

Tracing Encounters

The 3rd Annual McGill Institute of Islamic Studies Student Council Graduate Symposium



McGill University's Institute of Islamic Studies Student Council (MIISSC) invites abstracts for scholarly papers to be presented at its third annual graduate symposium to be held on the 3rd & 4th of May 2013 in Montreal, Quebec.

Tracing an encounter is central to any academic enterprise. This can be an overt aspect of inquiry: the historical encounter of peoples, ideas, cultures, traditions, moments, and any combination thereof. Such encounters may also be more subtly involved through reflexive attention to the relationship between the investigator and their object of study. The myriad forms of inquiry that have come to make up the field of Islamic Studies are, like virtually all branches of the humanities, unified by the centrality of the theme of encounter in scholarly analysis. The Third Annual McGill Institute of Islamic Studies Graduate Student Symposium will focus on graduate students' and junior scholars' academic work that deals with their own attempts in tracing encounters through their research in Islamic Studies.

Deadline: Please submit an **abstract** (250-300 words) and **CV** no later than **1 February 2013** to miisscsymposium@gmail.com. Presenters will be informed that their paper has been accepted by 14 February 2013.

Themes of papers can include but are not limited to:

- ♦ Theoretical issues in the study of Islam
- ♦ Feminism and gender in Islam and Islamic Studies
- ♦ Art, art history and the Islamic world
- ♦ Islam, communications, and (new) media
- ♦ Islam and the political
- ♦ Islam and social and environmental Justice
- ♦ Anthropological perspectives and the study of Islamic culture(s)
- ♦ The study of pre-modern Islam
- ♦ Literature of Islamic societies

Submission Guidelines: Abstracts must not contain the author's name within the document. Panels of exactly three people are welcome with abstracts submitted in a single document. Participants will be given 15 minutes to present their work.

Participants selected to present a paper **may be** eligible for financial assistance (for travel expenses) up to a maximum of C\$250.00 per participant.

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