RETHINKING HALAL: GENEALOGY, CURRENT TRENDS, AND NEW INTERPRETATIONS

Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, 18-19 June 2018

PROGRAM

MONDAY, 18 JUNE 2018

08.30-09.00: Registration
09.00-09.30: Introduction and welcome

Introduction Ayang Utriza Yakim (UCL/RSCS) and Baudouin Dupret (CNRS, UCL)
Welcome Louis-Léon Christians (RSCS chairman, UCL)

Panel I
09.30-13.00 Chair Louis-Léon Christians (UCL/RSCS)
09.30-10.15 Keynote Speech
Ibrahim Warde (The Fletcher School, Tufts University, USA) “The Halal Industry between Ethics and Marketing”

10.15-11.15: 1st session
HALAL CERTIFICATION AND ISSUES ON STANDARDIZATION

Barbara Hayat Ruiz-Bejarano (Halal Institute, Spain), “Halal Standard Harmonization, current informal practices by HCBs and on harmonization of formal national halal standards”

Shaheed Tayob (Stellenbosch University, South Africa), “The Ethics of Trust: Halal Certification and Intra-Muslim Trade in South Africa”

11.15-11.30: tea-break

11.30-13.00: 2nd session
HALAL CERTIFICATION ISSUES IN EASTERN AND SOUTHERN EUROPE

Konrad Pędelziwac (Cracow University, Poland), “Halal Certification as a Source of Intra and Inter Group Tensions – Case of Muslims in Poland”

Antonio de Diego González (Halal Academy, Spain), “Building Sharia boards for halal sector in non-Muslim Southern Europe: An Islamologic analysis”

13.00-14.30: Lunch and Break

Panel II
14.30-18.00 Chair Baudouin Dupret (CNRS, UCL)
14.30-15.15 Keynote Speech
John R. Bowen (Washington University in St. Louis, USA) “Material Semiotics of Halal Qualities.”

15.15-16.15: 1st session
HALAL CERTIFICATION ISSUES IN JAPAN

Mariko Arata (Ritsumeikan University, Japan), “Serving foods to Muslims in restaurants in Japan: How Southeast Asian halal certification standards are affecting food industries in Non-Muslim countries?”

Shuko Takeshita (Aichi Gakuin University, Japan), “Halal Certification and Attracting Foreign Muslim Tourists: A Comparison between Pro- and Anti-Certification Groups in Japan”

16.15-16.30: tea-break

16.30-17.30: 2nd session
HALAL CERTIFICATION ISSUES IN ITALY

Rossella Bottoli (Catholic University of Milan), “The Italian Experience with Halal Certification Bodies: The Case of Halal Italia”

Lauren Marr (Washington University at St. Louis, USA), “Cosa C’è Dietro’ (what’s behind): Halal and Country of Origin Certifications in Milan, Italy”

19.00-21.30 Welcome Dinner
TUESDAY, 19 JUNE 2018

Panel III
09.00-12.30 Chair Vincent Legrand (UCL)

09.00-09.45 Keynote Speech

Florence Bergeaud-Blackler (CNRS/IREMAM, France)
"Pour une approche critique de la notion de halal en sciences sociales"

09.45-10.45: 1st session
SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES: THE HALAL CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

Jajat Burhanudin (Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University Jakarta, Indonesia), "Halal Fatwa in al-Manar in the Early 20th Century: Some Cases of Southeast Asian Islam"

En-Chieh Chao (Sun Yat-sen University, Taiwan, Republic of China), "The making of halal science: Lard scandals, Shafi’i fatwas, and pharmacology lab in Indonesia"

10.45-11.00: tea-break

11.00-12.30: 2nd session
CHINA: THE WORLD LEADER OF HALAL MARKET?

Ho Wai-Yip (University of Hongkong, China), "Living Islam under Secularized China’s Vision of ‘One Belt, One Road’: Made in China, Consumed by Ummah & Branding Qingzhou to Global Halal!"

Zaynab El Bernoussi (Al-Akhawayn University, Morocco), "China as a Leader of the Halal Business"

Hacer Z. Gonul (Université Libre de Bruxelles), "The Dilemma of Chinese Food’s ‘Halal-ification’ in Global Islamic Market and Ethnic Bias in China: The Role of Hui Community"

12.30-13.30: Lunch and Break

Panel IV
13.30-16.30 Chair Farid El Asri (USL/UCL)

13.30-14.15 Keynote Speech

John Lever (University of Huddersfield, England)
"Consuming halal in the age of globalised mass production: compound practice - knowing what to eat?"

14.15-15.15: 1st session
“LIVING HALAL AND RETHINKING HALAL”

Matteo Benussi (University of Cambridge), "Living Halal in the Volga region: Lifestyle and Civil Society Opportunities"

Harun Sencal (Durham Centre for Islamic Economics and Finance), "Rethinking Halal: A Fuzzy Logic Perspective"

15.15-15.30: tea break

15.30-17.00: 2nd session
CHALLENGING HALAL AND PROPOSING NEW PERSPECTIVES

Eleftheria Egel (management consultant, Germany), "Does ‘Halal’ risk being left devoid of its spiritual essence? The challenge of functioning in the neoliberal paradigm"

Marc Deschamps (Halal Club Brussels, Belgium), "Islamic Booble Pareto law: Towards a reasonable harmonization of Halal norms and practices"

Mukr Muller (Attorney in Rotterdam and Berlin), “Contractual Clarity for a Holy Commodity"

17.00-17.40 Some Notes on Halal: Between Ethics, Economy, and Religion

Axel Gossier (UCL/Chaire Hoover)
Brigitte Maréchal (UCL/CISMOC)

17.40-18.00 Concluding Remarks

Louis-Léon Christians (UCL/RSCS)

18.00 Closing

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