

**Program for the
American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies (ACSIS) Annual Meeting
(April 7-8, 2006)**

“Ideology, Literature, the Arts and National Identity in the Islamic World”

**** All panels will be in the Luis De Leon Room, #300 St. Augustine Center,
Villanova University (Pennsylvania) campus**

Friday, April 7

9:00-9:15 a.m. – Welcome to participants by Michael B. Bishku, President of ACSIS, Vivienne Angeles, Vice President (and 2007 President) of ACSIS, and Hafeez Malik, Founder of ACSIS.

9:30-11:15 a.m. – Panel One: “Muslims in the United States, Saudi Arabia and the Philippines”

Vivienne Angeles, La Salle University, Philadelphia – Chair

Jon Grass, Reed College, Portland, Oregon – “Connecting to the International Muslim Community through Nationalism: Muhammad Speaks and the Nation of Islam in the 1960s”

Mark E. Hanshaw, Richland College, Dallas, Texas – “Life on Trial: Muslims in U.S. Courts”

Barbara Degorge, American University in Dubai, “Saudi Arabia’s `Great Divide”

Vivienne Angeles, La Salle University – “Saudi Arabia and the Remaking of Philippine Islam”

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – LUNCH BREAK

**12:45- 1:45 p.m. – Panel Two: “The Republic of Turkey
Michael B. Bishku, Augusta State University, Georgia – Chair**

Nergis Ertürk, Columbia University – “Turkish Republican Literature, Nation-Building, and the Politics of Language”

Ertan Aydın, Çankaya University, Ankara, Turkey – “No Democracy without Secular Morality: Early Kemalist Political Philosophy and its Current Legacy on Turkish Politics”

2:00-3:30 p.m. – Panel Three: “A Critique of Bernard Lewis’ `What Went Wrong?: The Clash between Islam and Modernity in the Middle East” Sponsored by the South Asian Muslim Studies Association

Theodore P. Wright, Jr., State University of New York, Albany – Chair

Karl Barbir, Siena College, Loudonville, N.Y. – “Middle East History”

Radwan Masmoudi, Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy, Washington, D.C. – “Contemporary Muslim World”

Theodore P. Wright, Jr., State University of New York, Albany – “Lewis’ Thesis as Applied to South Asia”

3:45-5:15 p.m. – Panel Four: “Islamic Thought and Politics”

Robert Hazan, Metro State College, Denver – Chair

Michaëlle Browsers, Wake Forest University – “Islam in Arab Nationalist Thought: Tension, Accommodation and Transformation”

Robert Hazan, Metro State College, Denver – “Salvaging Islamic Politics from Pseudo-Islamist Academics!”

Steven Fink, University of Iowa – “On the Transcendence of God: An Investigation into the Recitation of the Qur’an”

Oladosu Afis, University of Ibadan, Nigeria – “The Traditionalists, the Modernists and the `Others’: Dialectics in Contemporary Arab Poetics in Sudan”

7:00-8:30 – Dinner

Saturday, April 8

9:30-11:15 a.m. – Panel Five: “Islamic Ideologies and Education in South Asia”

Tamara Sonn, College of William & Mary – Chair

A. Tariq Karim, University of Maryland, College Park – “The Eroding Middle Ground in Bangladesh: The Specter of Rising Islamism and its Implications for Stability and Security”

Grace Clark, U.S. Educational Foundation in Pakistan – “New Developments in Higher Education in Pakistan: Dreams and Challenges”

Tamara Sonn, College of William & Mary – “Educational Reform Efforts in Pakistan”

Dietrich Reetz, Free University, Berlin – “Modernizing Islamic Education: The Competing Pulls of Ideology and Market Forces at the International Islamic University in Islamabad”

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – LUNCH BREAK

12:45-1:45 p.m. – Keynote Speaker: Mumtaz Ahmad, Hampton University – “Ideology and National Identity in the Islamic World”

2:00-3:00 p.m. – ACSIS Board Meeting