

NADA MOUMTAZ**EMPLOYMENT**

- 2016-** **Assistant Professor**, Religion & Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto
- 2012-16** **Assistant Professor**, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Affiliated Faculty in Comparative Studies & Geography, Ohio State University

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Cultural Anthropology. Graduate Center, CUNY. 2012
Dissertation “*Modernizing Charity, Remaking Islamic Law*”
- M.Phil. Cultural Anthropology. Graduate Center, CUNY. 2007
- B.Arch Architecture, with distinction. American University of Beirut (AUB). 2001
Final Year Project: “*Building on Capital: A Commercial Development in Verdun*”

GRANTS, PRIZES, and AWARDS

- 2019-20 Postdoctoral fellowship at the Agha Khan Program in Islamic Architecture at MIT
- 2018-20 Connaught New Researcher Award, University of Toronto
- 2014-15 Postdoctoral Fellowship at the program “Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe” of the Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin.
- 2011-12 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship for the study of religious or ethical values
- 2011-12 CUNY, Graduate Center Dissertation Fellowship
- 2009-11 CUNY, Writing across the Curriculum Fellowship, held at City College
- 2009 National Science Foundation, Dissertation Improvement Grant (Lebanon and Turkey)
- 2007-09 Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (Lebanon and Turkey)
- 2006 CUNY, Fieldwork Reconnaissance Award, Anthropology Program (Turkey)
- 2003-07 CUNY, Gilleece Award, offered at the time of admission to a select number of incoming students who show exceptional academic potential at the Graduate Center
- 2001 AUB, Areen Award for Excellence in Architecture 2nd prize for my final year project
- 2001 AUB, Distinguished Graduate Award for academic achievement, character, and contribution

PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 *God’s Property: Islam, Charity, and the Modern State*. Berkeley: University of California Press
- 2018 “From Forgiveness to Foreclosure: *Waqf*, Debt, and the Remaking the Islamic Legal Subject in Late Ottoman Mount Lebanon,” in special issue “Muslim Endowments in Asia,” edited by Amelia Fauzia, Till Mostowlansky, and Nurfadzilah Yahaya, *The Muslim World*, 108(4):593-612 [peer-reviewed]
- 2018 “‘Is the Family Waqf a Religious Institution?’ Charity, Economy, and Religion in French Mandate Lebanon,” *Islamic Law and Society* 25(1-2): 37-77 [peer-reviewed]

- 2018 “Theme Issue: A Third Wave of Waqf Studies,” invited Introduction to an editor created special-theme issue of *Islamic Law and Society* 25:1-10 [editor-reviewed]
- 2017 *Of Property and Planning*, with Mona Fawaz, Special section of *Planning Theory and Practice* 18 (3): 345-404 [peer-reviewed]
- 2017 “Of Property and Planning: A Brief Introduction,” in *Planning Theory and Practice* 18 (3): 345-350 [editor-reviewed]
- 2015 “Chapter 7: Refiguring Islam” in *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to the Anthropology of the Middle East*, edited by Soraya Altorki pp 125-150. Malden, MA & Oxford, UK: Wiley-Blackwell [editor-reviewed]

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- 2018 “Redefining the ‘Islamic’: Insights from the Family Waqf Debates in French-Mandate Lebanon and Syria,” blogpost for <https://www.themaydan.com/>
- 2018 “An Ethic of Cultivation, An Ethos of Engagement,” blogpost for *13/13 Uprisings* at the Columbia Center for Contemporary Critical Thought
<http://blogs.law.columbia.edu/uprising1313/nada-moumtaz-an-ethic-of-cultivation-an-ethos-of-engagement/>
- 2013 “On Why Struggles over Urban Space Matter: An Interview with David Harvey” (with Hiba Bou Akar), in *jadaliyya.com*, <http://www.jadaliyya.com/Details/29822>

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2019 “*Shari‘a* and Kinship in the Ottoman Eastern Mediterranean,” in *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East* 39 (2): 353-357 (Part of book forum review for Beshara Doumani (2017) *Family Life in the Ottoman Mediterranean: A Social History*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press)
- 2019 “Critique, *Naqd*, Orthodoxy,” in *Critical Research on Religion* 7(2) 194–198 (Part of book forum review for Irfan Ahmad (2018) *Religion as Critique: Islamic Critical Thinking from Mecca to the Marketplace*, Chapel Hill: UNC Press)
- 2014 “Economy and Religion: Long-standing Debate, Different Questions.” Book forum review for Mona Atia (2013) *Building a House in Heaven: Pious Neoliberalism and Islamic Charity in Egypt*, Minneapolis: University Of Minnesota Press (for *Antipode: Journal of Radical Geography*, online, 2350 words)
- 2007 Book Review of *On Suicide Bombing* by Talal Asad, Columbia UP: New York, in *Al-Akhbar* newspaper, 10 October (in Arabic)

PAPERS, PANELS, AND CONFERENCES

CONFERENCE ORGANIZING

- 2018 Event co-organizer (with Amira Mittermaier). Remembering Saba Mahmood, University of Toronto (Toronto, 21 September)

- 2015 Workshop co-organizer (with Yazan Doughan and Karim Sadek) and presenter: *Authority, Tradition, Critique under the Modern State*, Forum Transregionale Studien (Berlin, 22 June)
- 2014 Conference co-organizer (with Mona Fawaz) and Presenter: *City Debates: Property and the Practice of Urban Planning*, AUB (Beirut, 7-8 March)

INVITED TALKS

- 2019 “‘Dead’ but ‘Agile:’ Discourses of Inalienability, Islamic Endowments, and Post-war Reconstruction in Beirut,” Georgetown University, Religion, Culture & Politics Workshop (Washington DC, 5 April)
- 2018 “Care of the family as Islamic charity? The case of a public waqf in 19th c. Beirut,” Sacred Cultures of Care: Judaism, Islam, and the Politics of Poverty and Justice, University of Illinois at Chicago (Chicago, 7-8 March)
- 2017 “Understanding the Syrian Uprising: An Ethic of Cultivation, An Ethos of Engagement,” *13/13 Uprisings: Modalities of Revolt*, Center for Contemporary Critical Thought, Columbia University (New York, 26 October)
- 2016 “From Forgiveness to Foreclosure: Remaking the Islamic Legal Subject in Late Ottoman Mount Lebanon,” *Muslim Endowments in Asia: Waqf, Charity and Circulations*, National University of Singapore (Singapore, 19-20 October)
- 2016 “Statistics as Evidence in Islamic law? Debates on the validity of the family waqf in the Levant and Egypt (1903-1945),” *Islam and Regimes of Evidence*, University of Chicago (Chicago, 28-30 April)
- 2016 “From Forgiveness to Foreclosure: Remaking the Islamic Legal Subject in Late Ottoman Mount Lebanon,” University of Toronto, Department for the Study of Religion (Toronto, 18 March)
- 2016 “From Debt Forgiveness to Foreclosure: Remaking the Islamic Legal Subject,” pre-circulated paper for *Colonial and Capitalist Encounters in the Middle East & North Africa: A Workshop on Legal History Methodologies* at the Institute for Global Law and Policy, Harvard Law School (Cambridge, 12 February)
- 2015 “Beyond Practice vs. Theory in Islamic Law: The Work of *Maṣlaḥa* in *Waqf* Exchanges in the Reconstruction of Downtown Beirut,” Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Law (Hamburg, 9 July)
- 2015 “Rethinking *Maṣlaḥa*: Public Benefit and the Waqf’s Interest in the Reconstruction of Downtown Beirut,” *Islamic Law and Empire* mini-conference at the Institute for Global Law and Policy conference, Harvard Law School (Cambridge, 1-2 June)
- 2015 “‘A Pious Purpose for Us and for Them:’ Thinking the Us/ Them Divide in the Hanafi Ottoman Legal Tradition,” *Tolerance in Islam*, King’s College (London, 16-17 March)
- 2014 “Intersections and Transformation of Traditions: Islamic Tradition and the Laws of the Economy,” *The Idea of Islam Today: Towards Non-Orientalist Genealogies*, an International Symposium in Honor of Talal Asad, AUB (Beirut, 25-26 September)
- 2014 “State, Waqf, and Law,” pre-circulated paper for *Beyond State Failure: New Anthropological Perspectives on the Everyday State in Lebanon*, a Wenner-Gren workshop, hosted by AUB (Beirut, 14-16 July)
- 2014 “Beyond Profit? Islamic Inalienable Trusts in Beirut’s Postwar Reconstruction,” UC Davis, Anthropology Department Colloquium (Davis, 19 February)
- 2014 “From Debt Forgiveness to Foreclosure: the Remaking of the Islamic Legal Subject,” *Islam and Forgiveness: Reflections on Justice and Conflict Resolution in Muslim Contexts*, symposium at the University of Washington (Seattle, 6-7 February)

- 2013 “Beyond Profit? Islamic Inalienable Trusts in Beirut's Postwar Reconstruction,” OSU Geography Department Colloquium (Columbus, 15 November)
- 2011 “The Work ‘Religious Possessions’ Do,” *Talking About Religion: Contested Meanings*, Marymount Manhattan College (New York, April 15)
- 2011 “The Judge, the Ruler, the Supervisor, and the Administrator: State, Law, and Waqf Administration in modern Beirut,” at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales seminar *Le waqf en Méditerranée : le droit, le social, l'espace* (Paris, February 3)
- 2010 Invited discussant to the panel *New Perspectives on Early Modern Poor Relief II: Giving in the Golden Age*, at the European Social Science History Conference, as part of a series of panels on Family Foundations (Ghent, 13-16 April)
- 2009 “Lebanese Building and Urban Regulations” for the workshop *The Institutionalization of Local Regional Technical Offices within the Association of Municipalities of Sour, Jabal Amil, and Bint Jbayl*, part of UN-Habitat’s Post-War Reconstruction in Southern Lebanon, AUB (Beirut, 2 July)
- 2008 *Master Plans, Unplanned Construction, and Architectural Heritage* to present the proposed urban development scheme developed for the city of B'albak, by ARS Progetti SRL, Italy, as part of its the local team, Order of Engineers and Architects (Beirut, 28 November)

TALKS

- 2020 Contribution to roundtable “In Defense of the City’s Interests against Individual Property,” a debate series organized by Publicworks Studio on the *Social Value of Land* (Beirut, 3 February)
- 2019 “Waqfs and The (Re)Production of sectarian identity: From Solidere to the Revolution,” on panel *Property, Power and Citizenship Practices in the Middle East* at MESA’s annual meeting (New Orleans, LA 14-17 November)
- 2018 “Getting Close to God through Urban Renewal?” on panel *Ethical Life under Modern Economic Conditions* at the AAA annual meeting (San José, CA 14-18 November)
- 2017 “‘Dead’ but ‘Agile:’ Post-war Reconstruction and Beirut’s Islamic Endowments,” on panel *On Charitable Trusts and Corporations* at the AAA annual meeting (Washington, DC, 28 November-3 December)
- 2017 “Thinking about Authority in the Islamic Tradition: Debates on the family waqf in the Levant and Egypt (1903-1945),” on panel *Authority in Modern Islam: History, Theory, Anthropology*, co-organized with Prof. Lemons, McGill, at the Social Science History Association annual meeting (Montreal, 3-5 November)
- 2016 “From Forgiveness to Foreclosure: Remaking the Islamic Legal Subject in Late Ottoman Mount Lebanon,” on panel *Properties of Speculation and Debt*, at the AAA annual meeting (Minneapolis, 16-20 November)
- 2016 “Intersections and Transformations of Traditions: Islamic Tradition and the Laws of the Economy,” Ohio Symposium on Middle East Studies (Dayton, 8-9 April)
- 2015 “Proof in Islamic Law from Texts to Statistics: Debates on the Family Waqf in the Levant (1918-1945),” on panel *Texts, Reasoning, and Ethics in the Anthropology of Islam*, Middle East Studies Association (Denver, 22 November)
- 2015 “Modernizing Charity: Authority, Community, and Subjectivity in the Islamic tradition,” Europe in the Middle East, the Middle East in Europe, Forum Transregionale Studien (Berlin, 20 May)
- 2014 ‘Author meets critics’ session for Mona Atia’s *Building a House in Heaven* at the Association of American Geographers’ annual meeting (Tampa, Florida, 21-25 April)

- 2014 Co-organizer (with Prof. Asad Ahmed) and Presenter on panel “Other Traditions, Other Knowledges: Pushing the Limits of an Anthropology of Islam,” *Middle East History and Theory Conference*, University of Chicago (Chicago, 2-3 May)
- 2013 “Practices of Commoning: Public Utility and Religious Interest in the Waqfs of Contemporary Beirut,” at the conference *DiverCities: Contested Space and Urban Identities in Beirut, Cairo, and Tehran* (Beirut, 12-14 December)
- 2012 “Modernizing Charity, Remaking Islamic Law,” on panel *The Shifting Borders of Islamic Traditions*, AAA annual meeting (San Francisco, 14-18 November)
- 2012 “Contesting Publics: Public Utility and Religious Interest in Contemporary Beirut,” at the conference *Droit et Propriété au Liban: Explorations Empiriques*, Institut Français du Proche-Orient (Beirut, 14 June)
- 2011 “What of the ‘Interest of the Waqf?’ French Mandate Legislation and Articulations of the Lebanese Public Good,” at the conference *Colonies and Post-colonies of Law* (Princeton, 18 March)
- 2011 Co-Organizer (with Ceren Özgül) and Presenter “When Things Become Persons: Charitable Foundations in Lebanon after French Mandate Legislation,” on panel *Of People and Things: Historical Anthropologies of Law and Landed Property in the Contemporary Middle East*, at the AAA annual meeting (Montréal, 16-20 November)
- 2010 “Challenging the Fixity of the State: Circulation of waqfs and the processes of state control in Beirut, Lebanon,” at the AAA annual meeting (New Orleans, 17-21 November)
- 2010 “‘Truly Pious is he who spends his substance upon his near of kin’: Family and charitable waqfs in Beirut at the turn of the 20th century,” at the *European Social Science History*, as part of a series of panels on Family Foundations (Ghent, 13-16 April)

SERVICE

Reviewer for *American Ethnologist*; *International Journal of Middle East Studies*; *Rethinking Marxism*; *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*; *Islamic Law and Society*; *Exchange*

American Anthropological Association. Member of the selection of committee: 2018, 2019.