Medieval Islamic Mysticism and History in Indo-Persian Cultures

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**MORNING SESSION**

10:00-12:00

- Richard Salomon, University of Washington
  - The Religions of India and Iran: Patterns of Exchange and Influence, with Special Reference to Buddhism
- Kazim Abdullaev, Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan
  - Some Observations on the Cult of Plant in the Pre-Islamic Figurative Art of Central Asia

**Round Table Discussion**

- Priti Rammurthy, University of Washington
- Carl Ernst, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

1:30-3:15

- Hossein Ziai, University of California, Los Angeles
  - The Reception of Suhrawardi’s Illuminationist Philosophy in India
- Carl Ernst, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
  - Fazī’s Illuminationist Interpretation of Vedanta: The Šariq al-Maʾrīfa

**Round Table Discussion**

- Richard Salomon, University of Washington

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- Michael Shapiro, University of Washington
  - Persian Influence on the Development of Hindi and Urdu: Reexamining the Evidence
- Sunil Sharma, Boston University
  - Cosmographies of Indo-Persian and the Writing of Persian Literary History

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- Florian Schwarz, University of Washington
  - The Quatrain of Abdulhāliq Ghījduvānī
- Muzaffar Alam, University of Chicago
  - Sufi Shaykhs and the Mughal Rulers of the Sixteenth Century

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- Mohamad Tavakoli Taghti, University of Toronto
  - Persian but Homeless Texts
- Karen Ruffle, University of Miami
  - May Fatimah Gather Our Tears: The Mystical and Intercessory Powers of Fatima Zahra in Indo-Persian Shi’i Devotional Literature and Performance

**Round Table Discussion**

- Purnima Dhavan, University of Washington
- Jennifer Dubrrow, University of Washington and University of Chicago

**CLOSING REMARKS**

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