

**URL: Understanding Religion and Law  
Eighth Workshop  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
1pm lunch; 1:45pm-5:30pm workshop  
Undergraduate Reading Room, Ground Floor  
Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies  
University of Exeter**

We are pleased to announce the programme for the eighth Understanding Religion and Law Workshop, funded under the GW4 URL Accelerator project. The project is led by Professors Rob Gleave (Exeter), Julian Rivers (Bristol), Sophie Gilliat-Ray (Cardiff) and Dr Mustafa Baig (Exeter).

**More information on the project can be found at:** <http://gw4.ac.uk/project/url-understanding-religion-and-law/>

All are welcome to attend for all or part of the workshop, and anyone travelling from outside Exeter will be entitled to expenses reimbursement. For more information, contact the URL postdoctoral fellow: Dr Tayyeb Mimouni ([url.fatwas@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:url.fatwas@exeter.ac.uk)).

## PROGRAMME

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| 13:00  | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| 13:45  | Welcome – <b>Project update: Muslims, Fatwās and Muftīs in the UK</b>   |
| 14:30  | Stéphane Hlaimi – <b>The Religion within the Public Space: is there a Trade-off between Security and Freedom? Evidence from the State of Emergency in France.</b> |
| 15:00  | Tea, coffee break   |
| 15:15  | Hanif Patel – <b><i>Ifta'</i> in the UK, Personal Journey</b>   |
| 15:45  | Muawiyah Ahmed – <b>Dār al-'Ulūm</b>  |
| 16:15  | Mahmood Kooria – <b>Matrilineal Islam: Customs as Islamic Law in the Indian Ocean World</b>   |
| 16:45: | Ana Almuedo-Castillo – <b>"Ubruş minna b'īdah": Power and Interests Behind the Absence of Civil Marriage Law in Lebanon</b>                                       |
| 17:15  | Closing remarks – Rob Gleave  |
| 17:30  | <b>Finish</b>   |