**Maṣlaḥa, Siyāsa and Good Governance: Sharīʿa and Society**

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**Wednesday 18 April**

18-19.30 PUBLIC KEYNOTE: Mohammad Fadel (Toronto):
   The Meaning of *Maṣlaḥa*, and Its Place in Sunni Political Thought'.

**Thursday 19 April**

9.30-11.30 Session 1.
   **CHAIR: ERIK HOVDEN**
   
   Oliver Leaman (Kentucky), 'How useful are *maṣlaḥa* and *siyāsa* in establishing
general rules for organizational good governance?'

   Gianluca Parolin (London), *'Maqāṣid in Unchartered Territory: (Fiqh al-)
   Muwāṭāna* (Citizenship)'

   Samy Ayoub (Austin), *"Al-Islam dīn wa dawla": Egyptian State as wali al-amr’*

11.30-12.00: *Maṣlaḥa in practice:*
   Experiences from the National Zakāt Foundation, London

13.00-15.00 Session 2
   **CHAIR: IRENE SCHNEIDER**
   
   Natana J. DeLong-Bas (Boston), *'Maṣlaḥa in Contemporary Islamic Thought: A
   Framework for Civic Engagement and Ethics?’*

   Ari D. Schriber (Harvard), *'Constructing Mālikī Nationalism: The Embrace of
   maṣlaḥa mursala in Contemporary Morocco’*

   David H. Warren (Edinburgh), *'Different ways of thinking about the ulama’s
   appeals to the maṣlaḥa in Egypt since 25 January 2011’*

15.15-17.00 Session 3
   **CHAIR: OMAR ANCHASSI**
   
   Kamaluddin Ahmed (Oxford), *'Maslaḥa through *Istihsân*: Islamic Law as an
   Instrument for State-led Social Justice in the “Hard Case” of Land Reform
   in Pakistan’*

   Ahmed Fekry Ibrahim (McGill), *'Maṣlaḥa and Custom in Early Modern and
   Modern Egypt’*
Friday 20.4

9.30-11.00 KEYNOTE: Felicitas Opwis (Georgetown)
“How did Maṣlaḥa become so Ubiquitous? The Historical Transformation of Maṣlaḥa from a Tool of Law-Finding to the Maqāṣid al-Sharī’a System”

11.15-13.00 Session 4:
CHAIR: Nijmi Edres

Sami Daghistani (Oslo/Columbia), ‘Maṣlaḥa and Siyāsa in Classical Islamic Economic Thought’

Mariam Sheibani (Chicago), ‘Re-centering Maṣlaḥa: Negotiating the Contemporary Legacy of ‘Izz al-Dīn Ibn b. ‘Abd al-Salām (d. 660/1262)’

14.00-15.45 Session 5:
CHAIR: Rob Gleave

Blain Auer (Lausanne), ‘Perso-Islamic Worldviews of Maṣlaḥa, Sharia and Siyasa in the Premodern Islamic Empires of South Asia’

Hassan Beloushi (Edinburgh), ‘The Maṣlaḥa: a Shi‘ī Perspective’

16.00-17.00 Closing session, summing up.

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