

PACIFICA INSTITUTE SPEAKER SERIES

THEME: " MUSLIM VOICES AGAINST EXTREMISM "

Keynote Speakers



Ameena Jandali

Ameena is content director and founding member of Islamic Networks Group (ING), a non-profit organization with affiliates around the country that counter prejudice and discrimination against American Muslims by teaching about their traditions and contributions in the context of America's history and cultural diversity, while building relations between American Muslims and other groups. Ameena has delivered hundreds of presentations in schools, colleges, universities, churches, and other venues on Islam and related subjects. She's also appeared on many news outlets speaking on issues relating to American Muslims. She currently teaches about Islam at San Francisco City College. Ameena received her M.A. in Near Eastern Studies from the University of California, Berkeley, and B.A. in History from the University of Illinois.



Abdullah bin Hamid Ali

Abdullah is a full-time faculty member specializing in Islamic Law, Theology, and Hadith Science at Zaytuna College in Berkeley, CA. He attended Temple University for two years (1995-1997) prior to pursuing studies that culminated in a four-year collegiate license (ijaza 'ulya) from the prestigious Al-Qarawiyn University of Fes, Morocco (1997-2001). He holds a BA from the Al-Karaouine/Al-Qarawiyn University's Faculty of Islamic Law (Shariah) and an MA in Ethics & Social Theory from The Graduate Theological Union (2009-2012) of Berkeley, CA. He is also pursuing his PhD in Cultural & Historical Studies at GTU, as one of the institution's Presidential Scholars.



Ozgur Koca

Özgür is an Assistant Professor of Muslim studies and spent ten years of his life teaching physics, mathematics and astronomy in different countries. After years of quantitative research he decided to journey to new perspectives in the fields of philosophy and religion. His studies in these diverse fields allow him to draw on the resources of science, philosophy, and theology to develop a constructive Islamic theology that can address the burning ethical, spiritual, political, and religious issues Muslim societies face today. His studies focus on Islamic Philosophy-Theology-Spirituality, Science and Religion Discussion, Environmental Ethics, Interreligious Discourse, and Contemporary Islamic Movements and Ideologies.

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Time: 6:45PM

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