



**A Two-Day International Workshop  
“Imagining an Alternative ‘Post-Secular’ State” and  
“State & Sharia in the Pre-20<sup>th</sup>-Century Middle East”**

**February 17 and 18, 2017**

**Venue**

**Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of  
Asia and Africa (Rm 303)**

**Tokyo University of Foreign Studies**

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Friday, February 17, 2017

Imagining an Alternative 'Post-Secular' State:  
Historicizing and Comparing National Struggles  
over Re-secularization

Morning Session 10:00-13:00

Umut Azak, Okan University

“Rethinking the Republican Secularism, Secularization, and State  
Islam in Turkey”

Mohammad Rasekh, Shahid Beheshti University

“Traditional Secularism v. Modern Secularism: The Nature of  
*Fiqh* and the Related Constitutional System”

Yasuyuki Matsunaga, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

“Resisting Resecularization in Post-Khomeini Iran”

Afternoon Session 14:00-17:00

Sadia Saeed, University of San Francisco

“Rethinking Desecularization: Insights from State-Religion  
Relations in Pakistan”

Naser Ghobadzadeh, Australian Catholic University

“Principled Distance and Re-depoliticisation of Shī'ite  
Jurisprudence”

Andrew March, Yale University

“Comments and Discussions”

Joint Reception 17:30-19:30

University Cafeteria (2nd floor)

Saturday, February 18, 2017  
State and Sharia in the Pre-20th-Century  
Middle East

First Session 13:00-

Linda Darling, University of Arizona  
“Justice, *Shari`a*, and the Obligations of Rulers in Pre-  
Modern Middle East”

Nobuaki Kondo, ILCAA  
“State and *Shari`a* in Early Modern Iran”

Second Session 14:45-

Guy Burak, New York University  
“The History of *Kanun* in the Ottoman and post-Ottoman  
Middle East”

Jun AKIBA, Chiba University  
“The Governor’s Divan and its Successors: Judicial  
Authority in the Ottoman Provinces, 18th to 19th  
Centuries”

General Discussion 16:20-17:00