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Workshop
Marriage and Divorce in Modern Islamic Law
23rd April 2019
Seminar Room 1: IAIS, University of Exeter

Workshop rationale:

In the last 200 years, a series of legal innovations have appeared in both Islamic legal thought and practice in the areas of marriage and divorce. In this workshop we will examine the changes in how marriages are conducted, and how divorce is initiated. The workshop is sponsored by the *Understanding Sharia: Perfect Past Imperfect Present* project (www.usppip.eu) which has been examining how the past is employed in contemporary Islamic law, and how it has been responding to societal change in the modern period.

1230 Lunch

1330 Introduction: Robert Gleave (Director of USPPIP Project)

1400 Dr Sejad Mekic (Exeter, USPPIP Fellow), *“Tafwid al-Talaq: Delegating the Power of Divorce to the Wife in Hanafi and Imami Legal Traditions”*

1430 Dr Nijmi Edres, (Göttingen, USPPIP Fellow; Exeter, Visiting USPPIP Fellow) *“Stipulations into Muslim marriage contracts in Israel: preliminary insights into tafwid al-talaq and property relations agreements”*

1500 Dr Mahmood Kooria, (Leiden, USPPIP fellow): *“High Rate of Divorce among Matrilineal Muslims: Islam and Law in the Indian Ocean Littoral”*

1530 Coffee/Tea

1600 Mr Mahmoud Afifi (Lancaster University): *“Q4: 34: marital qiwamah and ‘wifely discipline”*

1630 Dr Ayesha Shahid (Coventry University): *“Protecting Muslim Women’s Right to Post-Divorce Maintenance in Pakistan: Making the Case for Law Reform”*

1700 Mr Muhammad Al-Marakaby (University of Edinburgh): *“The impact of social norms on fatwas of marriage and divorce: an ethnographic study at Al-Azhar's Fatwa Council”*

1730 Concluding remarks: Robert Gleave

1900 Supper: All workshop attendees are invited to join us for supper. At supper, we will mark the departure of our good friend Dr Sejad Mekic, who is leaving the USPPIP project at the end of May 2019 for a post in Cambridge. Please email csi@exeter.ac.uk to reserve a place at supper.

