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**Wednesday 5 December**

17.00–18.30: **Opening Session**

- Welcome: Professor Masooda Bano
- Opening Lecture: Dr Saud Al-Sarhan (KFCRIS)
- Discussion Panel: Professor Rob Gleave (Exeter University), Dr Stéphane Lacroix (Sciences Po, Paris)

19.15: Conference Dinner (Quod)

**Thursday 6 December**

9.00–11.00: **Shifts in Saudi Arabia and Post-Arab Spring Developments**

- Chair: Professor Rob Gleave
  - Dr Saad Aljloud (Qassim University): *Future of Salafism in Saudi Arabia*
  - Dr Shiraz Maher (King’s College, London): *Salafi Debates on Political Engagement After the Arab Uprisings: Between Democracy, Dissent and Khilafah*
  - Dr Mohamed Ali Ahdash (UK): *The Future of Salafism: Post-Arab Spring Developments*

11.00–11.15: Tea and coffee

11.15–12.45: **Salafi Movements in Europe**

- Chair: Dr Stéphane Lacroix
  - Dr Mohamed-Ali Adraoui (Georgetown University): *The Anteroom of Jihadism? To What Extent Quietists Salafism Generates or Facilitates Political Violence? The Study of Salafism and Jihadism in France*
  - Dr Mahmoud Jaraba (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale): *The Future of Salafism: Did an Ideological Upheaval Start Against Saudi Arabia?*
  - Dr Emin Poljarevic (Uppsala University): *Salafi Otherings in Sweden and Bosnia*

12.45–13.45: Lunch Break

13.45–15.15: **Salafi Movements in the UK and South Asia**

- Chair: Professor Francis Robinson
  - Dr Arndt Emmerich (University of Oxford): *Mobilisation of Salafi Youth Networks in the UK*
  - Dr Ajmal Hussain (University of Manchester): *Street Salafism: Everyday Negotiations of the Creed*
  - Dr Usama al-Azami (Princeton University/The Markfield Institute of Higher Education): *Islamist Salafis and State-sponsored Ulama After the Arab Revolutions: Contested Discourses of Obedience and Rebellion*

15.45–16.00: Tea and coffee

**Friday 7 December**

9.15–11.15: **Jihadi Salafism**

- Chair: Dr Abdullah K. Al-Saud (KFCRIS)
  - Tore Hamming (European University Institute, Florence): *The Jihadi-Salafi Continuum and Fitna*
  - Cole Bunzel (Princeton University/Yale Law School): *The Fragmentation of Jihadi-Salafism*
  - Dr Jérôme Drevon (The Graduate Institute Geneva): *Salafi Jihadi Politicisation During a Civil War: Ahrar al-Sham in Syria*
  - Dr Belal Shobaki (Hebron University): *The Palestinian Islamists After the Arab Spring: The Retreat of the Muslim Brotherhood and the Rise of the Salafi Jihadism*

11.15–11.30: Tea and coffee

11.30–12.30: **Political Salafism**

- Chair: Professor John Bowen
  - Dr Alexander Meleagrou-Hitchens (King’s College London): *The Contours of America’s Salafi Movement*
  - Usama al-Azami (Princeton University/The Markfield Institute of Higher Education): *Islamist Salafis and State-sponsored Ulama After the Arab Revolutions: Contested Discourses of Obedience and Rebellion*

12.30–13.15: Lunch Break
13.15–14.45: MODERATION AND METHOD OF SALAFI REASONING
Chair: Mr Michael Crawford
Dr Yasir Qadhi (Rhodes College)
  Reformation or Reconstruction: Dr. Hatim al-'Awni's Critiques of Modern Salafi Theology
Dr Aaron Rock-Singer (Cornell University)
  The Rise and Fall of Praying in Shoes: How Salafis Came to Marginalize a Practice of the Prophet
Dr Alexandre Caeiro, Youssof Salhein (Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha)
  Moderate Salafism in a Modernizing State: The Hermeneutical Approaches of Islamweb’s Cyber-Muftis

14.45–15.00: Tea and coffee

15.00–16.00: LOOKING FORWARD
Chair: Dr Saud Al-Sarhan (KFCRIS)
Dr Rashid Shaz (Aligarh Muslim University)
  Moderate Islam: The Shape of Things to Come
Concluding Thoughts (in the following order): Professor Itzchak Weismann; Professor John Bowen,
Dr Dietrich Reetz, Professor Francis Robinson, Professor Hugh Goddard

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