

The Alwaleed Centre

for the study of Islam in the contemporary world



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OBJECTIVES: The six key objectives of the Alwaleed Centre are:

To improve radically knowledge and understanding of Islamic Civilisation and of Muslims in Britain among policy-makers, the general public, and students of all ages in the UK through a comprehensive educational outreach programme, and by helping to integrate the study of Islamic Civilisation into the school curriculum.

To advance tolerance, mutual understanding and cross-cultural dialogue between Islam and the West by building new partnerships with institutions in the Muslim world, and with mosques and madrasas within the UK.

To foster intellectual curiosity and build educational excellence among young Diaspora Muslims in the United Kingdom.

To create the UK's leading resource for expertise on Islam in the modern world, based on the integration of the study of Islamic Civilisation and issues relating to Islam in modern Britain.

To produce, on a self-sustaining basis, a world-class cadre of researchers at the postgraduate and post-doctoral levels by providing studentships and fellowships designed to feed into the next generation of academics as well as the public and private sectors.

To establish a model partnership network with Muslim and other universities around the world, both within and outside the Arab world, that creates new opportunities for knowledge transfer and fosters collaborative research.

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The Alwaleed Centre is one of six centres based at leading universities in the UK (the universities of Edinburgh and Cambridge), the United States (the universities of Harvard and Georgetown) and the Middle East (the American universities of Beirut and Cairo).

The Edinburgh Alwaleed Centre is based within the University of Edinburgh's Department of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies. The Centre's staff report to an Advisory Board consisting of representatives from the University of Edinburgh, Alwaleed Philanthropies and members of the UK's Muslim communities.

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The Alwaleed Centre for the Study of Islam in the Contemporary World



A Word from the Director



It is a great pleasure to introduce this, the sixth annual report of the Edinburgh Alwaleed Centre, which provides a comprehensive account of the wide range of our activities over the course of the past year. This includes:

- School visits, both to and away from the Centre, for example a visit to the Centre by a group of 30 children from Aberdeen, a session at a local special needs school in Gorgie (a local suburb of Edinburgh), and a study day led by four colleagues from the Centre at a school in Tobermory on the Isle of Mull
- Contributions to the Edinburgh Festivals, particularly a session on Muslim calligraphy by Chinese Muslim Haji Noor Deen and a conversation with Prof Ziauddin Sardar on his recent book about Mecca at the International Book Festival; and a memorable open evening and then family day, focusing on the astrolabe, respectively at the National Museum of Scotland and the Summerhall Arts Centre, as part of the Science Festival.
- A very successful Sunday afternoon event focusing on food from different parts of the Islamic World, and illustrating very effectively the cultural diversity which exists within the World of Islam as a whole, under the title 'A Taste of Scottish Islam'.
- In collaboration with the Department of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the inaugural lecture of Prof Montgomery Watt as the first Professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies in Scotland, reflecting on both his legacy and the ways in which the field has developed since his time.
- A public panel event, suggested and arranged by our colleague Dr Adam Budd in the School of History, on the attacks in Paris in November 2015, which brought together very effectively contributions reflecting on the events from French, British, and Middle Eastern perspectives (a recording of this discussion can be watched at <https://vimeo.com/147087873>).
- Four lunchtime seminars for the civil servants of the Scottish

Government, at their Victoria Quay base, on different aspects - political, religious, social, and economic - of different regions of the Islamic World.

Alongside these one-off activities, we have continued our support for the British Association for Islamic Studies, whose third conference was held very successfully in London in April; our teaching and research activities, particularly on Muslims in Britain; and our involvement in inter-faith activities such as the 'Breaking Barriers' initiative and a meeting at the Annandale Street Mosque on 'Religious Extremism'.

Personnel-wise, many thanks are due to Prof Mona Siddiqui of New College, who has taken over from Prof Carole Hillenbrand as Chair of the Centre's Advisory Board, and to Dr Thomas Pierret, the Lecturer in Contemporary Islam in the Department of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, who has kindly stood in for me as Acting Director during Study Leave in the Spring Semester. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Ian Small, Head of Public Policy and Corporate Affairs at BBC Scotland, who joins the Alwaleed Centre's Advisory Board in May 2016. Many congratulations are due to Tom Lea, our Outreach Projects Manager, on the successful completion of his MSc in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies. And we look forward to welcoming a new Post-Doctoral Fellow in Islamic Studies, Dr David Warren, who will be coming to us from Harvard in June, and part of whose responsibilities will involve developing online courses (MOOCs).

Finally, we can report one modest but we hope significant success with regard to Islamic Civilisation, namely that in our near neighbour, the Surgeons' Hall Museum, there is now some reference to two very important figures in the History of Medicine who were Muslim, namely Avicenna and al-Zahrawi. Previously, in the section outlining the history of surgery, the information provided seemed to suggest that surgery was an art which was invented by the Ancient Greeks, but then lost until it was reinvented by the modern Scots in around the year 1750CE. While not wishing to minimise the very considerable contribution which has indeed been made to surgical practice in recent centuries in Edinburgh, it is very gratifying that Muslim contributions to the field in what was previously a 1,500 year gap are now acknowledged, and that two years of patient lobbying and quiet diplomacy to achieve this recognition have now borne fruit.

Hugh P. Goddard

Professor Hugh Goddard
Director

NEW ARRIVALS AT THE ALWALEED CENTRE



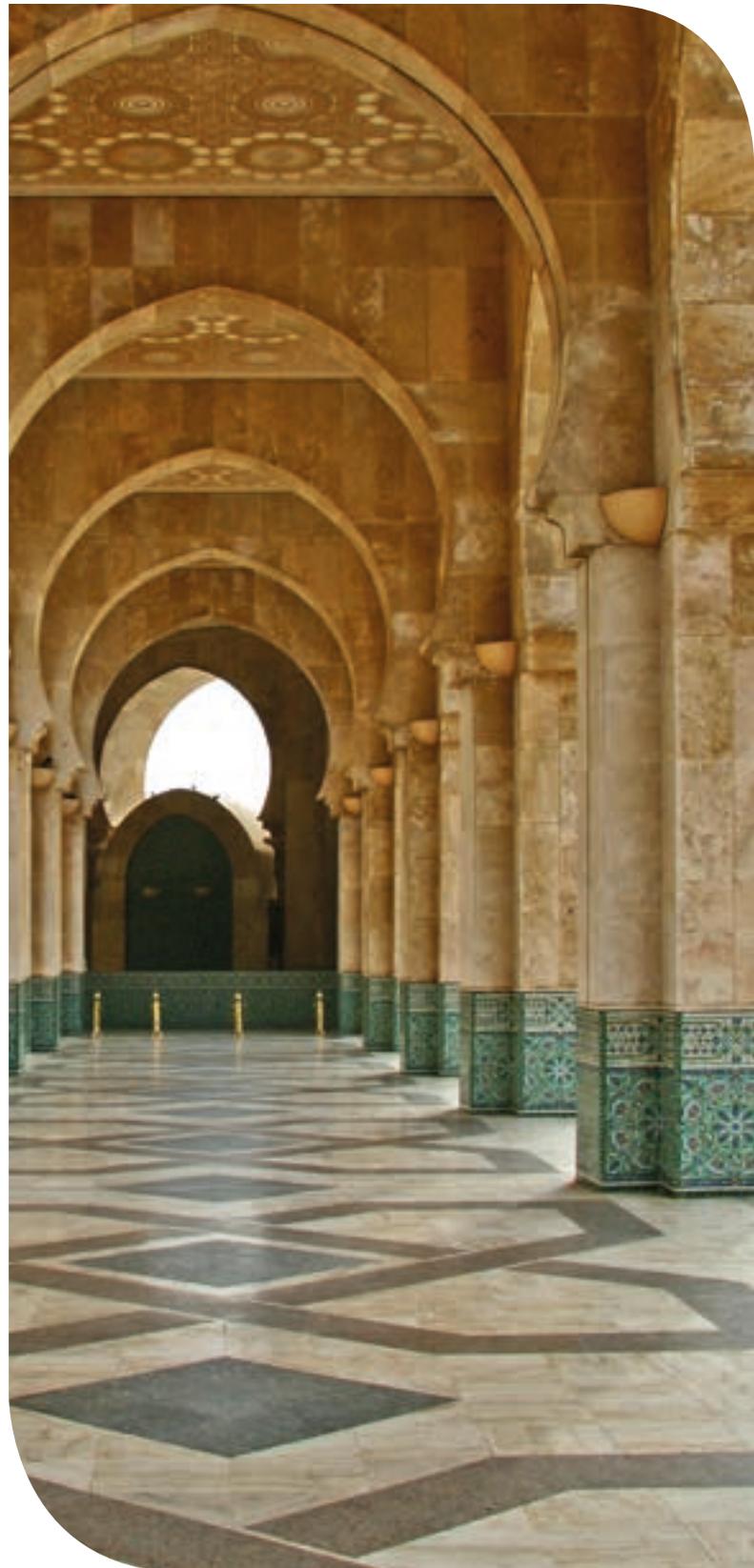
Dr David Warren: Postdoctoral Fellow Islamic Studies

Dr David H. Warren will be joining the Alwaleed Centre in June 2016. He is coming to Edinburgh following a period at Harvard University as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow with the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, and teaching at Brandeis University. His current research focuses on the Islamic legal discourses of Muslim scholarly elite (the ulama) in the Arab World since the Arab Spring. Dr Warren is interested in the ulama's changing concepts of legitimacy, citizenship and the state as they negotiate their own understanding of the tenets of the Islamic legal tradition alongside their more immediate commitments to the established regimes.

In regional terms, Dr Warren is concerned with the relationship between the networks of ulama based in the Gulf States and their colleagues in the Arab World at large. Over the course of the Fellowship with the Alwaleed Centre, Dr Warren is expanding the remit of this project beyond the Sunni Arab World to take into account the Shia ulama of Iran, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Iraq. He has also acted as a consultant for a number of institutions and organisations concerned with the relationship between Islam and Gulf geopolitics.

Dr Warren was awarded his PhD by the University of Manchester in 2015. Alongside his training in the secular study of Islam he has studied Islamic Jurisprudence (fiqh) at the madrasa of Muhammad Salim al-Adud in Mauritania, and has also been a student at Damascus University as well as in Sanaa and Cairo.

With the Alwaleed Centre Dr Warren's outreach activities will first focus on the development of a Massive Open Online Access Course (MOOC) in the field of Islamic Studies. He views the development of MOOCs as an important means to broaden the accessibility of university level Islamic Studies to an international audience with a goal to dampen Islamophobia by developing the knowledge of Islamic beliefs and practices among the general public.





Lilly Jenkins: Outreach and Admin Coordinator

I joined the Alwaleed Centre as the new Administrator & Outreach Co-ordinator in June 2015 so I have now been part of the team for almost a year. Looking back over my first year, there are a few initiatives and events that really stand out.

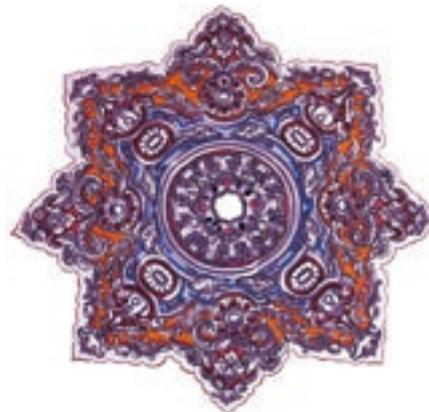
Having never worked in the field of religious education and outreach (my background is largely in administration and HR), finding myself standing in front of a class of High School pupils discussing Islam with them was both a terrifying and an exhilarating experience. Engaging with young people and helping them develop their knowledge of Islam in the contemporary world is something that many people consider to be “really important work” when I tell them about the Centre’s activities, and I couldn’t agree more. The fact that we are able to contribute to the world of education in Scotland is something that I am particularly proud of, even if it has pushed me out of my own initial comfort-zone. It has also taught me a valuable lesson – that, although Scottish society is by no means perfect, the young people of Scotland are growing-up to be far more open-minded than we sometimes give them credit for. It really is fantastic to feel like we are making a contribution to this new generation of young Scots.

Aside from the school outreach visits, I have particularly enjoyed developing my event management skills through organising and hosting a really successful food event earlier this year called “A Taste of Scottish Islam” (page 10). We wanted to make the point that Scotland’s Muslim communities are extremely diverse, with family ties to countries all over the world. We felt food was perhaps the best way of communicating this idea, so we invited Muslims from across Edinburgh and beyond to bring and share dishes which spoke to their cultural background. We hosted the event at a large Edinburgh church hall and it was absolutely packed. More than three hundred people came along to try the food and met the cooks and the atmosphere was amazing. All in all, more than fifteen Muslim majority and minority countries were represented and the feedback suggested the event made a real impact on attendees’ understanding of Scotland’s diverse Muslim communities. We were very grateful to BEMIS for part-funding the event and I hope we can deliver a second “Taste of Scottish Islam” this year.



Finally, being the Administrator for the British Association for Islamic Studies (BRAIS) has been an aspect of my role that, although challenging, has been very rewarding. As a platform for bringing academics from the many sub-disciplines of Islamic Studies in the UK together, BRAIS generates a lot of work – particularly when it comes to the annual conference. Managing all the data and working with the two committees that oversee BRAIS has had its frustrating moments but I’m really proud of what we’ve achieved.

Thank you to everyone at the Alwaleed Centre and BRAIS for making me feel so welcome and appreciated and I look forward to another successful year in 2016/17.



RESEARCH AT THE ALWALEED CENTRE



Our growing team of academic colleagues work on a variety of different research topics and themes. We asked three academic colleagues to give us a flavour of their work over the past year, as well as a sense of what they hope to achieve in the years to come.



Dr Alistair Hunter: British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow

My *Burying Our Differences* research project is interested in how dying and death are experienced and commemorated by Muslim populations of migrant origin in Britain and France. 1st generation Muslim migrants to Western Europe have brought with them religious and cultural practices which have helped them to make sense of the loss of loved ones in a migration context far away from the country of origin. The practices of the first generation have subsequently been adopted and sometimes adapted by their children and grandchildren born in Europe. The point of departure for the *Burying Our Differences* project is that the rites of passage associated with death constitute a key juncture in the settlement of populations of migrant origin. On the one hand, death can be an occasion to reaffirm the ties to the land of the ancestors, by repatriating the deceased and conducting funeral rites there. On the other hand, death can be an occasion to lay what are perhaps the deepest foundations for settlement and belonging, through burial in the adopted homeland. The *Burying Our Differences* project explores this idea through an analysis of the funerary practices of migrant-background Muslim populations in Britain and France. The project is financed by the British Academy and Paris City Council.

Since March 2015, I have conducted research on these themes in Paris and its suburbs. In the course of interviews with Muslim funeral directors, imams, politicians, municipal officials, and umbrella groups representing Muslims at

local and national levels, I have uncovered some important themes and questions. Due to the ageing of the first generation there is a need to open new cemetery sections for the growing population of older Muslims who prefer to be buried where their children live. This raises the thorny question of land-use planning in a context where available land in and around cities is in short supply. The demand for Muslim-only burial sections furthermore creates a tension in the avowedly secular space which is the French public cemetery. In addition, I have become aware of the complex interactions between lawmakers, local authorities and Muslim communities as the latter seek permission to conduct funerals in accordance with religious requirements. There are also dynamics which play out within Muslim communities themselves, as differences of opinion may exist over the question of how to adapt Muslim funeral practices to a migration context. For example, is repatriation an advisable practice, or should it be discouraged? Is it acceptable to be buried in a coffin as French law demands, rather than in a shroud? And what about the participation



of female relatives at the burial ceremony, a practice which is religiously questionable but increasingly demanded by younger generations?

Using the same methods drawn upon in France, in the year to come I plan to explore these same questions as they apply to Muslims in Britain. With the resulting cross-country comparative analysis, I aim to generate novel insights about living (and dying) with difference which I hope will be of relevance and benefit not only to academics and policymakers, but also to Muslim communities, as each set of stakeholders grapples with the issues raised by ageing in multi-ethnic urban areas.

Dr Khadijah Elshayyal: Postdoctoral Fellow (Muslims in Britain)

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My research so far this academic year has focused on conducting analysis of the 2011 national census data as it relates to Scotland's Muslim population. The research will be presented in a report which aims to complement the recent publication of Sundas Ali et al 'British Muslims in Numbers' (2015), which looked at similar data for England and Wales. The report compiles the most up-to-date comprehensive 'snapshot' of figures on Scottish Muslim demographics. It covers topics such as population numbers on a national, regional and local level, ethnicity, national identity and civic life, education levels, student numbers, patterns of employment and economic activity, and issues of health, in particular ill health among the elderly.

Homing in on areas with the highest Muslim populations, namely Glasgow, Dundee, Edinburgh and Aberdeen, the research will also provide an insight into how some of the localities within these areas score in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD), as well as providing projected population trends for the future, based on figures from 2001 and 2011. The research will prove useful to both local and national government, particularly in the education, health and employment sectors, policymakers as well as community groups, researchers and those with a general interest in Scottish Muslims.

I continue to be engaged in research relating to current trends and challenges for reform and development within British (and Scottish) Muslim community institutions. I am engaged in some consultation work with practitioners around the subject of equal opportunities in mosques and aim to publish some of my work on this and similar themes in the coming year. My research on the developing nature of Muslim identity politics and community representation is also ongoing, looking in particular at the impacts of the securitisation agenda on this. I have presented some of this research in the recent 'British Muslim Integration' conference that took place at SOAS in November 2015, contributed to a seminar in March 2016 on counter-extremism organised by the Muslim Council of Scotland, and will be presenting some aspects of this work to a wider audience at a talk entitled 'Let Extremists Speak?' at the Beltane Public Engagement Network's 'Cabaret of Dangerous Ideas' at the Edinburgh festival fringe in August.

Finally, I have been working on preparing my monograph for publication, provisionally entitled *Muslim Identity Politics: Islam, Activism and Equality in Britain*; it is scheduled for publication in 2017.





**Professor Hugh Goddard:
Director of the Alwaleed Centre**



For the first half of 2016 I will be on research leave working on a new monograph entitled: *A History of Middle Eastern Theologies: Jews, Christians and Muslims in Interaction*.

In recent years it has become common to refer to the 'Abrahamic Religions', as a way of indicating common ground, and a common point of origin, between Judaism, Christianity, and Islam; in the past decade, for example, both the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge have appointed Chairs in the Abrahamic Religions, and at a grass roots level a number of organisations such as the Three Faiths Forum have been established in order to support and encourage conversation and better mutual understanding between Jews, Christians, and Muslims.

My current research focuses on the very interesting ways in which the three traditions have interacted in particularly intensive ways, both intellectually and socially, notably in 9th-10th century Iraq and 12th-13th century Spain. Here there was considerable mutual interaction between the ideas of such figures as Saadya Gaon, Judah Halevi, and Moses Maimonides within the Jewish community, John of Damascus, Yahya ibn 'Adi, Thomas Aquinas, Ramon Lull, and Duns Scotus within the Christian community, both Eastern and Western, and a whole range of thinkers within the Muslim community such as the theological school known as the Mu'tazila, later theologians such as al-Ash'ari, al-Maturidi and al-Ghazali, philosophers such as Ibn Sina/Avicenna and Ibn Rushd/Averroes, and a figure such as Ibn Taimiyya who was rather suspicious of the whole idea of 'theology'. The book will address the range of thinking within each tradition on fundamental questions relating to God, the universe, and humanity, the question of the extent of the mutual influences between these thinkers, discuss the contexts within which the interactions took place, and also investigate the reasons for the relative openness of the three communities towards each other in these periods, before concluding with a survey of the subsequent, and current, state of the relations between them.



THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR ISLAMIC STUDIES



One of the Alwaleed Centre's most significant long-term commitments is to act as the administrative hub for the British Association for Islamic Studies (BRAIS). The Alwaleed Centre played a central role in the foundation of BRAIS in 2013, and has subsequently committed a great deal of time and resources to developing BRAIS and the various aspects of its work.

BRAIS is the UK's only learned society and professional organisation focused on enhancing research and teaching about Islam and Muslim cultures and societies in UK higher education. The Alwaleed Centre is therefore proud to be at the heart of BRAIS as it establishes itself and increases its reach across the UK and the Republic of Ireland.



A plenary session at the BRAIS Annual Conference



BRAIS delegates and publishers get acquainted between sessions

The most significant aspect of BRAIS' work is its Annual Conference which, following the success of last year's conference, again took place at Senate House, University of London on the 11th and 12th of April.

The two-day programme included over 120 papers focused on a wide variety of sub-disciplines within Islamic Studies, including Qur'anic Studies, fiqh, global politics, Shi'ism, sociology, art and inter-religious relations. We were also joined by ten leading academic publishers who used the occasion to make new contacts and commission new monographs and edited volumes.

Over 200 delegates came together for what was a highly successful two days, with particularly memorable plenary papers on Islamic Art by Doris Behrens-Abouseif (SOAS) and Tim Stanley (Victoria and Albert Museum) and a superb closing plenary by Ziauddin Sardar exploring 'What it means to be a critical Muslim'. Prof Sardar's paper is available on the BRAIS website as a podcast.

In 2015/16, the Alwaleed Centre conceived and launched a new online subscription system allowing new members to sign-up via the BRAIS website: www.brais.ac.uk. The system is working extremely well with over 200 members joining BRAIS over the past year.

OUTREACH AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AT THE ALWALEED CENTRE



Since opening its doors formally in 2010, the Alwaleed Centre has placed great emphasis on outreach activity beyond the walls of the University of Edinburgh. The Centre has developed relationships with a diverse range

of partner organisations and institutions in order to deliver informative and academically rigorous events and activities which speak to a wide range of audiences.



Pupils from Northfield Academy Aberdeen visit Edinburgh Central Mosque as part of their study day with the Alwaleed Centre

Here we highlight a few of our most successful projects and initiatives over the past year, including some very memorable study days at high schools in Sanqhuar, Aberdeen and Tobermory (Isle of Mull), a series of training sessions for Scottish civil servants in Edinburgh, an extremely successful Islamic food festival, a visit from one of the world's leading Islamic calligraphers and a creative workshop at the Edinburgh International Science Festival which encouraged participants to learn about the Islamic history of the astrolabe whilst building their own.

If you feel your organisation would benefit from partnering with the Alwaleed Centre, please contact the centre's Outreach Projects Manager, Tom Lea: tom.lea@ed.ac.uk 0131 650 6686.

Supporting high-quality teaching about Islam in Scottish Schools

Schools outreach has always been at the heart of the Alwaleed Centre's activities, and 2015/16 saw an increase in engagement with both pupils and teachers as well as Education Scotland.

Highlights of this year's schools programme included two memorable study days at Sanqhuar Academy (Dumfries and Galloway) and Tobermory High School (Isle of Mull, Argyll and Bute). In both cases, the centre organised a series of workshops reflecting on Islamic belief and practice, the demographics of the world's Muslim communities (including Scotland) and various contemporary debates affecting Muslims and non-Muslims alike. Workshops were led by Alwaleed Centre staff, PhD students and Muslim students from beyond the centre. The study days therefore presented pupils with both 'insider' and 'outsider' perspectives of Islam which supplemented Religious Education provision at both schools.

Feedback from both study days was exceptionally positive, and we hope to organise many more similar study days in 2016/17.

School Visits to the University of Edinburgh

As well as visiting schools, we were also delighted to welcome pupils from a number of schools to the university in 2015/16 to learn more about Islam and get an idea of what university life is like. Pupils from Gorgie Mills (Edinburgh), Edinburgh Academy and Northfield Academy (Aberdeen) were amongst those who visited. They spent time learning about Islam within the university, followed by a visit to the Central Mosque to get a sense of Islam as a living tradition. We also hosted six sessions on Islam for primary pupils through the University of Edinburgh's 'Widening Participation' programme which engages with pupils in disadvantaged areas of Edinburgh in order to get them thinking of university as a viable future option.





Alwaleed Centre colleagues with pupils from Tobermory High School

Supporting Teachers

Alongside engagement with pupils in Scotland, the Alwaleed Centre worked closely with Education Scotland and the Muslim Council of Scotland during the autumn of 2015 to produce a comprehensive learning resource focused on Islam for teachers of Religious and Moral Education. The 'Career-Long Professional Learning Paper' is available to download from Education Scotland's website and is designed to help teachers reflect on their current knowledge about Islam and seek out useful resources to help deepen their knowledge and understanding of the subject.



A TASTE OF SCOTTISH ISLAM



As part of the Scottish Government's Year of Food and Drink Scotland, and as result of funding secured from Black and Ethnic Minority Infrastructure Scotland (BEMIS) the Alwaleed Centre hosted an ambitious

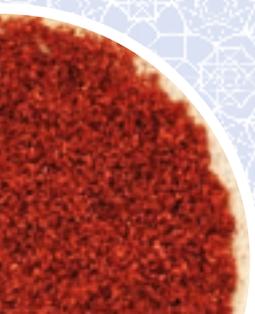
food festival celebrating the diverse tastes and flavours of the Islamic World. Muslim volunteers from across Edinburgh and beyond were invited to cook dishes which reflected their cultural background and, as a result, we had dishes from more than fifteen Muslim majority and Muslim minority countries including Libya, Turkey, Iran, Indonesia, Malaysia, China, Gambia and Pakistan. We were also delighted to welcome the One World Shop to the event who sold a range of arts and crafts from various Muslim majority countries.



Underpinning this event was an important message which the Alwaleed Centre consistently tries to communicate to the public, namely that Scotland's (and the UK's) Muslim communities are diverse and should not be viewed as one homogenous block. There is no better way of experiencing this diversity than through the tastes and smells of delicious food, and this is an event we will certainly be looking to recreate in the future. Thank you to BEMIS for the financial support which made this event possible.

There was music from Duo Hyperborea who specialise in Ottoman and Arabic classical music and attendees were also offered the chance to have their hands decorated in beautiful henna by a local artist.





EDINBURGH FESTIVAL CONTRIBUTIONS



In 2015/16 the Alwaleed Centre made significant contributions to a number of Edinburgh's international festivals.



Calligraphy Master Haji Noor Deen at the Edinburgh International Book Festival

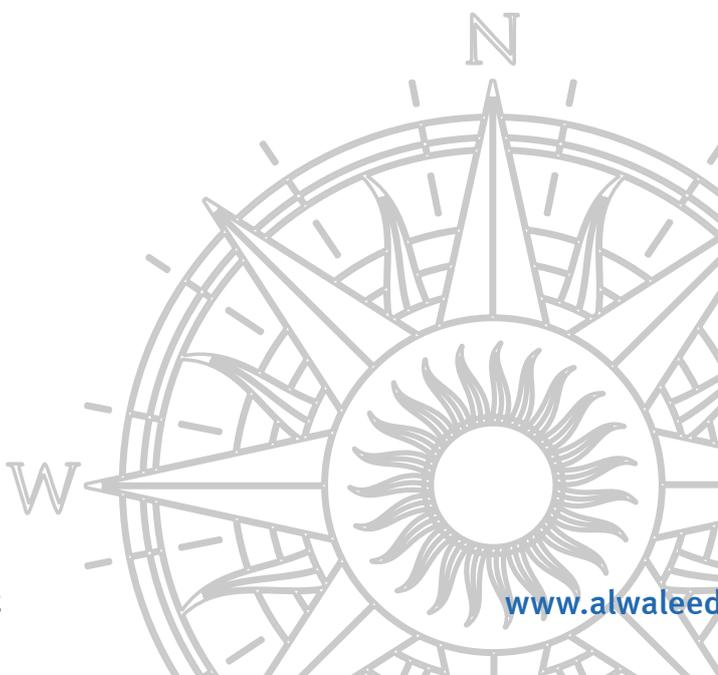
We were delighted to welcome one of the world's most celebrated living calligraphers, Haji Noor Deen, to Edinburgh in August 2015. As a Chinese Muslim, Noor Deen has developed his own unique style which fuses the Chinese and Arabic/Islamic calligraphic traditions. His work is collected across the world, with a particularly fine piece on display at the National Museum of Scotland. Noor Deen demonstrated his calligraphic style to a sell-out audience of 320 at the Edinburgh International Book Festival before delivering two further demonstrations at the Edinburgh Just Festival and the Edinburgh Islam Festival.

We were also very pleased to welcome author and commentator Ziauddin Sardar to the Book Festival to discuss his latest book *Mecca: The Sacred City*.

In April 2016, we turned our attention to the scientific contributions of the Medieval Islamic world by organising two workshops as part of the Edinburgh International Science Festival exploring the history of the astrolabe and offering the public the chance to build a basic astrolabe themselves. Workshops were delivered as part of the Science Festival's Big Bang Bash at the National Museum of Scotland (an evening of activities for adults) and at the Festival's first ever 'Space Day' hosted at Summerhall (a day of hands on activities for children and their parents). Although invented by the Greeks, the astrolabe was developed and refined in the Medieval Muslim world and these workshops therefore emphasised the fact that scientific advance is a collective human endeavour which transcends time, space, religion and culture.



Science Festival enthusiasts learn how to make an Astrolabe



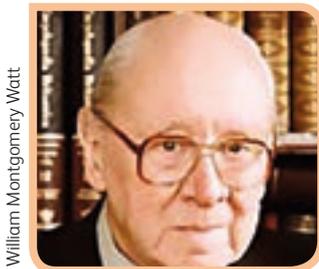
FURTHER OUTREACH 2015-2016



After Paris: Celebrating Our Diversity

Following the tragic events in Paris in November 2015, the Alwaleed Centre worked with colleagues from across the University of Edinburgh's School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures to organise an interdisciplinary public conversation reflecting on this and other recent attacks across the world. 'After Paris' saw over 200 people come together to hear the views of the expert panel and contribute to the debate themselves. The discussion is available to view as a video via the Alwaleed Centre's website: www.alwaleed.ed.ac.uk.

Islamic Studies in Scotland: Retrospect and Prospect



William Montgomery Watt



Professor Fred Donner



Professor Carole Hillenbrand



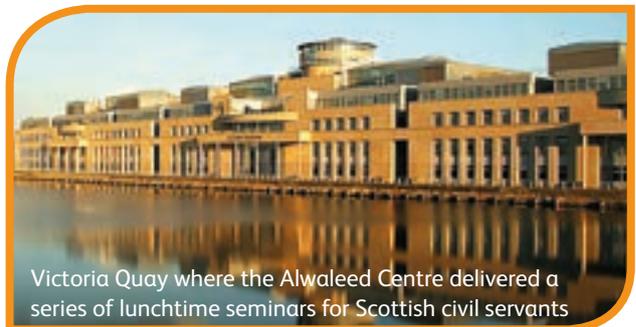
Dr Richard Holloway

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the inaugural lecture of William Montgomery Watt as the first Professor of Arabic and Islamic studies appointed in Scotland, this special event featured lectures from Professor Carole Hillenbrand (University of Edinburgh), Professor Fred Donner (University of Chicago) and Dr Richard Holloway (former Bishop of Edinburgh). Speakers reflected on Watt's contribution to Islamic Studies as well as the development of the discipline since his inaugural lecture. The event was filmed and all of the lectures can be viewed on the Alwaleed Centre website: www.alwaleed.ed.ac.uk.

Double book launch by former Alwaleed Centre colleague Dr Timothy Peace



Former Alwaleed Centre Post-doctoral Fellow Dr Timothy Peace launched two books in October 2015 and the centre was delighted to support the launch event which took place at Blackwell's Bookshop Edinburgh. One of the books, an edited volume entitled *Muslims and Political Participation in Britain*, was the result of a conference organised by Tim during his time at the Alwaleed Centre. Tim is now a Lecturer in Politics at the University of Stirling.



Victoria Quay where the Alwaleed Centre delivered a series of lunchtime seminars for Scottish civil servants

Scottish Government Engagement

Between March and October 2015, the Alwaleed Centre delivered four lunchtime seminars for Civil Servants at the Scottish Government's Victoria Quay building. The seminars explored the rise of the Islamic State organisation, the relationship between the world of Islam and the West, Arab economies and contemporary Pakistan. Thank you to Dr Thomas Pierret (IMES, University of Edinburgh), Professor Hugh Goddard (Alwaleed Centre), Professor David Cobham (Heriot-Watt University), Professor Crispin Bates (Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Edinburgh) and Aurangzeb Haneef (Alwaleed Centre) for delivering four seminars which solicited extremely positive feedback from attendees.

Home-Grown Calligraphy



Six months after the visit of Chinese calligraphy master Haji Noor Deen to the Alwaleed Centre, we were delighted to offer a platform to one of the UK's rising calligraphy stars, Ismail Hussayn. As a young British Muslim, Ismail has used his talent to inspire both Muslim and non-Muslim audiences across the country. He came to Edinburgh in February 2016 to lead an engrossing workshop which taught attendees the basics of Islamic calligraphy before encouraging them to create beautiful works of their own. Ismail is founder of 'House of Calligraphy': www.houseofcalligraphy.com.



Calligraphy superstar Ismail Hussayn

Promoting Inter-Faith Dialogue in Scotland



Breaking barriers brings together young Christians and Muslims in Scotland

Since 2012, the Alwaleed Centre has been partnering with the Edinburgh Inter-Faith Association to deliver a unique project bringing together young Christians and Muslim. The 'Breaking Barriers' initiative uses scriptural reasoning as a tool for opening-up productive and enriching dialogue around key themes and ideas. Attendees choose passages from the Bible and Qur'an which speak to a certain theme, and use scripture as a basis for dialogue. As part of Inter-Faith Week 2015, the centre hosted its latest instalment of Breaking Barriers taking the question 'Who is Your Neighbour' as its theme. More than forty Christians and Muslims came together for the session and it led to some fascinating conversations.

Digital Developments

2015 saw the Alwaleed Centre revamp its online presence with the launch of a new-look website which is far better suited to tablets and smartphones than our previous website. Although it looks quite different, the site's content has not changed and you can still find a wide variety of resources relating to our various themes as well as our growing collection of original podcasts and videos.

Linking with Edinburgh's Muslim Communities



We are very pleased to report that Alwaleed Centre PhD candidate Yahya Barry was appointed Imam of Edinburgh Central Mosque towards the end of 2015. Yahya has already made a significant impact on the mosque and its diverse community and we look forward

to deepening our relationship with the mosque through our connection with Yahya.

In addition, Alwaleed Centre PhD candidate Aurangzeb Haneef now delivers the Friday Khutbah (sermon) every other week at Lauriston Place Mosque, Edinburgh.



Full List of Alwaleed Centre Public Events, Seminars and Workshops 2015-2016

We try to record as many of our public events as possible and over 70 are available as audio or video podcasts on the Alwaleed Centre website: www.alwaleed.ed.ac.uk.

Christian-Muslim Relations: Past, Present, and Building a Peaceful Global Community for the Future

Tuesday 2 June 2015, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

St Andrew's & St George's West Church, 13 George Street

In this new series of talks, three noted speakers explored the issues of building stronger communities in Scotland from interfaith, economic and practical perspectives. The first talk was delivered by Alwaleed Centre Director Professor Hugh Goddard.

Islam and ISIS: How did the "religion of peace" come to be a tool for terror?

Saturday 15 August 2015

The first of two special talks by Alwaleed Centre PhD candidate Yahya Barry delivered as part of Edinburgh Central Mosque's Islam Festival.

Haji Noor Deen: The Art of Calligraphy

Saturday 15 August 2015

Chinese-Muslim calligrapher Haji Noor Deen is one of the greatest living masters of Islamic calligraphy. Fusing Chinese and Arabic styles to produce breathtaking masterpieces, his work is collected across the world and can be seen at the National Museum of Scotland. Today, Noor Deen renders ayahs (verses) from one of the world's most influential books, The Qur'an, into works of beautiful calligraphy. In Arabic with English translation. Part of the Edinburgh International Book Festival.

The spiritual message of the Qur'an

Sunday 16 August 2015

The second of two special talks by Alwaleed Centre PhD candidate Yahya Barry delivered as part of Edinburgh Central Mosque's Islam Festival.

The 'Surah of Light': Haji Noor Deen

Sunday 16 August 2015

Chinese-Muslim calligrapher Haji Noor Deen, one of the world's great masters of Islamic calligraphy, combines Chinese and Arabic calligraphic styles. Haji Noor Deen will render a famous ayah (verse) from the Qur'an's 'Surat al Nur' ('Chapter of Light') into beautiful Arabic calligraphy whilst reflecting on what the verse means to him as a Muslim.

Ziauddin Sardar: The Future of Mecca

Tuesday 18 August 2015

Born in Pakistan and raised in Hackney, Ziauddin Sardar is one of the most respected experts on Islam and is utterly fascinated by Mecca. Sardar has retraced its history from a barren valley in the desert to becoming arguably the most significant city in the world today. But what does the future hold for a location which contains immense meaning both to the Middle East and the West? Sponsored by the Alwaleed Centre and part of the Edinburgh International Book Festival.

Haji Noor Deen: Calligraphy Master

Wednesday 19 August 2015

An evening with one of the greatest living calligraphy masters, Haji Noor Deen, hosted by Edinburgh Central Mosque. Fusing Arabic and Chinese styles, Noor Deen's work is collected across the world, and can even be viewed at the National Museum of Scotland. Noor Deen discussed the principles of his art rendered Arabic script into inspiring works of calligraphy in front a live audience. In Arabic with English translation and part of the Edinburgh Islam Festival.

Islam as an Abrahamic Religion

Sunday 27 September 2015

A public lecture delivered by Alwaleed Centre Director Professor Hugh Goddard at Monifieth Parish Church, Dundee.

Music in the Islamic Tradition

Sunday 18 October 2015

Talk delivered by Professor Hugh Goddard at Christ Church, Morningside, Edinburgh.

Islamic Studies in Scotland: Retrospect and Prospect

Friday 23 October 2015

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the inaugural lecture of William Montgomery Watt as the first Professor of Arabic and Islamic studies appointed in Scotland. This special event featured lectures from Professor Carole Hillenbrand (University of Edinburgh), Professor Fred Donner (University of Chicago) and Dr Richard Holloway (former Bishop of Edinburgh) and reflected on Watt's contribution to Islamic Studies as well as the development of the discipline since his inaugural lecture. This public event was followed by an academic colloquium exploring 'Representations of Muhammad'. Organised in collaboration with the University of Edinburgh's Department of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies.

The Crisis of Islamic Masculinities

Tuesday 3 November 2015

The launch in Scotland of Dr Amanullah De Soudy's acclaimed monograph, *The Crisis of Islamic Masculinities*, published by Bloomsbury.

Military anniversaries of 2015

Sunday 8 November 2015

A sermon delivered by Professor Hugh Goddard at the Remembrance Day service of the University of Edinburgh.

After Paris: Celebrating our Diversity

Friday 20 November 2015

Discussion and roundtable reflecting on the recent attacks in Paris, Beirut, Egypt and Ankara organised with colleagues across the School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures at the University of Edinburgh.

Dr Timothy Peace Double Book Launch

Monday 23 November 2015

European Social Movements and Muslim Activism uses the example of the alter-globalisation movement to explain why social movement leaders in Britain and France reacted so differently to the emergence of Muslim activism. *Muslims and Political Participation in Britain* showcases the latest research into Muslim political participation both in terms of electoral politics and civil society initiatives.

Understanding and Responding to ISIS

Saturday 5 December 2015

A timely conversation event featuring Alwaleed PhD candidate Aurangzeb Haneef speaking on the many ways in which Muslims have responded to the rise of the Islamic State organisation. Hosted by the Annandale Street Mosque, Edinburgh.

A Taste of Scottish Islam

Sunday 24 January 2016

A special event partially funded by BEMIS which brought together the rich and diverse flavours of the Islamic world in the form of a food festival hosted in Nicolson Square Methodist Church, Edinburgh. More than 300 people came along to taste delicious food reflecting the many different cultural backgrounds of Scotland's diverse Muslim communities.

How the Muslim World Lives and is Understood

Thursday 4 February 2016

A second public talk in Stirling by Alwaleed Centre PhD candidate Yahya Barry hosted by the University of Stirling's Islamic Society.

Islam in a Pluralist Society

Thursday 4 February 2016

Public talk delivered by Alwaleed Centre PhD candidate Yahya Barry as part of the Rock Stirling's 'Refresh' public seminar programme.

Islam & ISIS: Clearing the Misconceptions

Tuesday 16 February 2016

A timely paper delivered by Alwaleed Centre PhD candidate Yahya Barry as part of Herriot-Watt University Islamic Society's public seminar programme.

The Rise of Muslim Consciousness:

Discussion with Nasar Meer

Wednesday 24 February 2016

The launch in Scotland of the second edition of Dr Meer's critically acclaimed monograph *Citizenship, Identity and the Politics of Multiculturalism: The Rise of Muslim Consciousness*.

Calligraphy Masterclass with Ismail Hussayn

Saturday 27 February 2016

A unique half-day calligraphy workshop led by Bradford-based calligraphy superstar Ismail Hussayn. Ismail has made his name teaching and demonstrating Arabic calligraphy in an accessible and creative way. He is founder of House of Calligraphy.

For more information visit: www.houseofcalligraphy.co.uk.

Build an Astrolabe at the Edinburgh International Science Festival's 'Big Bang Bash'

Friday 1 April 2016

A special workshop as part of the Edinburgh International Science Festival's Big Bang Bash where space science took over the National Museum of Scotland for an adults-only evening of hands on fun. The Alwaleed Centre was delighted to offer a workshop as part of the programme which offered attendees the chance to reflect on the history of the astrolabe in the medieval Muslim world whilst building one themselves.

Build an Astrolabe at the Edinburgh International Science Festival's 'Space Day'

Saturday 2 April 2016

As part of the Edinburgh International Science Festival's Space Day at Summerhall, the Alwaleed Centre helped organise a workshop where children and their parents could build an astrolabe whilst learning about the astrolabe's Islamic history.

Religion and Conflict in the Middle East: Interfaith Reflections on ISIS, the Shia-Sunni Divide, and the Refugee Crisis

Saturday 9 April 2016

A far-reaching discussion featuring Alwaleed Centre Interim Director Thomas Pierret and Alwaleed Centre PhD candidate Aurangzeb Haneef.

The faith and practice of Islam

Sunday 10 April 2016

Talk delivered by Professor Hugh Goddard at Sheet Church, Petersfield, Hampshire.

The Third Annual Conference of the British Association for Islamic Studies

Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 April 2016

The Alwaleed Centre is the administrative hub for BRAIS and contributed a tremendous amount of work to the annual conference 2016. The conference welcomed over 200 delegates for two days of papers and discussion focussed on a wide variety of sub-disciplines within Islamic Studies.

What it Means to be a Critical Muslim

Tuesday 12 April 2016

The closing plenary of this year's Annual Conference of the British Association for Islamic Studies was delivered by Ziauddin Sardar, editor of *Critical Muslim* and celebrated author and commentator.

Alwaleed Centre Academic Outputs and Activities 2015-2016

Books, Chapters and Articles

Barry, Y., 'Muslim Responses to Far-Right Confrontation: Ethical and Operational Consideration in Method', in *Muslims in the UK and Europe I*, Centre for Islamic Studies: Cambridge, 2015, 29 – 37.

Elshayyal, K., review of Mohammed Siddique Seddon, *The Last of the Lascars: Yemeni Muslims in Britain 1836-2012*, Kube, 2014, *Journal of Christian and Muslim Relations* (forthcoming 2016).

Elshayyal, K., 'From crisis to opportunity – 9/11 and the progress of British Muslim political engagement', in Timothy Peace (Ed.) *Muslims and Muslims and Political Participation in Britain*, Routledge, 2015, 174 – 192.

Goddard, H., 'Where Does Islamic Studies Fit?', in M. Guest et al. (Eds.), *Death, Life and Laughter: a Festschrift in Honour of Douglas Davies*, Routledge (forthcoming 2016).

Hunter, A., (with Eva Soom Ammann) 'End-of-life care and rituals in contexts of post-migration diversity in Europe: an introduction', *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, 37:2 (2016).

Hunter, A., 'Staking a claim to land, faith and family: burial location preferences of Middle Eastern Christian migrants', in *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, 37:2.

Hunter, A., 'Emotional or Instrumental? Narratives of Home among Moroccan and Senegalese Seniors in France', in K. Walsh and L. Näre (eds.) *Transnational Migration and Home in Older Age*, London: Routledge, 2016, 75-86.

Hunter, A. (with Lise Paulsen Galal, Fiona McCallum, Sara Lei Sparre and Marta Wozniak) 'Middle Eastern Christian spaces in Europe: multi-sited and super-diverse', *Journal of Religion in Europe*, 9:1, 1-25.

Hunter, A., 'Deathscapes in Diaspora: contesting space and negotiating home in contexts of post-migration diversity', in *Social and Cultural Geography*, 17:2, 247-261.

Hunter, A., 'Empowering or impeding return migration? ICT, mobile phones, and older migrants' communications with home', in *Global Networks*, 15:4, 485-502.

Hunter, A., "Family Values": la dépendance familiale sur les transferts d'argent et le dilemme de retour au pays d'origine en âge avancé', *Revue Hommes et Migrations*, N°1309, 117-126.

Hunter, A., (with Christina Boswell). 'Comparing the Political Functions of Independent Commissions: the case of UK Migrant Integration Policy', *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*, 17: 1, 10-25.

Hunter, A., (with Tiziana Caponio and Stijn Verbeek). '(De)constructing expertise: comparing knowledge utilisation in the migrant integration 'crisis'', *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*, 17: 1, 26-40.

Hunter, A., (with Christina Boswell). 'Research-Policy Dialogues in the United Kingdom', in P. Scholten et al. (eds.) *Integrating Immigrants in Europe: Research-Policy Dialogues*, Cham; Heidelberg; New York; Dordrecht; London: Springer International Publishing, 2015, 233-251.

Mitha., K. & Adataia, S. 'The faith community and mental health resilience amongst Australian Ismaili Muslim youth', *Mental Health, Religion, and Culture*, 19(2): DOI:10.1080/13674676.2016.1144732.

Mitha., K. "Identity, Race, and Belonging". *The Psychologist*, 28(10): 852-853.

Stermotch-Cappellari, F., 'The Calligraphic Art of Mishkīn Qalam', in Yuka Kadoi (Ed.) *The Visual World of Persian Culture*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press (forthcoming 2017).

Stermotch-Cappellari, F., *The Baha'i Faith in India: origins and development of a new religion*, Casa Editrice Baha'i, Roma, 2016.



Conference and Seminar Papers

Barry, Y., 'Feeling at Home and Seeing the Other Side: Muslim Responses to Right-Wing Populism in the UK and Scandinavia', paper delivered at the Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare, Malmö University, October 2015.

Elshayyal, K., 'Muslims in Scotland: new findings from the 2011 Census', paper delivered at Religious Diversity and Cultural Change in Scotland: Modern Perspectives conference, New College, University of Edinburgh, April 2016.

Elshayyal, K., 'How have the 'soft-power' type initiatives employed by the UK government's securitisation agenda affected the identity of British Muslim young people and women?', paper delivered at Muslim Integration in Britain conference, SOAS, November 2015.

Goddard, H., 'The ebb and flow of religious tolerance in Christian and Muslim history', paper delivered at International Symposium on 'Tolerance in Islam and coexistence among the religions: the role of religion in promoting a culture of tolerance and moderation', University of Bologna, Italy, October 2015.

Haneef, A., 'Sufyan al-Thawri and early Qur'anic exegesis', paper delivered for the IMES Research Seminar Series, University of Edinburgh, March 2016.

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Hunter, A., 'Mourir dans un contexte de diversité post-migratoire en France et en Ecosse : l'intégration en question.' Paper given to the seminar of the research group Migrations internationales et minorités, Institut national d'études démographiques, Paris, 15 March 2016.

Hunter, A., 'Transnational Mobility of North African migrants in France in later life: resource or constraint?' Paper given at the 5th REIACTIS International Conference 'Veillissement et pouvoir d'agir : entre ressources et vulnérabilités', Lausanne, Switzerland, 12 February 2016.

Hunter, A., 'Legislating for transnational ageing: a challenge for the Dutch and French welfare states.' Invited contribution to the seminar series on migration and social protection, International Migration Institute, University of Oxford, 21 October 2015.

Hunter, A., 'Engagement with Surrounding Actors: Presentation of DIMECCE Project Findings.' Paper given to the DIMECCE Conference: Middle Eastern Christians in Diaspora: Past and Present, Continuity and Change, University of St Andrews, Scotland, UK, 26 May 2015.

Hunter, A., "Family Values" : la dépendance aux transferts de fonds et le dilemme du retour au pays à un âge avancé.' Paper given to the seminar of the research group Migrations internationales et minorités, Institut national d'études démographiques, Paris, 12 May 2015.

Lea, T. J., 'Islam and inclusion: Finding resources and expertise', paper delivered at 'A Time for Reflection on Religious Observance?' conference, Edinburgh, June 2015.

Mitha, K., "If it's not talked about, it doesn't happen": Explaining Muslim under-utilization of psychiatric services', poster presented at The British Psychological Society Annual Conference, East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham, April 2016.

Mitha, K., "We don't air our dirty laundry": Notions of stigma amongst Australian Muslims", Globalizing Mental Health, Advances in Research on Globally Accessible Medicine, Istanbul, Turkey, December 2015.

Mitha, K., "We know it's wrong, but...": Psychosexual implications for British Muslim MSM. Poster presented at GLADD Annual conference. University of Westminster London. November 2015

Mitha, K., "Awareness of mental illness amongst South Asian Muslim male immigrants". Poster presented at Scottish Mental Health Research network. Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, Scotland. October 2015.

Mitha, K., "Young British Muslims and sexual health: considerations for service delivery". Migrant and Ethnic Health Research: Helping to Make a Fairer, Healthier Scotland. Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. Glasgow, Scotland. September 2015.

Mitha, K., "Issues in Cross-cultural Psychiatry: Addressing Mental Health Needs in Ethnic and Religious Minorities". Psychiatry Postgraduate Journal Club, Department of Psychiatry, University of Edinburgh, November 2015.

Mitha, K., "Faith identity and acculturation amongst British Muslims", Edinburgh Migration, Ethnicity, and Health Research Group, June 16 2015.

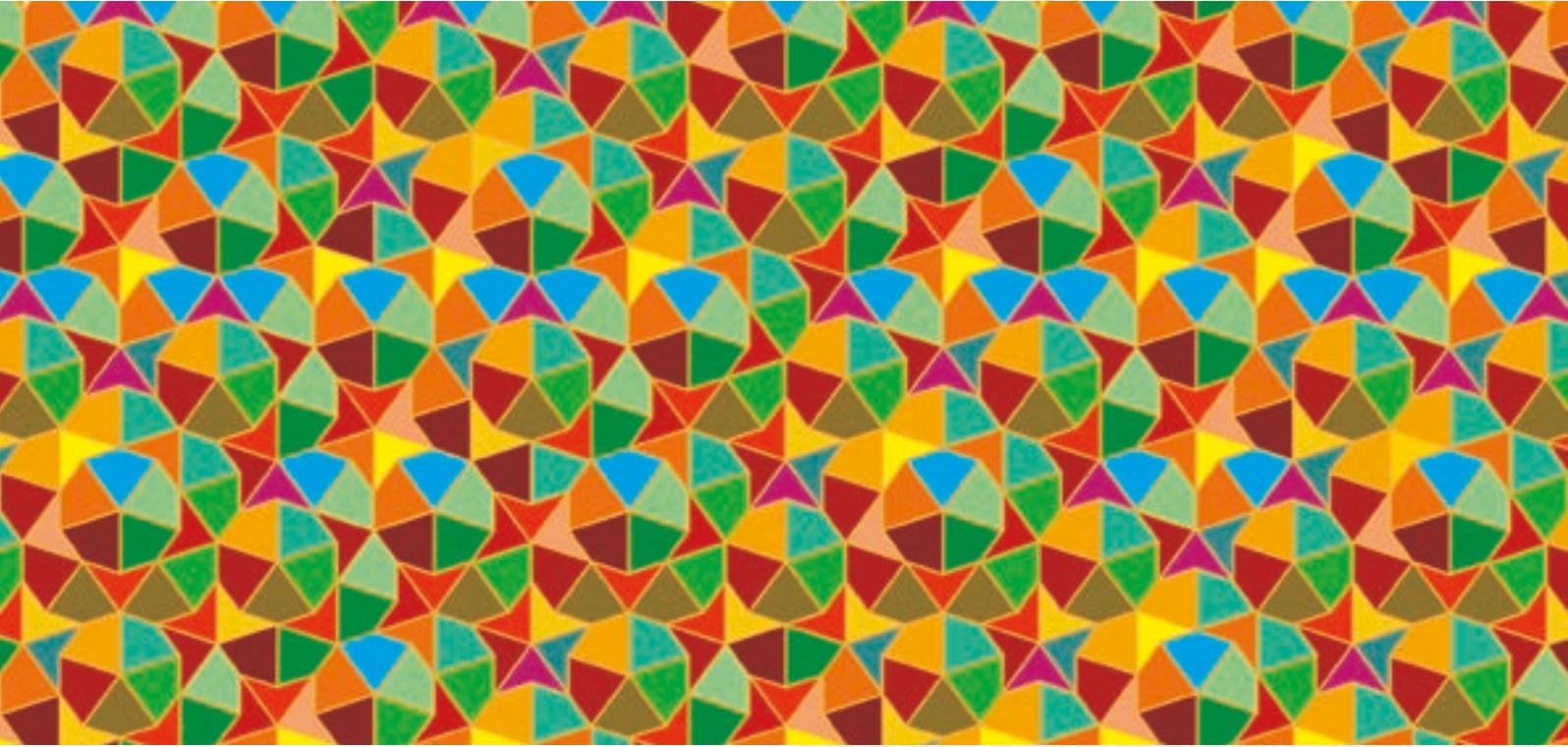
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Stermotich-Cappellari, F., 'The Spiritual in Islamic Calligraphy: A Phenomenological Approach to the Contemporary Turkish Calligraphic Tradition', LLC Work In Progress Seminar, University of Edinburgh, November 2015.

Teaching:

Muslims in Britain: Migration, Faith and Identity (Undergraduate and Masters-level course taught by Dr Khadijah Elshayyal, Autumn Semester 2015).





A Penrose tiling is a non-periodic tiling generated by an aperiodic set of prototiles. Penrose tilings are named after mathematician and physicist Roger Penrose, who investigated these sets in the 1970s. The Penrose tilings, being non-periodic, have no translational symmetry – the pattern cannot be shifted to match itself over the entire plane.

This example is constructed from a minimum of two shapes, quadrilaterals called the “kite” and “dart”, which may be combined to make a rhombus.



The physicists Peter J. Lu and Paul Steinhardt have presented evidence that a Penrose tiling underlies some examples of medieval Islamic geometric patterns, such as tilings at the Darb-e Imam shrine in Isfahan.

TESTIMONIALS:

The British Association for Islamic Studies (BRAIS) was established to build on the momentum of the Islamic Studies Network and to preserve its legacy. By offering the nascent BRAIS an institutional home, the Alwaleed Centre has not only provided full administrative support to the association and its Officers, but has substantially contributed to launching, branding and promoting BRAIS since 2013. With its international reputation and experience in organising major academic events, the Alwaleed Centre ensured that the first BRAIS conference held in Edinburgh in 2014 was a highly successful foundational event which positioned the association on a par with more well-established subject associations. Feedback on the last three conferences demonstrates that BRAIS has reinvigorated Islamic Studies in the UK and has facilitated through its annual conference opportunities for showcasing major research projects and for networking between established and junior scholars from the UK and beyond. The success, impact and wide-reach of BRAIS, nationally and internationally, could not have been conceivable without the support of the dedicated and highly efficient team at the Alwaleed Centre under the guidance of BRAIS' Secretary, Professor Hugh Goddard. Speaking from my experience as BRAIS's first elected Co-Chair, I believe that the association and Islamic Studies in the UK are greatly indebted to the Alwaleed Centre and its current Director."

Dr Shuruq Naguib, Lancaster University, Co-Chair of the British Association for Islamic Studies.

'Thank you so much for accommodating the staff and pupils of Northfield Academy at the Alwaleed Centre in Edinburgh. The pupils had a fantastic time and learned so much by being actively involved in discussion throughout the revision workshop. We found the Alwaleed Centre to be an excellent learning resource as it allows pupils to engage in a world religion which may seem distant to them when reading beliefs and practices from a book or a PowerPoint. My colleagues and I really were in awe of how the Alwaleed Centre treated the pupils upon arrival and throughout the day. I hope that we can incorporate a trip to Edinburgh mosque and the Alwaleed Centre on a yearly basis as part of the Islam unit we teach. The feedback was outstanding, from both pupils and staff'.

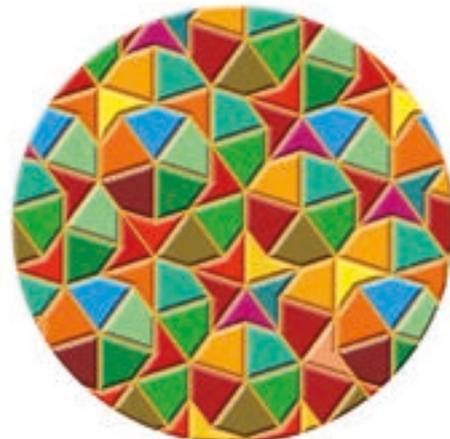
Aisling Dolan, Teacher of Religious and Moral Education, Northfield Academy, Aberdeen.

The Edinburgh International Book Festival has enjoyed a rewarding and constructive relationship with the Alwaleed Centre for several years. From our perspective, this is a partnership that goes well beyond simple sponsorship. The centre has made significant contributions to the events we curate each year at the Festival, allowing us to engage with complex and difficult ideas and to invite writers, artists, and thinkers to the Festival who we would never have been able to reach. This was highlighted by the participation of Mustafa Cerić in 2012 in a debate on Rethinking Islam, and last year with Chinese calligrapher, Haji Noor Deen. Our audiences come to the festival looking for in-depth debate and to hear expert analysis that is unavailable through everyday media. Having these kinds of participants in the programme allows us to offer our audiences a unique insight into some of the most contentious and thought-provoking contemporary issues. Importantly we are able to go beyond the stereotypes and misperceptions of Islam to explore its stories, creativity and connections.

Roland Gulliver, Associate Director, Edinburgh International Book Festival.

'Thank you! This afternoon I found to be very enjoyable, inclusive, welcoming, inspiring, educational, restful and nutritious! The generosity and hard work of everyone involved is much appreciated and this event is an excellent template to try to copy for good community, family and faith relationships. So glad I could be here'.

Attendee feedback from 'A Taste of Scottish Islam' food event (see pages 10 and 11).



'Promoting a better understanding of Islam through world-leading research and innovative outreach'

Who's who at the Alwaleed Centre

Academic staff and students:

Professor Hugh Goddard

Director of the Alwaleed Centre with research interests in Christian-Muslim relations (see page 6).

Dr Khadijah Elshayyal

Postdoctoral Fellow on Muslims in Britain (see page 5).

Dr Alistair Hunter

British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow working on the project 'Burying Our Differences? Negotiating faith and space in the contexts of death and diversity' (see page 4).

Dr David Warren

Postdoctoral Fellow in Islamic Studies with special interest in Islamic Law (see page 2).

Yahya Barry

PhD candidate: 'Muslim Responses to European Far Right Confrontation'.

Aurangzeb Haneef

PhD candidate: 'Sufyān al-Thawrī and the development of the Early Islamic Intellectual Tradition'.

Karim Mitha

PhD candidate: 'The acculturation of young adult British Muslims and its impact on mental health'.

Francesco Stermotich-Cappellari

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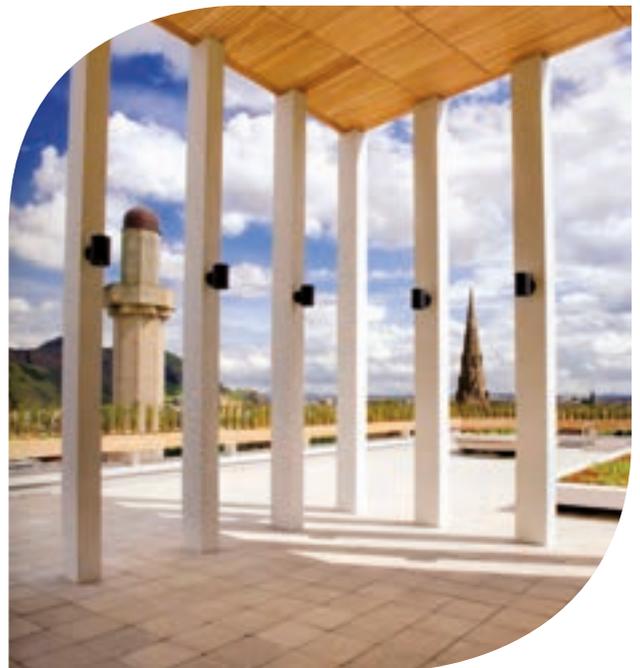
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