

Muslim Marriages: Plurality of Norms and Practices
12pm, Thursday 11 April - 5pm, Friday 12 April 2019

**Common Room B5.12 (Building B, 5th floor), Department of Anthropology,
Nieuwe Achtergracht 166, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

PROGRAMME **DAY 1**

12.00pm – 12.45pm ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION, LIGHT LUNCH

12.45pm – 1.30pm

SESSION 1 INTRODUCTION

Dr Rajnaara Akhtar, De Montfort University UK
Dr Mulki Al-Sharmani, University of Helsinki, Finland
Prof. Annelies Moors, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

1.30pm – 3.00pm

SESSION 2

CHAIR: Mulki Al-Sharmani

Discussant: Annelies Moors

- Rajnaara Akhtar, De Montfort University, UK
Unregistered Marriages in Qatar: A Balance of Rights and Power
- Julie McBrien, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
Nike in Kyrgyzstan: Experiences of 'unregistered' marriage

3.00pm – 3.30pm BREAK

3.30pm – 5.00pm

SESSION 3

CHAIR: Julie McBrien

Discussant: Mulki Al-Sharmani

- Miyase Yavuz, Iğdır University, Turkey
How *Fatiha* marriage shaped the Moroccan Family Law Reform of 2004?
- Annerienke Fioole, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
Evidently married: shifting understandings of forming conjugal bonds in Morocco

5.00pm - 5.30pm BREAK

5.30pm – 7.00pm

SESSION 4

CHAIR: Annelies Moors

Discussant: Rajnaara Akhtar

- Sahar Maranlou, University of Essex, UK
Muslim Marriages in Contemporary Iran; Gender and Public Culture
- Islam Uddin, Middlesex University (PhD)
The plurality of norms and practices of Muslim marriages in Bangladesh: a socio-legal examination

7.00pm DINNER (Speakers Only)

DAY 2

9.00am – 10.30am

SESSION 5

CHAIR: Julie McBrien

Discussant: Rajnaara Akhtar

- Ratno Lukito, State Islamic University Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Continuity and Change in Law: Confabulating *Misyar* Marriages in Indonesia
- Eva Nisa, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand
Battling Marriage Laws: Child Marriage and The Resurgence of Piety in Indonesia

10.30am – 11.00am BREAK

11.00am – 12.30pm

SESSION 6

CHAIR: Rajnaara Akhtar

Discussant: Mulki Al-Sharmani

- Halima Doma, Nasarawa State University Keffi; and Baze University, Abuja, Nigeria
Certification of Islamic Marriages in Nigeria: Realities, Challenges and Solutions
- Fulera Ishaka, University of Bayreuth, Germany
Power Relations between State and Religious Communities: A Perspective on Islamic Marriage Norms and State Laws of Ghana

12.30pm – 1.30pm LUNCH

1.30pm – 3.00pm

SESSION 7

CHAIR: Shifra Kisch

Discussant: Annelies Moors

- R. Arzu Ünal, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
Achieving Maternity Outside Marriage: Turkish Family Law, Single Mothers (by choice) and their Children in Turkey (Tentative)
- Ladan Rahbari, University of Ghent, Belgium
Complicating or Facilitating Adoption Using Temporary Marriage in Contemporary Shi'ism in Iran

3.00pm – 3.15pm BREAK

3.15pm – 5.00pm

SESSION 8

CHAIR: Julie McBrien

Discussant: *Mulki Al-Sharmani*

- Fatima Mukaddam, University of Lucerne, Switzerland
Legal Pluralism in South Africa and Muslim Women's Access to Justice: A Case Study
- Penny Johnson and Annelies Moors, University of Amsterdam
Foreign to Palestinian Society? Young People and Men of Religion Talk About 'urfi Marriage, Moral Dangers and the Colonial Present

Concluding Remarks

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