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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate **DATE** December 7, 2022
FROM Wade Parkhouse, Provost and Vice-
President Academic, and Chair, SCUP **PAGES** 1/1
RE: Revised Terms of Reference for the Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies Endowment
(SCUP 22-32)

At its meeting on December 7, 2022, SCUP reviewed and approved the revised Terms of Reference for the Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies Endowment.

Motion: That Senate approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies Endowment.

C: L. Campbell, S. Mongrain, T. Moustafa



MEMO

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TO: Wade Parkhouse, Vice- President, Academic

FROM: Lara Campbell, Dean, pro tem, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences

RE: Approval of Revised Terms of Reference for the Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies Endowment

CC: Erin Morantz, Vice- President, Advancement & Alumni Engagement

DATE: November 1, 2022

The Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies Endowment supporting the Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies and the Professorship in the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Culture was established in 2006 at Simon Fraser University by multiple donors to support and encourage existing and new activities in the Centre. In 2016, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences established the Professorship in the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures, which was supported by a portion of the annual spending allocation from the Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies Endowment. In 2022, at the request of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, these terms were revised and replace any previous iterations.

Purpose: The purpose of the Endowment is to (a) provide annual support to enhance activities of the Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies that support its mission of encouraging the academic discussion and public understanding of the cultures and societies of Muslim peoples in their broad range of geographical and cultural diversity at Simon Fraser University. A portion of the interest earned will be used each year to support the activities of the Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies as determined by the Director, Centre of Comparative Muslim Studies and the Steering Committee. (b) to fund the Professorship in the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures.

Rationale: The terms of reference have been amended to clarify their alignment with current university and/or faculty-level policies and practices.

Request:

Terms of Reference Revision

I request that you submit the following motion to SCUP:

Motion: That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the revised Terms of Reference for the Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies Endowment.




Sincerely,

Lara Campbell

Lara Campbell
Dean, pro tem, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences

Attached:

- *Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies Endowment Revised Terms of Reference*
- *Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies Terms of Reference (2006)*
- *Professorship in the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures Terms of Reference (2016)*



**Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies
Endowment supporting the Centre for
Comparative Muslim Studies and the
Professorship in the Comparative Study
of Muslim Societies and Culture**

Endowment Terms of Reference

Revised: September 2022

Terms of Reference Summary

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The purpose of the fund is to (a) financially support activities of the Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies and to encourage existing and new activities across Simon Fraser University and (b) to fund the Professorship in the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures.

The funds will be held by Simon Fraser University and administered by the Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences or their designate.

About the Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies

The Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies (CCMS) fosters academic and public discussion and understanding of Muslim societies and cultures. It shifts the analysis from the notion of a single religious landscape defined by the religion of Islam to that of Muslims of different experiences and interpretations as agents in the construction of their societies and cultures. The Centre also examines the broader political, social, cultural, economic, and environmental forces that shape the Middle East and North Africa, South and Southeast Asia, and other Muslim communities globally.

About the Professorship in the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures

The Professorship will augment and continue the work of the Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies, which has been to encourage the academic discussion and public understanding of the cultures and societies of Muslim peoples in their broad range of geographical and cultural diversity.

Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies Endowment

Purpose

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- (a) provide annual support to enhance activities of the Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies that support its mission of encouraging the academic discussion and public understanding of the cultures and societies of Muslim peoples in their broad range

of geographical and cultural diversity at Simon Fraser University. A portion of the interest earned will be used each year to support the activities of the Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies as determined by the Director, Centre of Comparative Muslim Studies and the Steering Committee.

- (b) to fund the Professorship in the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures.

Appointment of the Professorship in Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures

The successful candidate will have an international reputation with a strong publication record and extensive teaching experience. If the candidate is at an early career stage, she or he should demonstrate exceptional promise. The geographic area of specialization is open.

The appointee will hold an existing continuing tenure track position at any rank as defined by the SFUFA-SFU Collective Agreement. The appointment of the Professorship shall be for a five-year term with the possibility of renewal at the discretion of the Steering Committee in compliance with SFUFA-SFU CA and any relevant University policies.

The holder of the Professorship in the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures shall be recommended by the search committee with the support of the steering committee. The search committee is to be comprised of members of the Steering Committee and members of the academic department or departments to which the prospective holder of the Professorship is attached. The appointment shall be made and governed in compliance with University policy and the SFUFA/SFU CA as they may be amended from time to time.

Fund Administration

The Endowment Fund will be held by Simon Fraser University. The administrator of the Fund will be the Vice President, Academic.

The capital of the Endowment Fund will be held in perpetuity for the exclusive use of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences in support of the Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies. The Endowment Fund will be managed in accordance with Endowment Management Policy GP 20 (the "Policy").

Income from the fund may be used to pay a portion of the salary, benefits and research expenses of a qualified scholar.

In the event that circumstances make the specified use of the Endowment Fund no longer practicable or desirable, the Board of Governors of Simon Fraser University is hereby authorized to make any changes it may deem necessary in the terms or use of the Endowment Fund. Such changes, however, are to be in keeping as far as possible with the original spirit and general intent of these terms of reference governing the Endowment Fund.

Approved by:

Tamir Moustafa
Director, Centre for Comparative
Muslim Studies
Simon Fraser University

Date

Lara Campbell
Dean (*pro tem*)
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Simon Fraser University

Date

Wade Parkhouse
Provost and Vice-President Academic
Simon Fraser University

Date

Erin Morantz
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Simon Fraser University

Date



SIMON FRASER
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**CENTRE FOR COMPARATIVE STUDY OF
MUSLIM SOCIETIES AND CULTURES**

CR ID: MUSLIMSTUDY FILE NO.: 978
FUND TYPE: ENDOWED PROJECT NO.:
ADMINISTRATOR: CENTRE DIRECTOR START DATE: 2006

TERMS OF REFERENCE (abbreviated):

The Centre for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures was established in 2006 to support and encourage existing and new activities.

The Centre will support and encourage the following existing activities: the Concentration in Middle East and Islamic History; the Drs. Fereidoun and Katharine Mirhady Endowment in Iranian and Persianate Studies; Farsi language instruction; the Bennett Library Farsi Collection; exchange programs with universities in Muslim regions (currently in Istanbul, Cairo, and Tehran); and a public lecture program.

The Centre will encourage the expansion of existing programs and activities: adding instruction in other languages of Muslim peoples such as Arabic, Turkish, Urdu, and Swahili; expanding exchange programs to universities in Asia and Africa; expanding the library holdings in primary languages relevant to the Centre's mandate (Arabic, Urdu, Turkish), to make it a major research Centre.

The Centre will work closely with the University Advancement Office to raise funds for programs related to its mandate: a Visiting Professorship which would bring to campus an internationally renowned academic; an annual Workshop that would draw together major scholars to address a comparative theme in the analysis of Muslim societies and cultures; graduate and undergraduate funding for study abroad.

FUND CONTACT:

**Derryl MacLean
Department of History, SFU**

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT, RESEARCH

TO: Sarah Dench, Secretary
Senate Committee on University
Planning (SCUP)

FROM: B. Mario Pinto
Vice-President, Research

RE: Centre for the Comparative Study of
Muslim Societies and Cultures DATE: June 19, 2006


Attached is a proposal from Dr. Derryl MacLean, Department of History for the establishment of the Centre for Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures as a Schedule A Centre.

The Governing Committee for Centres and Institutes recommends that the Centre be granted approval by SCUP. Once approved by SCUP, the proposal is to be forwarded to Senate, followed by submission to the Board of Governors.

Governing Committee:



Dr. John H. Waterhouse
Vice-President, Academic and Provost



Dr. B. Mario Pinto
Vice-President, Research

Attachment

C: Dr. John Pierce, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Dr. John Little, Chair, Department of History
Dr. Derryl MacLean, Department of History

Application for the Creation of a Schedule A Centre

Centre for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures

1. Introduction to the Centre

Muslim societies and cultures increasingly have become the focus of public and academic attention since 9/11. Unfortunately, much of the coverage has focused narrowly on a juristic Arab Islam as normative and ignored more flexible and variable practices and experiences in the wider Muslim world. The proposed Centre for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures would work to redress this imbalance by broadening academic discourse to include more comparison and complexity in the analysis of Muslim societies and cultures from Africa through the Middle East to Asia and the West.

By focusing attention on Muslim (not Islamic) societies and cultures, the Centre will encourage the shift in analysis from the notion of a single unitary religious ideaspcape defined by Islam to that of Muslims as agents in the construction of their societies and cultures within specific contexts. By incorporating the cultural experiences of diverse Muslim societies, the Centre will expand the possibilities of academic comparison and collaboration of critical consequence.

The proposed Centre will further Simon Fraser University's strategic objective to expand opportunities for students to be exposed to global societies and cultures. The Centre will raise the profile of existing courses and programs on the history of Muslim peoples and provide a foundation for the expansion of a field in which SFU has, and should maintain, a comparative national advantage.

Simon Fraser University is particularly well situated for this study of Muslim societies and cultures. The Department of History is the location of a nationally recognized Middle East and Islamic Concentration, which is at present the largest such undergraduate program within Canada, offering eleven undergraduate courses ranging from Islamic India through the Arab, Persian, and Turkish

Middle East, and on into Muslim Africa, and western Islams. It has the largest graduate program on Muslim history in western Canada, with three graduate courses and eight current graduate students. At present, there are six History faculty members within History teaching and researching related subjects (see attached list).

The Concentration has been and continues to be committed to the comparative study of Muslim societies and cultures. Its current course offerings and research orientation geographically include the Muslim populations of Turkey, Arab Middle East, Iran and Central Asia, Africa, Asia, and the West. Comparative courses have been designed at the undergraduate and graduate levels to meet the Department's concern expressed in its Three Year Plan for increased comparative content. For these reasons, it makes sense to locate the proposed Centre in the Department of History.

There are additional faculty members in Sociology and Anthropology, Women's Studies, and Contemporary Arts teaching Muslim societies and cultures (see below).

Additional existing SFU international initiatives that involve Muslim societies and cultures are student exchange programs in Turkey, Egypt, Morocco, India, and Iran; Persian language courses through the Language Training Institute; W.A.C. Bennett Library Farsi Language Collection, numbering around 1000 volumes; and the Drs. Fereidoun and Katharine Mirhady Endowed Lecture in Iranian and Persianate Studies.

2. Activities of the Centre

This section consists of three parts: existing elements that will be coordinated and encouraged by the Centre; existing elements that will be expanded, as funding is located; new activities which require new funding.

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3. Constitution of the Centre

The purpose of the Centre for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures and its activities and programs is the promotion of the teaching, research, and academic and community programming in the study of Muslim societies and cultures. The Centre supports research, publications, colloquia, conferences, workshops, visiting speakers, library resources in the languages of Muslim peoples, and international exchange relationships in the areas of its mandate. The Centre encourages cross-disciplinary and comparative activities at the University and beneficial and mutually supportive links between the University and local communities.

The Centre for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures will be a Schedule A Centre and come under the direct authority of the Dean of Arts and Social Sciences.

The administration of the Centre and its programs will be governed in accordance with University policies, including R.40.01: Centres and Institutes. If this document and University policy differ on any issue, University policy shall prevail.

The Centre will be located in the Department of History.

The Centre will be administered by a Director who will be appointed by the Dean of Arts and Social Sciences on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee of the Centre. The term of office of the

director normally will be three (3) years. In the absence of the Director, an Acting Director may be appointed from the Advisory Committee.

The activities of the Centre will be guided by an Advisory Committee made up of five (5) Simon Fraser University faculty members, at least two (2) of whom will be from the Department of History and its Concentration in Middle East and Islamic History. Members of the Advisory Committee will be appointed by the Dean of Arts and Social Sciences on the recommendation of the Director.

The Advisory Committee of the Centre will be chaired by the Director. Meetings normally will take place once a semester.

Associate Membership in the Centre will consist of individuals with an academic interest in some aspect of the study of Muslim societies and cultures. Associate Member status will be proposed by the Director and approved by the Advisory Committee.

4. Library resources

There are no additional library costs associated with starting the Centre. Current resources associated with the University's Concentration in Middle East and Islamic History are substantial. The Centre will raise funds for the augmentation of the collection in areas and languages concerned with its mandate.

5. Financial implications

There are no initial budgeting implications on SFU. Space and resources will be supplied initially by the Department of History and its Concentration in Middle East and Islamic History. External funds will be raised in support of the expansion of the Centre's activities.

6. University faculty with Centre interests

Felicitas Becker, Assistant Professor, History, East Africa and the western Indian Ocean, with a special interest in the spread of Islam.

William L. Cleveland, Professor, History, political and intellectual history of the modern Middle East, Arab nationalism.

Andre Gerolymatos, Professor, History, contemporary international political history, including the Middle East.

Thomas Kuhn, Assistant Professor, History, late Ottoman empire, comparative imperialisms, and non-western modernities.

Derryl MacLean, Associate Professor, History, Islamics, Muslim Asia, conversion and millennialism.

Paul Sedra, Assistant Professor, History, Middle Eastern modernisms and education.

Yildiz Atasoy, Assistant Professor, Sociology and Anthropology, Turkey, religion, and globalization.

Parin Dossa, Assistant Professor, Sociology and Anthropology, gender and globalization, Iranian diaspora.

Laura Marks, Dena Wosk Endowed Fellow, School of Contemporary Arts, visual art and culture of the Middle East.

Habiba Zaman, Associate Professor, Women's Studies, women and work in comparative perspective, including Muslim communities.



Professorship in the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures

Terms of Reference

The Professorship in the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures, established in 2016 by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, will be supported by a portion of the annual spending allocation from the Endowment Fund (61-432340) established in 2006 to support the Centre for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures (CCSMSC).

Professorship

The Professorship will augment and continue the work of the CCSMSC, which has been to encourage the academic discussion and public understanding of the cultures and societies of Muslim peoples in their broad range of geographical and cultural diversity. In addition to responsibilities as a faculty member in the Department of History, the Professorship holder will serve as Director of the CCSMSC.

Appointment

The successful candidate will have an international reputation with a strong publication record and extensive teaching experience. The geographic area of specialization is open. Knowledge of Arabic and/or Persian or other regional research language(s) is preferred.

The appointee will hold an existing continuing tenure track position as defined in SFU Academic Policies. The appointment of the Professorship shall be for a five year term with the possibility of renewal at the discretion of the CCSMSC Steering Committee.

The holder of the Professorship in the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures shall be nominated by the CCSMSC Steering Committee and shall be selected on the recommendation of a selection committee convened by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. The selection committee shall consist of members of the CCSMSC Steering Committee and members of the academic department to which the prospective or existing holder of the Professorship is attached. The appointment shall be made in accordance with faculty appointment policies A10.06 and subject to the approval of the Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, and the Vice President, Academic.

Fund Administration

The Endowment Fund will be held by Simon Fraser University. The administrator of the Fund will henceforth be the Vice President, Academic. The funds will be held by the university for the continued exclusive use of the Centre for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures for activities and outreach, including this Professorship. The endowment fund will be managed in accordance with Endowment Management Policy GP 20 (the "Policy").

Professorship in the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures

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Accepted by:

Simon Fraser University



~~Jonathan Driver~~ Dr. Peter Keller
Vice-President, Academic and Provost



Date



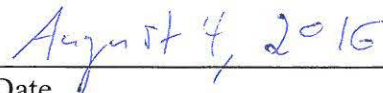
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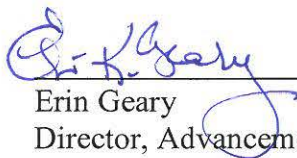
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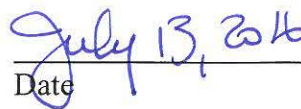
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