

International Workshop at the University of Warwick, United Kingdom on 29-30 May 2009 entitled *Muslims of the West: Negotiating Citizenship*

Workshop Organisers: Professors Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na'im and Shaheen Sardar Ali

Prof. Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na'im (Based in Emory Law School, USA) is one of the Warwick Law School's Global Legal Scholars. One of his visits to Warwick this year will be from 25th May-8th June 2009. Building on a range of common research interests in particular on Islam and Human Rights, Citizenship, Islam and the Secular State and Muslims of the West, the Warwick Law School is supporting an international inter disciplinary workshop to bring together a group of interested colleagues from within the University of Warwick as well as with colleagues in UK academia, from Europe, Scandinavia and the United States of America. The papers from this workshop will be published in an edited collection.

Objective of the Workshop: The main objective of this Workshop is to bring to Warwick Law School, some well-known scholars in the area of Islamic law, engage with them on the subject of Muslims of the West. As the working title suggests, the workshop will seek to address and discuss the subject from an inter-disciplinary and contextual perspective including law, politics and international studies, sociology, anthropology, history, cultural studies and education. In addition to invited speakers and experts in the field, we will open the workshop to interested colleagues and research students at Warwick with a view to bring together academics and researchers working in Islamic Law/Islamic Studies broadly defined.

Secondly, and as indicated above, the aim is to publish papers produced for this event as an edited collection.

Structure of Workshop and Speakers:

Thursday 28th May 2009 (Afternoon/Evening): Arrival of Speakers

Friday 29th May 2009:

Day 1

Registration, Welcome and Introduction. 9.00 to 10.00 am

Julio Faundez and Shaheen Sardar Ali, Warwick Law School.

Session One. 10.00 to 11.30 am

Jorgen Nielsen, Centre of the Study of Islam in the West, University of Copenhagen.
Muslims in Europe: Opportunities and constraints

Shirin M Rai, Politics and International Studies, University of Warwick.
Citizenship as Performativity.

Hanne Peterson Law School, University of Copenhagen
Reflections on world citizens - comparing indigenous and Muslim 'minorities'

Tea/Coffee. 11.30 to 11.45 am

Session One (continued). 11.45 am to 1.00 pm

Question/Answer and discussion of papers presented.

Lunch. 1.00-2.00 pm

Session Two. Case Studies 2.00-3.30 pm

Shaheen Sardar Ali, Warwick Law School & University of Oslo, Ayesha Shahid, Hull University, Mamman Lawan, Zahra Maranlou, Rajnaara Akhtar and Musa Abubaker Warwick University.

Islamic Law and the British Muslim Diaspora: Some case studies from the United Kingdom

John Bowen, Washington University in St. Louis, USA.

Immigration trajectories and Islamic adaptations in France and Britain.

Marie-Claire Foblets, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium.

Islamic family law(s) in Europe: beyond private international law models.

Tea/Coffee. 3.30-3.45pm

Session Two. Case Studies (continued) 3.45 to 5.00 pm

Question/Answer and discussion of papers presented.

Saturday 30th May 2009

Day 2

Session Three. 9.30-11.00 am

Anne Hellum, University of Oslo, Norway

Access to citizenship access to law: Legal literacy as transcultural lawmaking in Oslo.

Mathias Rohe, University of Erlangen-Nurnberg, Germany

Islam and the Secular State: Case study of Germany

Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na'im, University of Emory, USA and Warwick Law School.

Muslims in the USA: A Case Study

Tea/Coffee 11.00-11.45 am

Session Three (continued) 11.45am -1.00 pm

Question/Answer and discussion on Papers.

Lunch 1.00-2.00pm

Session Four: Conclusions and the Way Forward.2.00.3.30pm

Chaired by Professor Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na'im.

Shaheen Sardar Ali

21 May 2009.

