

1438/2016 KFCRIS Annual Islamic Political Thought Workshop

“An unjust ruler is better than continued sedition” –

Political Quietism in Sunni, Shia and Sufi Jurisprudence: The Classics and the Contemporary

CALL FOR PAPERS

7 – 8 Rabea I 1438 / 6 – 7 December 2016

“Political Quietism” in Islam has become an in vogue term amongst academics, analysts and religious leaders alike. Like any sociopolitical phenomenon, a variety of contexts exist which would lead to attraction and implementation of political quietist discourses. It is these contexts, implementations, and surrounding discourses, across all Islamic theological traditions and jurisprudential schools, that this year’s Annual Islamic Political Thought Workshop seeks to explore in depth, both historically and contemporarily.

For the purpose of this workshop, the term “political quietism” is openly interpreted to include a religious rejection of lay politics, i.e., opposing politico-religious ideologies embraced by political Islamists.

As the approach to explorations of political quietism in Islam is relatively open to interpretation, the workshop welcomes submissions of academics, students and practitioners of all the social sciences, in order to facilitate a more well-rounded discussion. Submissions are welcome to discuss in-depth political quietism in both the classical era, as well as more contemporary cases, up through the modern day. Submissions are not limited to states or governments, but also to political and or social movements and thinkers as well.

Original proposals relating to political quietism in Islamic jurisprudential traditions historically as well as contemporarily are welcome.

Proposals concerning the following are particularly encouraged:

- Political Quietism, both past and present
- Interplay between political quietism and Islamist modernism
- Political trajectories and transformations of political quietism in political party platforms since 2011
- Presentations comparing and contrasting political quietism in different regions of the Arab and Muslim worlds
- Individual ideological cases vs. collective adoption of quietist positions
- Interplay between political quietism and pluralism
- Intra-dialogue between quietists and non-quietists

How to apply:

Interested authors are asked to submit proposed titles, brief abstracts (300-500 words) and short biographies (150 words), as well as contact information, by 14 Dhu Al-Hijja 1437 / 15 September 2016 to Faisal Abualhassan (abualhassan@kfcris.com).