"Variation of Shiite Islam in Iran and Iraq"

Hossein Moghaddam, Australian National University

"Islam and State in Indonesia: Between Secularism and Theocracy"

Zaenal Muttaqin, Temple University (student)

11:00AM Translating Islam

Chair and Discussant: Charles Butterworth, University of Maryland

"In Praise of Academic Grazing: From Script to Print to Script"

Dagmar Riedel, Columbia University

"Bringing Sacred Law and Dogma into English: Competing Translation
Networks Among Muslims in the West"

Martin Nguyen, Harvard University

Noon: Board Meeting and Lunch