

## Arab Shī'a and Shī'ism vs. Wilāyat al-Faqīh

Centre for Lebanese Studies, St Antony's College, Oxford in Partnership with  
the Fares Centre, Tufts University.

### Sunday 31 June

19.00 Dinner at al-Shami Restaurant, 25 Walton Crescent, Oxford OX1 2JG

### Monday 1 June

*Dahrendorf Room, St. Antony's College*

- 08.30 Breakfast, at the Dahrendorf Room.
- 09.00 – 09.10 Welcome Note and Opening remarks *Nadim Shehadi, Tufts University and Samer El-Karanshawy, Hamad Bin Khalifa University/CLS*
- 09.10 – 10.10 Session 1:  
  
*“Najaf and its Relationship with Shia Communities in the Arab World,” Sayyid Yousif Al-Khoei.*  
  
*Theorizing Arab Shi'ism (Rola Husseini, City University of New York and Mara Leichtman, Michigan State University).*  
  
*Chair: Morgan Clarke, University of Oxford*
- 10.10 – 10.25 Coffee break
- 10.25 – 11.25 Session 2:  
  
*The Life Achievements of the Maraji': Claims and Counter-Claims to Authority on the Contemporary Iraqi Shi'i Scene' (Elvire Corboz, Aarhus University)*  
  
*A Preliminary Survey of Recent Intellectual and Religious Trends in Najaf from 2003-2015 (Ahab Bdaiwi, University of St Andrews)*  
  
*Chair: Samer El-Karanshawy, Hamad Bin Khalifa University/CLS*
- 11.25 – 11.40 Coffee break

- 11.40 – 12.40      Session 3:
- Current Political Dynamics in Iraq and the Status of the Shi'a Community (Miroslav Zafirov, United Nations)*
- Al-Sadr's Indigenization Strategies and the Emergence of Iraqi Arab Shi'ism (Robert Riggs, University of Bridgeport)*
- Chair: Robert Gleave, University of Exeter*
- 12.40 – 13.50      Lunch at St Antony's Dining Hall
- 13.50 – 14.50      Session 4:
- Provincializing Shi'ism in Modern Syria (Edith Szanto, American University of Iraq Sulaimani)*
- History, Perceptions of the Shī'ī "Other" and Reconfiguring Rituals: on Iran and Reshaping Shiism in Lebanon (Samer El-Karanshawy, Hamad Bin Khalifa University/CLS)*
- Chair: Sabrina Mervin, French National Centre for Scientific Research*
- 14.50 – 15.00      Coffee break
- 15.25 – 16.35      Session 5:
- Was Alī Sharī'atī a Proponent of Iranian Shī'ism? Positioning the Founders of Twentieth-Century Political Shī'ism in the Field of Debate on Iranian Shī'ism and Arab Shī'ism (Nabil Hage-Ali, University of Georgetown)*
- From Tabrīz to the Margins of Eastern Arabia: The Iḥqāqī Shaykhīya and Shi'i Political Theology (Sajjad Rizvi, University of Exeter)*
- Chair: Houchang Chehabi*
- 16.35 – 16.40      Break
- 16.40 – 17.00      Session 6:  
*Discussion of Publication Plans*
- 19.00                Dinner at Branca Restaurant, Walton Street, 111 Walton Street, Oxford OX2 6AJ.