



# Darwin and Evolution in the Muslim World

A conference at Hampshire College, Amherst, MA  
October 2–3, 2009



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**Darwin and Evolution in the Muslim World**

**Franklin Patterson Hall  
Hampshire College  
Amherst, Massachusetts  
USA**

**October 2-3, 2009**

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## **Conference Program**

### **Friday - October 2, 2009**

Coffee: 8:45am – 9:00am

***Friday: 9:00am-10:00 am***

***Welcome and introduction of conference participants***

Coffee break: 10:00-10:30

***Friday: 10:30am-Noon***

***Early reception of Darwin/evolution in the Muslim world I***

**Thomas Glick** (Boston University, US)

***Darwinism in the Islamic World in the Context of the Comparative Reception of Darwinism***

**Betty Anderson** (Boston University, US)

***The Syrian Protestant College (SPC) and the Darwin Controversy of 1882***

**Monica Ringer** (Amherst College, US)

***Rational Religion, Evolution, and the Generation of Secularism and Citizenship in the Middle East and India***

**Lunch: Noon – 2:00pm**

***Friday: 2:00pm-3:00pm***

***Early Reception of Darwin/evolution in the Muslim world II***

**Berker Cengay** (Princeton University, US)

***An Introductory Outlook on the Late Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Intellectuals' Encounter with Darwin and the Idea of Evolution***

**Martin Riexinger** (Göttingen University, Germany)

***İsmail Fenni (Ertuğrul): A Detractor of Materialism and the Theory of Evolution in Early Republican Turkey***

Coffee Break: 3:00pm-3:30pm

***Friday: 3:30pm-5:00pm***

***Evolution, religion, and the question of authority***

**Uwe Vagelpohl** (Warwick University, UK)

***The Authority to Interpret: Evolution, Qur'anic Commentaries and the Conflict Between Scientists and Religious Scholars***

**Pervez Hoodbhoy** (Quaid-e-Azam University, Pakistan)

***Where Science Teaching has a Problem With Religion: Experiences from Pakistan***

**Salman Hameed** (Hampshire College, US)

***The Religious Framing of Darwin & Evolution in Pakistan***

***Friday: 6:00pm-7:30pm***

***Keynote Public Lecture***

**Ronald L. Numbers** (Hilldale Professor of History of Science & Medicine, University of Wisconsin-Madison, US)

***Creationism Goes Global: From American to Islamic Fundamentalism***

**Conference dinner: 8:00pm-10:00pm**

*Red Barn* at Hampshire College

## **Saturday - October 3, 2009**

Coffee: 8:45am-9:00am

***Saturday: 9:00am-10:30am***

### ***Evolution education in the Muslim world I***

**Jason Wiles** (Syracuse University, US)

***Embarking on Intercultural Research into Evolution Education: Response and Resistance to Inquiry about Evolution among Indonesian Muslims***

**Anila Asghar** (Johns Hopkins University, US)

***Islam, Evolutionary Science, and Education: Rifts and Reconciliation on Pakistan***

**Saouma BouJaoude** (American University of Beirut, Lebanon)

***Muslim, Egyptian, and Lebanese Students' Conceptions of Biological Evolution***

Coffee Break: 10:30-11:00am

***Saturday: 11:00am-12:30pm***

### ***Evolution, secularism, and education***

**Berna Turam** (Northeastern University, US)

***Instructive Muslims Inside and Outside Turkey: Secular or Islamist Education?***

**John Schoeberlein** (Harvard University, US)

***The Legacy of Communist Secularism and the Post-Soviet Reemergence of Islamic Education***

**Taner Edis** (Truman State University, US)

***Between Nasr and Ateş: What Understanding of Evolution do Science Educators Want?***

**Lunch: 12:30pm – 2:00pm**

**Saturday: 2:00pm-3:30pm**

**Evolution education in the Muslim world II**

**Aykut Kence** (Middle East Technical University, Turkey)

***On Teaching Evolution in Turkey***

**Saad Shafqat** (Agha Khan University, Pakistan)

***Opinions and Attitudes to Evolution among Physician-Scientists and Biologists in Pakistan.***

**Don Everhart** (Hampshire College, US)

***Evolution, Islam, & Medicine: Perspectives of Pakistani Physicians in the USA***

Coffee Break: 3:30pm-4:00pm

**Saturday: 4:00pm-5:00pm**

**Conference summary, discussion, and the path ahead**

**Saturday: 6:00pm-7:30pm**

**Public Panel Discussion: Evolution and Islam**

**Brian Alters** (moderator/panelist) (Tomlinson Chair in Science Education, McGill University, Canada)

**Ehab Abouheif** (Canada Research Chair in Evolutionary Developmental Biology, McGill University, Canada)

**Taner Edis** (Associate Professor of Physics, Truman State University, US)

**Dinner: 8:00pm-10:00 pm**

*Monkey Bar* in Amherst

**Sunday – October 4<sup>th</sup>**

Travel day