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Friday Bulletin, December 2, 2022

Presentations

Professor **Terje Ostebo** and **Yekatit Getachew Tsayehu** (PhD candidate, Global Islam) will present their co-written paper: "Rethinking Salafism: The Case of Ethiopia" at the workshop, Special Issue on Post-Salafism and Deradicalization, at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy, December 6, 2022.

Professor **Terje Ostebo** will be a discussant for two papers at the Winter Institute for "Islam in Africa in a Global Context" in Dakar, Senegal, December 8-14, 2022.

Professor **Vasudha Narayanan** was invited to present a paper in a symposium on Vaikuntha in the Srivaishnava Tradition organized by the Religious Studies Department, University of Toronto. Her paper was entitled "The Supreme Realm of Vishnu: The Vaikuntha Perumal Temple in Kanchipuram and Preah Vishnulok (Angkor Wat)."

Yekatit Getachew Tsehayu (PhD Candidate, Global Islam) will be talking about the "Challenges of Conducting Research as a Woman and on Women the Context of African Islam" in the workshop, Special Issue on Post-Salafism and Deradicalization at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy, on December 7, 2022.

Yekatit Getachew Tsehayu will be presenting her dissertation chapter "Revivalist Muslim Women Agency: Cultivating the Ethiopian Muslim Woman, a Social Identity" at the Winter Institute (between December 8-14, 2022) in Dakar, Senegal.

18th century Tamil Islamic literature. This was in a panel at the American Academy of Religion's Annual Meeting in Denver. On November 19, 2022—just as the AAR annual meetings began in Denver—the National Museum of Asian Art-Smithsonian unveiled a splendid exhibit entitled, appropriately, “A Splendid Land: Paintings from Royal Udaipur.” The panel of scholars discussed art and literature in connection with this exhibit at the Smithsonian.

Professor **Mario Poceski** gave a public lecture about Zen gardens at Sholom Park, Ocala, titled “The Roots & Branches of Zen: Spirituality, Nature, & Culture.”

Professor **Ali Mian** presented his ongoing research on Islam in colonial India at a day-long workshop at Princeton University on Monday, November 28, 2022. The workshop was titled, "Lived Religion: Islam in South Asia," and was organized by Dr. **Harini Kumar** and Dr. **Amanda Lanzillo**.

Professor **Jonathan Edelmann** lectured on a panel about Indian religion and AI, and he Chaired a Steering Committee meeting at the American Academy of Religion. His abstract entitled "Hierarchy and Goal in Jīva's Six Essays (Śaṭsandarbha)" was accepted for the American Oriental Society's 233rd Meeting in Spring 2023.

News

Professor **Bron Taylor** has been honored to receive an invitation from the University of Southern Denmark's Climate Cluster to serve as a Guest Researcher from March 19-31, 2023. While there, he will present scholarly work, offer a master class, and participate in a seminar and consult with other cluster researchers. SDU has one of Europe's most vital Study of Religion Programs, which is co-sponsoring the visit. Congratulations!

Sad News

Our long-time friend and Department of Religion Advisory Board member, **Ralph Nicosia** from Sarasota, FL, has passed away. You can view his obituary here - [https://www.legacy.com/obituaries us/ /bradenton/name/ralph-nicosia-obituary?](https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/us/bradenton/name/ralph-nicosia-obituary?)

Department Information

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