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Negotiating the Sacred: Politics, Practice, and Perceptions of Religion in Africa



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**October 23- 24, 2009
Stanford University**

Friday, October 23, Building 200 (Lane History Corner)

**7:00pm Keynote Address: "Politics of Religious Freedom"
Saba Mahmood**

Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology
University of California-Berkeley
Building 200, Room 202

8:00pm Light Reception
Building 200, 2nd Floor

8:30pm Film: "I Bring What I Love" (2009)
Building 200, Room 203

**Saturday, October 24, Bechtel International Center Assembly Room
584 Capistrano Way**

10:00am-5:45pm Panel Sessions

Breakfast and Sign-In 9:30am-10:00am

Making and Breaking the Colonial Lens:

(10:00am-11:30am)

Moderator: Azim Nanji, Senior Associate Director the Abbasi Program for Islamic Studies, Lecturer in Religious Studies, Stanford University

Keren Weitzberg, History, Stanford University: “Somalis and Surveillance in the Era of British Colonial Rule in Kenya”

Ariela Marcus-Sells, Religious Studies, Stanford University: “Islamic or Not?: A Colonial Question in Modern Scholarship”

Silvia Bruzzi, History, Bologna University, Italy: “Italian Colonialism and Muslim Women’s Leadership: The Case of Sharifa ‘Alawiyya in Eritrea”

**An Extended Continent: Religious Links between Africa and
Diaspora Communities: (11:45am-1:15pm)**

Moderator: Joel Samoff, Consulting Professor of African Studies, Stanford University

Marzia Milazzo, Comparative Literature, UC-Santa Barbara: “‘Spanish, Christian, and Catholic?’ Reinscribing Africa into Dominican History and Identity”

Brandi Hughes, PhD, Religious Studies, Stanford University: “TBA”

Lunch catered by Zeni’s Ethiopian Restaurant 1:30pm-2:30pm

Giving and Growing: The Religiosity of Aid and Development:

(2:30pm-4:15pm)

Moderator: Liisa Malkki, Associate Professor, Anthropology, Stanford University

China Scherz, Anthropology, History, and Social Medicine, UC-San Francisco: “Love Is the Answer’: Catholic Charity, Patronage, and Mutima in Central Uganda”

Adebayo Akintunde, Geography Graduate Group, UC-Davis: “HIV/AIDS in Africa, exploring some Yoruba cultural practices of prevention”

Brian Young, Independent Scholar: “The Emergency Taxi (ET) Ride Sharing System in Harare, Zimbabwe and Religion’s Influence on its Development”

Regulating and Challenging Space and Social Roles:

(4:15pm-5:45pm)

Moderator: Richard Roberts, Professor, History, Director Center for African Studies, Stanford University

Michelle Apostos, Art History, Stanford University: “Holy Ground: Mud, Materiality, and Meaning in the Djenne Mosque”

Jesse Davie-Kessler, Anthropology, Stanford University: “TBA”

Danai S. Mupotsa, Women’s Studies, School of Political and Social Inquiry, Monash University: “From Family to Nation: Gender, Sexuality and Respectability”