

Friday, 10 November 2017

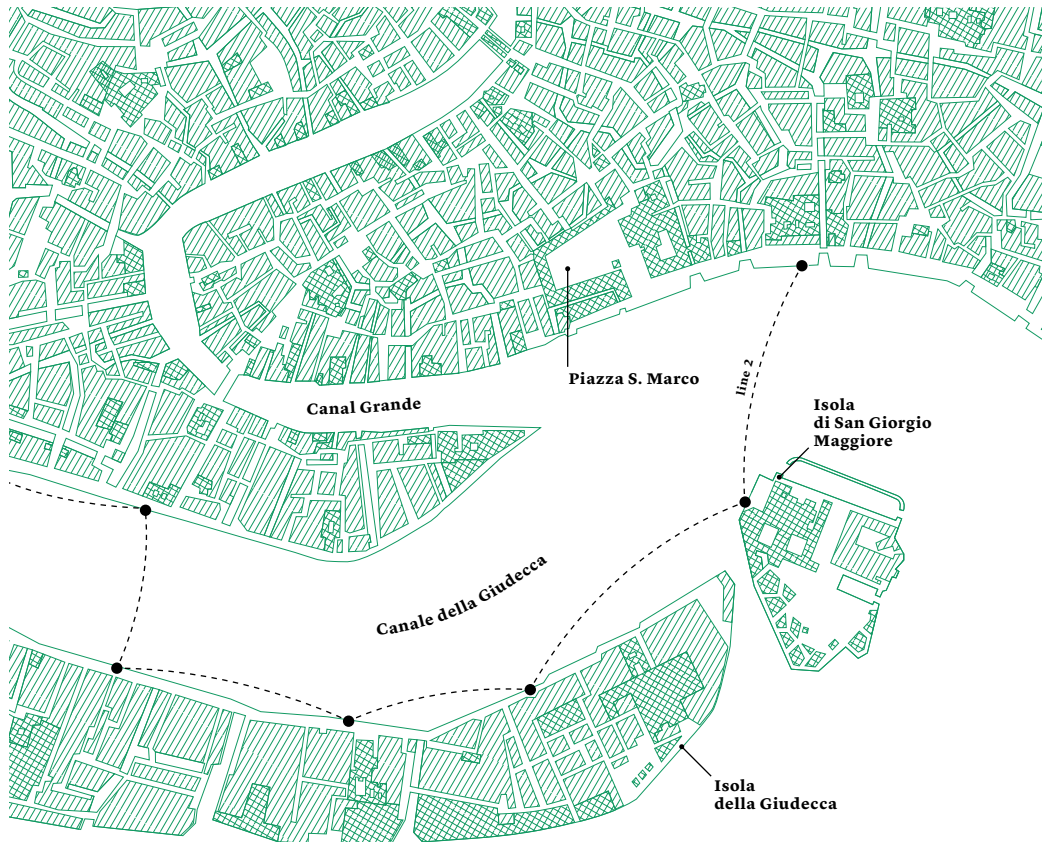
Fondazione Giorgio Cini
Isola di San Giorgio Maggiore
Venezia

17:00

Islam and Islamic spirituality
in the contemporary world.
What is the role of religions
in our society?

Public speech with
Shaykh Khaled Bentoues
Sufi Master of the Alawiyya brotherhood

MODERATOR
Professor Khalid Rhazzali
University of Padua - Italy



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9 - 11 November 2017

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Transnational Sufism
in Contemporary Societies:
Reconfiguring Practices,
Narratives and Boundaries

International Conference

CURATED BY
Francesco Piraino
and **Mark Sedgwick**



Sufism, a path of spiritual, mystic and esoteric purification in the Islamic world, has played a central role in the history of Islam. In the Modern age, Sufism suffered a twofold attack: on one hand from “Islamic reformists” (Salafi and Wahabi), who consider Sufism to be a form of innovation and syncretism and, on the other, from “Modernists”, who see it as an archaic religious manifestation. Nonetheless, Sufism in the contemporary world shows great vitality: new brotherhoods have been founded and existing ones have acquired renewed energy. The conference will develop the following themes: the relations between new and old trends in Sufi theology, the reconfiguration of religious practices and narratives, and the influence of Sufi politics on contemporary societies.

Thursday, 9 November 2017

09:00 – 09:30

Welcome addresses

Pasquale Gagliardi

General Secretary of the Fondazione Giorgio Cini

Francesco Piraino

Responsible for the Centre for Comparative Studies of Cultures and Spiritualities of the Fondazione Giorgio Cini

Mark Sedgwick

(Aarhus University) Conference co-organiser

09:30 – 11:00

Thomas Dähnhardt

Ca' Foscari University – Italy

Sufis, yogis and the West: can spiritual power defy the border of modernity?

Thomas Joassin

London School of Economics – UK

Popular Islam, Transnational Sufism and war on terrorism in Algeria

11:00 – 11:30 | Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00

Francesco Piraino

KU Leuven – Belgium

Who is the infidel in contemporary Sufism?

Justine Howe

Case Western Reserve University – USA

Honoring the Prophet, Performing American Islam: Mawlid Practices in Contemporary Chicago

14:30 – 16:00

Muhammed Haron

University of Botswana – Botswana

Evaluating and Comparing the Murabitun and Haeriyun: Reflections of Contemporary South African Sufism

Andrea Brigaglia

Cape Town University – South Africa

Narratives of Eurapia: Autobiographies of Conversion to Islam by French Rap Artists

16:30 – 17:00 | Coffee break

17:00 – 18:30

Maike Neufend

Justus-Liebig University – Germany

Between Spiritual Colonialism and the Re-appropriation of Islam: Emotional Styles of Popular Sufism in Beirut, Lebanon

Besnik Sinani

Free University of Berlin – Germany

Serving the Predecessors: Teachings and Politics of the Ba ‘Alawi Order’

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Zachary Markwith

Berkeley Theological Union – USA

The Politics of the Maryamiyyah Sufi Order: Between Quietism and Collusion

Usaama Al-Azami

Markfield Institute of Higher Education – UK

Sufi Scholars and Arab Politics: Mapping the Transnational Networks and Institutions of Traditional Islam after the Arab Revolutions

10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00

Mark Sedgwick

Aarhus University – Denmark

What happened to Sufi Universalism after 1970?

Denis Brylov

Kazan Federal University – Russia

Transnational Sufi movements in the post-Soviet space: The example of al-Ahbash

13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch

17:00 – 18:30

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Simon Stjernholm

University of Copenhagen – Denmark

Sufi Messages in Swedish Public Service Media

Katia Boissevain

CNRS – France

Mawlid al-Nabi in Post-revolutionary Tunisia. What is the Place for Sufi orders?

10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee break

11:30 – 13:30

Rory Dickson

University of Winnipeg – Canada

and Merin Shobhana

Xavier Marshall College – USA

Disordering and Reordering Sufism: North American Sufi Teachers and the Tariqa Model

Éric Geoffroy

Strasbourg University – France

The Sufi Consciousness Foundation: A Sign of Post-confraternity Sufism?