



## The Changing Face of Religious Authority: Knowledge, Legitimacy and Power June 26-28, 2019, Woolf Institute, Cambridge, UK

### Day 1: June 26

- 12:00-13:00 Lunch + Welcome
- 13:00-14:30 Key note: *Ayala Fader* (Fordham University)  
Rethinking Religious Authority: Ultra-Orthodox Jewish Doubt in the Digital Age
- 14:30-15:00 Coffee Break
- 15:00-16:30 *Jusmeet Singh Sihra* (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and *Christophe Jaffrelot* (CERI-Sciences Po/CNRS): Contesting Authority at the Ajmer Dargah: A Case of Everyday Negotiation of the Spiritual, the Material and the State  
*Shumaila Ahmed* (Cambridge): From 'Alima to Taliba: Seeking and Aspiration among British Muslim Female Scholars  
Respondent: *Soraya Tremayne* (Oxford)
- 16:30-17:00 Break
- 17:00-18:30 *Valentina Napolitano* (U Toronto): Theopolitics - Anthropological Entanglements  
*Tobias Müller* (Cambridge): Facing the state: Contesting knowledge, authority and subjectivity in the interactions between Muslims and government officials in Germany and the UK  
Respondent: *Sarah Franklin* (Cambridge)
- 18:30 Drinks
- 19:30 Conference Dinner – Lucy Cavendish

## Day 2: June 27

- 10:00-11:00 *Rachel Feldman* (Franklin and Marshall): The Children of Noah: Birth of New Judaic Faith in the Digital Age  
Respondent: *Tieje Hidde Donker* (Cambridge)
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee Break
- 11.30-13:00 *Lea Taragin-Zeller* (Cambridge): Between Religious Authority and Ethical Freedom: Ethnographic Perspectives of Rabbinic Consultation  
*Nick Evans* (LSE): The Caliph who cannot be wrong: On the moral accountability of a divine leader in a global religious hierarchy  
Respondent: *James Laidlaw* (Cambridge)
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch at Westminster College
- 14:30- 15:30 Guest lecture: *Matei Candea* (Cambridge): Comparison in Anthropology
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00-17:30 *Morgan Clarke* (Oxford) and *Ali-Reza Bhojani* (Oxford): What is religious authority? Problematizing an ideal type through ethnography of a British Muslim community  
*Nurit Stadler* (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): Authority and Charisma – A Womb Tomb Veneration in Israel/Palestine as Grassroots Reaction  
Respondent: *Marcia Inhorn* (Yale) – via skype
- 17:30-19:00 Religion and Space in Cambridge – an alternative tour  
Optional dinner (TBA)

## Day 3: June 28

- 9:30-11:00 *Katie Gaddini* (Cambridge) A Crisis of Authority? Evangelical Women Social Media Stars  
*Maryanne Saunders* (Kings College, London) Partition, Power, and Place: Case Studies in Contemporary Jewish and Islamic Art  
Respondent: *Vanessa Paloma-Elbaz* (Cambridge)
- 11:00- 11:30 Coffee Break
- 11.00-12:00 *Morgan Clarke* (Oxford) – The Future of Religious Authority
- 12:00-13:00 Group Discussion