

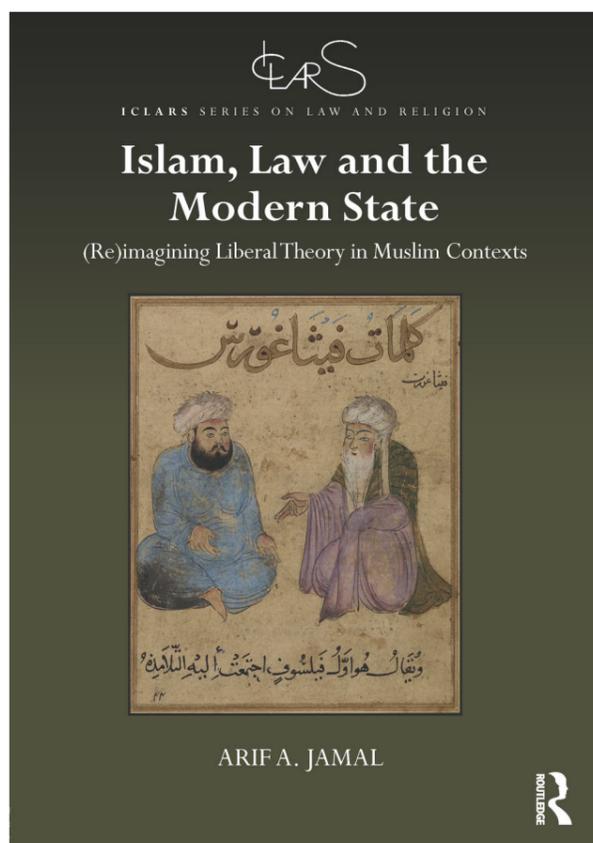
Book Launch

Islam, Law and the Modern State: (Re)imagining Liberal Theory In Muslim Contexts

by Arif A. Jamal

30 May 2019 (Thursday), 5:15pm to 7:30pm
(Registration starts at 4:45pm)

Staff Lounge, Level 2, Block B, NUS Law (Bukit Timah Campus)



Within the global phenomenon of the (re)emergence of religion into issues of public debate, one of the most salient issues confronting contemporary Muslim societies is how to relate the legal and political heritage that developed in pre-modern Islamic polities to the political order of the modern states in which Muslims now live. This work seeks to develop a framework for addressing this issue. The central argument is that liberal theory, and in particular justice as

discourse, can be normatively useful in Muslim contexts for relating religion, law and state. Just as Muslim contexts have developed historically, and continue to develop today, the same is the case with the requisites of liberal theory, and this may allow for liberal choices to be made in a manner that is not a renunciation of Muslim heritage.

*You may also order the book at Routledge online at <https://bit.ly/2WXWo3t>

'This path-breaking study on comparative public law confirms that the globalisation of debates about the relationship of law and religion allows today a profound, sensible re-assessment of plurality-conscious 'justice as discourse'. Truly liberal theories of justice can indeed be reformulated and contextually applied to include Muslim concepts. An argumentative masterpiece!'

Prof. Emeritus Werner Menski, SOAS University of London, UK

'In a time of political Islamic reductionism, when the plural experience of Islam is at risk of being reduced to a dogmatic monolith, Jamal's book invites Muslims to engage with liberal theories of justice not as the passive recipients of Western ideas, but as the active innovators of the local and global polity.'

Professor Marco Ventura, University of Siena, Italy

'This is a highly commendable and fresh contribution to the debates on the relationship between Islam and the Modern State; proposing a much needed third way apart from a theocracy or an anti-religious secular state. A well researched and highly recommended read.'

Professor Mashood A. Baderin, SOAS University of London, UK

PROGRAMME

4:45pm Registration

5:15pm Welcome and Introduction

by Simon Chesterman
Dean, NUS Law

by Gary F. Bell
ASLI Director & Chairperson, NUS Law

5:25pm Panel Discussion

- Abdullahi An-Naim
Emory University
- Werner Menski
SOAS University of London
- Jaclyn L. Neo
NUS Law

6:15pm Response by Author

Arif A. Jamal, NUS Law

6:25pm Open Discussion

6:45pm Book Presentation

6:50pm Closing Remarks

Gary F. Bell, NUS Law

7:00pm Book Signing & Reception

7:30pm End of Event

REGISTRATION

Register at <https://nus.edu/2UcW7Yw>
or scan the QR code by
27 May 2019 (Monday)



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