

The Turk-o-Tajik World

Coalescence of Turkic, Arabic, and Persian Spheres c. 900–1900



Portrait of Shah Abu'l Ma'ali by Dust Muhammad, c. 1556, held in the Aga Khan Collection

This two-day academic conference will explore the symbiosis of Turkic, Arabic, and Persian cultures across the Islamicate world, from the medieval to the modern period. Our contributors will discuss various aspects of these cultural symbioses, and continuums, which formed the bedrock of a flourishing ‘Turk-o-Tajik’ civilisation. This cultural coalescence is explored in a variety of settings, including sufism, sexuality, literature, religious discourse, and politics.

This online conference is sponsored by SOAS, University of London, and will be held via zoom, on the **4th & 5th of May 2022**. Please register in order to attend. The registration link is

<https://soas-ac-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEvd--qqzksGt3HoyODmeowqI22Pckp0vgV>

The conference will be chaired by M.A.H. Parsa; Dr Roy Fischel from SOAS; Prof. Andrew Newman from University of Edinburgh; and Dr Ferenc P. Csirkés from Sabanci University.

The programme outline, according to London GMT:

Day One (Wednesday 4th May)

09:00	Introduction to the Turk-o-Tajik world (M.A.H. Parsa)
<u>09:30</u>	<u>Panel 1: Dreams & sufis from the Balkan to the Deccan</u> (chaired by M.A.H. Parsa at SOAS Uni. of London)
09:30	<i>Politics of the medieval Islamic oneiromancy</i> (Dr. Kayvan Tahmasebian at Uni. of Birmingham)
10:30	<i>The sufi 'canon' in Ottoman Anatolia</i> (Prof. Naoki Yamamoto at Marmara Uni.)
11:30	<i>Persianate sufism & Shi'ism in the Deccan</i> (Dr. Hunter Casparian Bandy at École Pratique)
12:30	Lunch break
<u>13:30</u>	<u>Panel 2: Literature & epistolography</u> (chaired by Prof. Andrew Newman at Uni. of Edinburgh)
13:30	<i>Arabic in Persian epistolography</i> (Meia Walravens at Uni. of Antwerp)
14:30	<i>Persian literature in the Ottoman context</i> (Ercan Akyol at Uni. of Vienna)
15:30	<i>Textualisation of Islam in early modern India</i> (Prof. Sushmita Banarjee at Uni. of Delhi)
16:30	<i>Domesticated modernities in Iran & Turkey</i> (Razieh Araghi at Uni. of Michigan)

Day Two (Thursday 5th May)

09:00

Panel 3: Language symbiosis and status

(chaired by Dr. Ferenc Péter Csirkés at Sabancı Üniversitesi)

09:00

Persianisms and perversions among the late Ottomans
(Erik Blackthorne-O'Barr at Columbia Uni.)

10:00

Languages of pre-modern Islamic political thought
(Dr. Mohamad el-Merheb at Uni. of Groningen)

11:00

Promotion of Turki to the status of Persian & Arabic
(Dr. Muhammad Ali Dinakhel at Uni. of Peshawar)

12:00

Lunch break

13:30

Panel 4: Languages of power & authority

(chaired by Dr. Roy Fischel at SOAS Uni. of London)

13:30

Arabic among the Il-Khanate's intellectuals
(by Yusuf Chaudhary at Cambridge Uni.)

14:30

Imagining a Muslim Society in a 16th century Ottoman world
(Xiwen Yang at LSE)

15:30

Nader Shah's challenge to the Ottomans in the heart of Islam
(Muhammet Habib Saçmali at Istanbul Medeniyet Uni.)

16:30

Poetics and protest theology
(Dr. Saida Mirsadri Uni. of Paderborn)

17:30

Concluding remarks & reflections by the chairmen