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Policing the Prayer in Sectarian Islam

**Spaces, Temporalities, Coercion
(7th–15th centuries)**

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dans les islams minoritaires (chiismes et ibādisme)*

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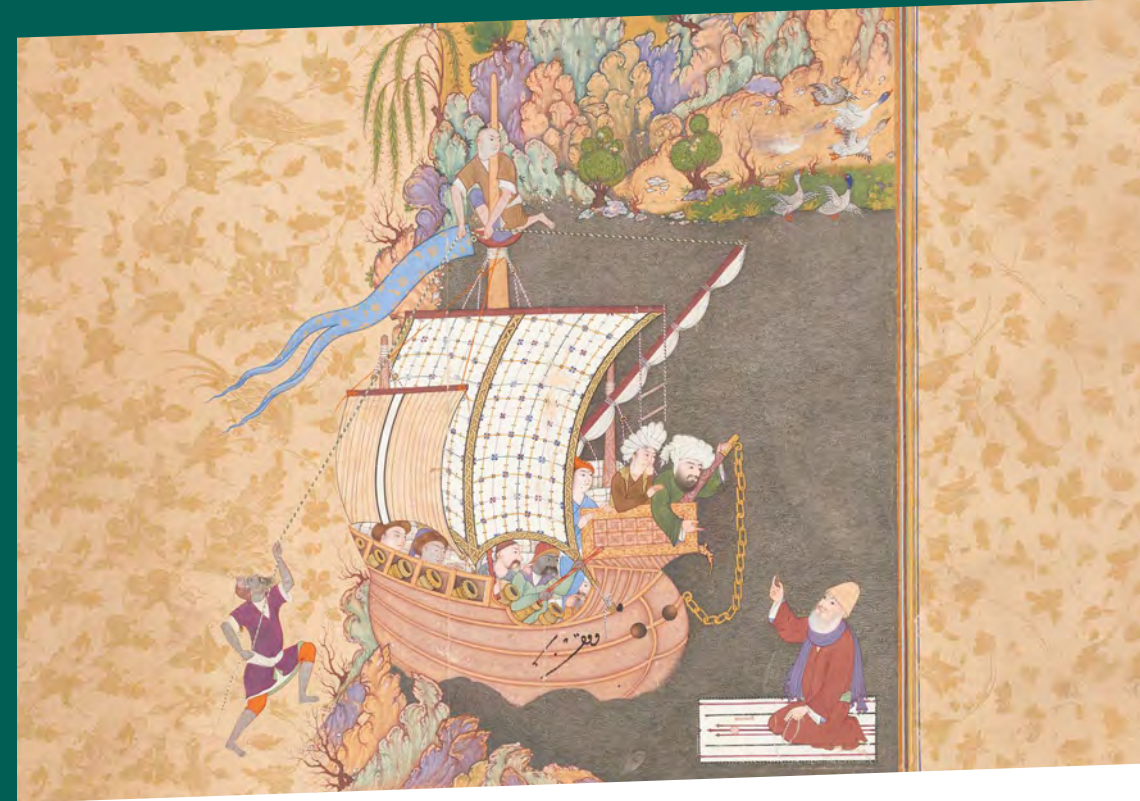
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:30 | Welcome coffee

10:00–10:15 | Enki BAPTISTE (Lyon 2 University), **Athina PFEIFFER** (Princeton University), **Clément SALAH** (Sorbonne University; University of Lausanne)
Introduction

10:15–10:45 | Najam HAIDER (Columbia University)
Keynote

[Coffee break]

Panel 1 | Spatialization and temporality of prayer | Chair: Najam HAIDER

11:00–11:45 | Aila SANTI (Leiden University)
Reclaiming Conflicted Spaces in Early Imāmī Shī'ism: the Great Mosques of Medina and Kūfa (2nd/8th–4th/10th centuries ca.)
Discussant: Fathi JARRAY

11:45–12:30 | Fathi JARRAY (University of Tunis)
Moments of Prayers and Direction of *qibla* on Islamic Sundials (*mizwala-s*)
Discussant: Aila SANTI

[Lunch time]

Panel 2 | Powers and prayer (I) | Chair: Clément SALAH

14:45–15:30 | Mateusz WILK (University of Warsaw)
Policing Prayer, Loathing Innovation: A Tradition on 'Abd Allāh b. Mas'ūd
Discussant: Maribel FIERRO

15:30–16:15 | Maribel FIERRO (CSIC)
The Almohad Prayer: Imposition and Contestation
Discussant: Mateusz WILK

[Coffee break]

16:30–17:00. Debate and conclusion



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Panel 3. The social role of the imam | Chair: Athina PFEIFFER

10:00–10:45 | Zahra AZHAR (Leiden University)
Strategic Participation in Major Prayers: Shī'a Imams' Soft Resistance and Identity Formation (658-818)
Discussant: Salah BAHMANI

10:45–11:30 | Adam RAMADHAN (Leiden University)
Asking the *Imām* about the imām: Prayer Leadership in the Early Imāmī Community
Discussant: Zahra AZHAR

[Coffee break]

11:45–12:30 | Salah BAHMANI (EPHE)
The Ibadis and the Friday Prayer: History of a Controversial Rite
Discussant: Adam RAMADHAN

[Lunch time]

Panel 4. Powers and prayer (II) | Chair: Enki BAPTISTE

14:00–14:45 | Hasan AL-KHOEE (Institute of Ismaili Studies)
Silencing the Audience: Centralisation, Ritualisation and the Contestation of the Friday *khuṭba* in Kūfa and Baṣra (1st-2nd/7th-8th centuries)
Discussant: Vanessa VAN RENTERGHEM

14:45–15:30 | Nassima NEGGAZ (New College of Florida)
The Barāthā Mosque of Baghdad: Prayer, Contestation, and Violence (941-1058 CE)
Discussant: Hassan AL-KHOEE

[Coffee break]

15:45–16:30 | Vanessa VAN RENTERGHEM (INALCO)
Fighting over the *minbar*: Prayer Conflicts and Community Building in a Fragmented Context (Baghdad, 11th-12th centuries)
Discussant: Nassima NEGGAZ

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