



Maṣlaḥa, Siyāsa and Good Governance: Sharī‘a and Society

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Wednesday 18 April

18-19.30 PUBLIC KEYNOTE: Mohammad Fadel (Toronto):

‘The Meaning of *Maṣlaḥa*, and Its Place in Sunni Political Thought’.

Thursday 19 April

9.30-11.30 Session 1.

CHAIR: EIRIK HOVDEN

Oliver Leaman (Kentucky), ‘How useful are *maṣlaḥa* and *siyāsa* in establishing general rules for organizational good governance?’

Gianluca Parolin (London), ‘*Maqāṣid* in Unchartered Territory: (*Fiqh al-Muwāṭāna* (Citizenship))’

Samy Ayoub (Austin), ‘“*Al-Islam dīn wa dawla*”: Egyptian State as *walī al-amr*’

11.30-12.00: *Maṣlaḥa* in practice:

Experiences from the National Zakāt Foundation, London

13.00-15.00 Session 2

CHAIR: IRENE SCHNEIDER

Natana J. DeLong-Bas (Boston), ‘*Maṣlaḥa* in Contemporary Islamic Thought: A Framework for Civic Engagement and Ethics?’

Ari D. Schriber (Harvard), ‘Constructing Mālikī Nationalism: The Embrace of *maṣlaḥa mursala* in Contemporary Morocco’

David H. Warren (Edinburgh), ‘Different ways of thinking about the ulama’s appeals to the *maṣlaḥa* in Egypt since 25 January 2011’

15.15-17.00 Session 3

CHAIR: OMAR ANCHASSI

Kamaluddin Ahmed (Oxford), ‘*Maṣlaḥa* through *Istiḥsān*: Islamic Law as an Instrument for State-led Social Justice in the “Hard Case” of Land Reform in Pakistan’

Ahmed Fekry Ibrahim (McGill), ‘*Maṣlaḥa* and Custom in Early Modern and Modern Egypt’

Friday 20.4

9.30-11.00 KEYNOTE: Felicitas Opwis (Georgetown)

“How did *Maṣlaḥa* become so Ubiquitous? The Historical Transformation of *Maṣlaḥa* from a Tool of Law-Finding to the *Maqāṣid al-Sharī‘a* System”

11.15-13.00 Session 4:

CHAIR: NIJMI EDRES

Sami Daghistani (Oslo/Columbia), ‘*Maṣlaḥa* and *Siyāsa* in Classical Islamic Economic Thought’

Mariam Sheibani (Chicago), ‘Re-centering *Maṣlaḥa*: Negotiating the Contemporary Legacy of ‘Izz al-Dīn Ibn b. ‘Abd al-Salām (d. 660/1262)’

14.00-15.45 Session 5:

CHAIR: ROB GLEAVE

Blain Auer (Lausanne), ‘Perso-Islamic Worldviews of *Maslaha*, *Sharia* and *Siyasa* in the Premodern Islamic Empires of South Asia’

Hassan Beloushi (Edinburgh), ‘The *Maṣlaḥa*: a Shī‘ī Perspective’

16.00-17.00 Closing session, summing up.

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