

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON

# The History & Legacy of Muslims in the Caribbean



## First Day

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4th September 2023

• 09.00 - 10.45 Opening Session Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Al Creighton

9:00 National Anthem of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana
9:05 Quran Recitation and Translation by Hafiz Salih Rahim
9:10 Welcoming Remarks by the Honourable Hugh H. Todd, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
9:25 Remarks by Dr. Abdullah Hakim Quick, IRCICA's Special Envoy to the Caribbean

9:40 Cultural Item Islamic Chant in Urdu Language – Imran Ally – Deputy President of the Muslim Youth Organization
9:45 Remarks by H.E. Prof. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, Director General of IRCICA

10:00 Remarks by H.E. Tarig Ali Bakheet, Assistant Secretary General, Organization of Islamic Cooperation

10:15 Cultural Item - Islamic Chant in Yoruba Language by Toyib Hamza

10:20 Feature Address by H.E. Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana

• 10.45 - 11.00 Coffee Break





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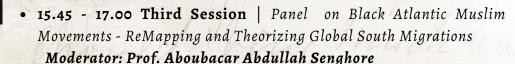
• 11.00 - 12.40 First Session: Globalization and Localization in the Caribbean

#### Moderator: Dr. Halima Saadia Kassim

- Aliyah Khan, University of Michigan | The Qasida and Muslim Devotional Music in Guyana and Trinidad
- Frank J. Korom, Boston University | The Current State of Hosay (Moharram) Observances in the Caribbean
- Abdin Chande, Adelphi University | Migration and Identity of South Asians of the Caribbean and East African Indian Ocean Region: A Comparative Analysis
- o Maurits S. Hassankhan, Anton de Kom University of Suriname | Localization and Globalization of Religion: The Case of Hindustani Muslims in Suriname
- 12.40 13.45 Lunch & Prayer
- 13.45 15.25 Second Session: Islam in the Greater Caribbean from Early History to Today

#### Moderator: Mr. Neaz Subhan

- Abdullah Hakim Quick, The Islamic Institute of Toronto
  Aspects of Muslim History and Legacy in Pre-Columbian America
- o Juan Thomas Ordóñez, Universidad del Rosario | Caribbean Lebanon: The Muslim Experience on the Colombia/Venezuela Border
- Mohamed A. Hakim, Islamic Educator and Social Activist in Haiti | History of Muslims in Haiti
- Nuri Muhammad, Imam, Radio Commentator and Social Activist | The Evolution of Muslim Presence in Belize and the Significance of Garifuna Cultural Retrieval
- 15.25 15.45 Coffee Break



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- Youssef Carter, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill | Western Sunrise in the Global South: The Islamic Party comes to the Caribbean
- Tasneem Siddiqui, Drexel University | The Caribbean is No Island: Rethinking Black Geographies through Muslim Resistance Movements
- **Nsenga Knight,** Artist & Storyteller | Irregular Black Muslims: Diasporic Exchange & The Caribbean Elsewhere

## **Second Day**

5th September 2023

- 09.00 10.40 First Session: Guyanese Experience Moderator: Ms. Ryhaan Shah
  - Ateeka Khan, McMaster University | East Indians, Religion, and Politics in 20th Century Guyana
  - Nazim Baksh, Former Investigative Producer with Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) | Conflict, Continuity and Change of Religious Narratives and Practices of Muslims in Guyana (1977-1981)
  - Ahmad Hamid, Imam and Researcher | The Challenges and Role of CIOG in the Transformation of the Muslim Community of Guyana from Chaos to Stability
  - Wazir Baksh, Historian and Community Activist | The Masjid as an Essential Institution to Preserve Faith and Social Cohesion: The Case of Guyana
- 10.40 11.00 Coffee Break





- 11.00 12.15 Second Session: Voices from Trinidad and Tobago Moderator: Mr. Wazir Baksh
  - Halima-Sa'adia Kassim, University of the West Indies | An Evaluation of the Resultant Negotiations of Living in an Alien Society: The Indo-Muslims of Trinidad Claiming Their Place
  - Nasser Mustapha & Mirza Ali Mohammad, University of the West Indies | Race and Ethnic Relations in Trinidad and Tobago
  - Anand Rampersad, University of the West Indies Successful Muslim Cricketers in Trinidad and Tobago
- 12.15 13.15 Lunch & Prayer
- 13.15 14.55 Third Session: Economy, Identity and Decolonization in the Caribbean

#### Moderator: Mr. Alim Hosein

- Ibraheem Musa Tijani, International Islamic University Malaysia | The Economic Development and Commerce of the Muslim Communities in the Caribbean and the Emergence of Islamic Finance in the Region
- o **Stanley L. Soeropawiro**, Policy Advisor Religious Affairs-Ministry of Home Affairs (Suriname) | Economic Development among the Javanese Muslims in Suriname
- Karimah Rahman, Toronto Metropolitan University
   Decolonizing Muslim Indo-Caribbean Mental Health
- Suleiman Bulbulia & Sabir Nakhuda, Historian and Author | The Muslims of Barbados: Sustaining a Muslim Identity
- 14.55 15.15 Coffee Break

• 15.15 - 16.00 Evaluation and Suggestions

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- Brief Remarks and Evaluation by Mr. Mirza Ali Mohammed
- 16.00 16.30 Formal Closing MC: Prof. Sadık Ünay
  - Remarks by Prof. Dr. Aboubacar Abdullah Senghore, Assistant Director General, IRCICA
  - Remarks by H.E. Ambassador Elisabeth Harper,
     Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and
     International Cooperation

## **Third Day**

6th September 2023

#### **Cultural Excursion**

- 09.30 11.00 Special Presentation at the University of Guyana by:
  - o Abdullah Hakim Quick
  - o Nuri Muhammad
  - Mohamed A. Hakim
  - o Stanley L. Soeropawiro
- After 11.00 Tour of sites including Queenstown Masjid (Central), the 1763 Monument, Demerara Harbor Bridge, Versailles Masjid in Region 3



