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AFTERNOON TALKS ON ISLAMIC LAW

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"Jurisdictional Imaginings in Early Islamic Law"

Friday, 15 June 2018 – 4 pm

Conference Room 1, 1st floor

All employees and guests of the institute as well as other interested parties are cordially invited to the lecture.

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About the Speaker:

Dr. Emon is a professor of law at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law and the Canada Research Chair in Religion, Pluralism and the Rule of Law. His research focuses on premodern and modern Islamic legal history and theory, premodern modes of governance and adjudication, and the role of Shari'a both inside and outside the Muslim world. His general academic interests include topics in law and religion, legal history, and legal philosophy. He teaches torts, constitutional law, and statutory interpretation, and offers specialized seminars on Islamic legal history, gender and Islamic law, and law and religion. The recipient of numerous research grants, he was named as a 2014 Guggenheim Fellow in the field of law and awarded the 2017 Kitty Newman Memorial Award in Philosophy from the Royal Society of Canada.

About the Topic:

Too often, comparative law scholars assert that Islamic law has no private international law tradition or conflicts of law. They argue that the status orientation of Islamic law reflects the religious nature of Islamic law as a transnational phenomenon. However, an examination of premodern fiqh suggests that there indeed was a medieval jurisdictional imagination across Sunni Islamic legal scholars. The lecture will examine this historical tradition to critique the modern secular epistemic assumptions that limit the study and practice of law today.