



## ISLAMIC LAW IN THE WEST: THEORY, DOCTRINE, AND PRACTICE

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**February 2, 2007, 2:15 PM – 7:00 PM**  
**AND**  
**FEBRUARY 3, 2007, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW**  
**4801 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20016, ROOM 603**

This conference will address contemporary issues in the Muslim world related to Islamic law, development, human rights, women's rights and international law that will be of interest to Muslims and non-Muslims alike. Speakers will address the current state of Islamic law and its possibilities for survival and advancement in the modern world. Other topics to be addressed will include the relevance of Islamic law in the West, the plurality of religions including a discussion of the different schools of thought within the Islamic faith, the future of Muslims in the mainstream, humanitarian law and Islam, and women's rights.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2

- 2:00 pm Registration  
2:30 pm Introduction  
*Speakers:* *Dr. Mohammed Fadel* (Law Professor at the Univ. of Toronto); *Jasmine Zine* (Professor, Univ. of Toronto); and *Intisar Rabb* (JD/PhD candidate at Yale Law School and Princeton University)  
4:00 pm Keynote – Muslims in the Mainstream  
*Keynote Speaker:* *Dr. 'Umar Farooq Abdullah* (Nawawi Foundation, Chicago)  
5:00 pm Reception  
7:00 pm Adjourn

#### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3

- 11:00 am Islam, War and Politics  
*Speakers:* *Dr. Hamid Dabashi*, (Professor, Columbia University, New York) and *Dr. M. Shahid Alam* (Professor, Northeastern University, Boston)  
1:00 pm Lunch  
2:00 pm Islam and Gender Politics  
*Speakers:* *Dr. Anouar Majid* (Professor, University of New England, Maine); *Dr. Hibba Abugideiri* (Professor at GW and Villanova) – tentative; *Dr. 'Umar Farooq Abdullah* (Nawawi Foundation, Chicago); and *Anne Goldstein* (International Association of Women Judges, Washington, D.C.)  
4:00 pm Adjourn

GENERAL REGISTRATION – FREE: 6.5 CLE CREDITS FOR 2 DAYS - \$75  
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