

CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF ISLAM AND DEMOCRACY
Fourth Annual Conference

WHY DEMOCRACY AND WHY NOW?

May 16-17, 2003
Wyndham Washington, DC Hotel
1400 M Street, NW, Washington DC, USA

Friday, May 16, 2003

12:30 PM Registration and Friday prayers

2:00 PM Opening Statements

Radwan Masmoudi, *President of CSID*

Ali Mazrui, *Chair of the Board of Directors, CSID*

William Burns, *Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs*

2:30 – 4:00 PM PANEL 1:

The Role of Women and Gender in the Governance of Muslim States

Chair: Aziza al-Hibri

Domestic Democracy: The Road to National and International Democracy

Nimat Hafez Barazangi, *Cornell University*

The Correlation between the Status of Women and Weak Democratization: A Case Study of Pakistan

Nazia Khandwala, *University of Texas at Austin*

Overcoming the Barriers: The Role of Critical Islam in Empowering Muslim Women

Meena Sharify-Funk, *American University*

U.S. Outreach to Muslims on Women's Issues: From Theory to Practice

Charlotte (Charlie) Ponticelli, *International Women's Issues (G/IWI)*

Discussion

4:00 – 4:30 PM Coffee & Tea Break

4:30 - 6:00 PM PANEL 2:

The Two Cities - Religious and Secular in Governance of the Muslim Peoples

Chair: Louay Safi

The Historical Muslim City: Lessons for the Discourse on Islam and Democracy

Douglas E. Streusand, *Independent scholar, Maryland*

A Moving Target: Democracy and the Place of Religion in Muslim Public Life

Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, *Northwestern University*

Legitimacy of Sources of Worldly and Religious Authority in Political Decision-making

Megan Rief, *University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*

The Nexus of God and Citizen - Decoding Natural Law: Christian Traditions in Western Democracy and Their Parallels in Islam

Benjamin Jensen, *American University*

Discussion

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Banquet Dinner

Keynote Speakers:

Lorne Craner

Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor

Saadeddine Ibrahim

Leading democracy advocate in Egypt

Abdelaziz Sachedina

Author of "The Islamic Roots of Democratic Pluralism"

Saturday, May 17, 2003

8:00 - 9:00 AM

Registration

9:00 – 10:30 PM PANEL 3:

Critical Assessment of Islamic Resources and their Appropriateness for Building Democratic Institutions

Chair: Joseph Montville

Obedience to Political Authority: An Evolutionary Concept

Asma Afsaruddin, *University of Notre Dame*

The Islamic State: Classical Understanding and Postcolonial Departures

M. A. Muqtedar Khan, *Adrian College*

Operationalizing Islamic Democracy: Challenges and Opportunities

Kamran A. Bokhari, *University of Texas at Austin*

Akhbari/Usuli Debate and Islamic Political Theology Today

Riffat A. Dika, *University of Michigan-Dearborn*

Discussion

10:30 – 11:00 AM Coffee & Tea Break

11:00 - 12:30 PM PANEL 4:

Ijtihad and its Application in Providing Cultural Legitimization to Democracy

Chair: Nimat Hafez Barazangi

Prosperity, Fundamentalism, and Democracy

Margo Hoef, *American University*

Reviving the Spirit of Islam: Democracy Now

Muhammad Sharafuddin, *George Washington University*

Non-violent Resistance in Islamic Tradition

Mohammed Abu-Nimer, *American University*

Discussion

12:30 – 2:00 PM Keynote Luncheon

The Hesham Reda Memorial Lecture

Zainah Anwar

Sisters in Islam, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2:00 – 3:30 PM PANEL 5:

The Urgency of Dialogue and Cooperation between the Traditional and Modern Institutions for a New Political Discourse

Chair: Louis Cantori

The Impact of Academic-Seminary Correspondence on Approaches to Democracy

Hossein Seifzadeh, *Tehran University*

Terrorism, Civil Rights and Discrimination

Nadeem Kazmi, *Al-Khoei Foundation, London, UK*

Discussion

3:30 – 4:00 PM **Summary and Concluding Remarks**

Tony Sullivan, *CSID Board member*

Akbar Ahmed, *CSID Board member*

4:00 - 5:00 PM **Business Meeting** (for CSID Members only)

6:00 - 8:30 PM **CSID Board Meeting**