Ready for Democracy? Religion and Political Culture in the Orthodox and Islamic Worlds

Indiana University-Bloomington
February 28-March 2, 2013

Thursday, February 28

4-5:45
Fine Arts 102
Panel I: The Arab Uprising in Three Scenes
Chair: Feisal Istrabadi (Indiana University)
Lena Salaymeh (University of California, Berkeley)
“After the Uprising: Tunisia and the Politics of Religion in Democracy Debates”
Saad Ibrahim (Ibn Khaldun Center for Development Study, Egypt)
“Rehabilitation of Muslim Jihadists in Egypt”
Saad Ibrahim is a 2013 Branigin Lecturer, sponsored by the IU Institute for Advanced Study
Ahmed Khanani (Indiana University)
“Procedures as Bridges? Moroccan islamyun and the Institutions of Democracy”
Comment: Abdulkader Sinno (Indiana University)

6-8
University Club, President’s Room (Indiana Memorial Union 150)
Opening Reception

Friday, March 1

All Events in the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center, Grand Hall

8:30-10:15
Panel II. First Encounters and Continuing Legacies
Chair: David Ransel (Indiana University)
Leone Musgrave (Indiana University)
Rustem Tsiunchuk (Kazan Federal University, Russia)
“The Muslim Question in the State Duma of the Russian Empire”
John Bragg (New Jersey City University)
“Local Representation and the Legacy of Ottoman Councils in Contemporary Middle Eastern Politics”
Comment: Kaya Sahin (Indiana University)
10:30-12:15
Panel III. Theology, Law, and Politics
Chair: Asma Afsaruddin (Indiana University)
Wallace Daniel (Mercer University)
“Aleksander Men’, the Russian Orthodox Church, and the Connection between Religion and Culture”
Comment: Patrick Michelson (Indiana University)
Timur Kuran (Duke University)
“Institutional Roots of Authoritarian Rule in the Middle East: Political Legacies of the Waqf”
Comment: Kevin Jaques (Indiana University)

1:30-3:15
Panel IV. State Churches and State Politics
Chair: Nazif Shahrani (Indiana University)
Dumitru Cotelea (Babes-Bolyai University, Romania)
“The Role of the Majoritarian Orthodox Church in Promoting Democratic Processes: The Case of Republic of Moldova”
Mohammad Ali Kadivar and Ali Reza Eshraghi (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)
“When Do Grand Ayatollahs Support a Democratic Movement?”
Theofanis Stavrou (University of Minnesota)
“Orthodoxy and Politics in Greece and the Balkans”
Comment: Padraic Kenney (Indiana University)

3:30-5:15
Panel V: Negotiating Institutions from Below and Above
Chair: Gardner Bovingdon (Indiana University)
Noor Borbieva (Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne)
“Islam and State Power in the Kyrgyz Republic”
Mariana Markova (University of Washington)
“Orthodox Christians and Their Feelings: A Case Study of the Young Generation in Moscow”
Fait Muedini (Eckerd College)
“The Promotion of Sufism in the Politics of Russia, Chechnya, and Uzbekistan”
Comment: Edward Lazzerini (Indiana University)

Saturday, March 2

All Events in the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center, Grand Hall

9:00-10:45
Panel VI: Religion and Blasphemy: A Social Movement in Russia Today
Chair: Maria Bucur (Indiana University)
Regina Smyth (Indiana University)
“Bounding Protest: Pussy Riot and the Battle for Political Participation in Russia”
Kathryn Graber (Indiana University)
“Punk Prayer, Orthodox Language, and the Limits of Free Speech”
Jessica Sanders (University of Southern California)
“Prophets in Everyday Life: Pussy Riot and Religiously Based Models of Dissent in Russian Culture”
Comment: Sarah Phillips (Indiana University)

11:00-12:30
Panel VII: Belief and Bureaucracy, Democracy and Devotion: What Have We Learned? A Roundtable Discussion
Chair: Padraic Kenney (Indiana University)
Panelists: Wallace Daniel (Mercer University), Saad Ibrahim (Ibn Khaldun Center for Development Study, Egypt), Timur Kuran (Duke University), and others.

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