

**Overview of Speakers: "The Sharia", September 20, 2012:**

**Asma Afsaruddin** (Bloomington): Professor of Islamic Studies, chair of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at Indiana University, teaching activities at the University of Notre Dame, Johns Hopkins University and Harvard University, chair of the Board of Directors of the Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy

**Sadik Al-Azm** (Bonn, Syria): Philosopher, professor at the University of Damaskus, teaching activities and visiting professorships inter alia at the Universities of Beirut, Princeton, Berlin and Hamburg, recipient of the Erasmus price and doctor honoris causa at the University of Hamburg, currently fellow at the Käte Hamburger Centre for Advanced Study "Law as Culture"

**Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh** (Jordan): International lawyer, statesman and diplomat, former Prime Minister of Jordan, member and former vice-president of the International Court of Justice, chairman of the Committee on Islamic Law and International Law, teaching activities inter alia at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge

**Upendra Baxi** (Bonn, Delhi): Legal scholar, professor at the Universities of South Gujarat and Delhi, the Law Schools of Washington College, the University of Warwick, Duke University, New York University and the University of Toronto, currently fellow at the Käte Hamburger Centre for Advanced Study "Law as Culture"

**Werner Gephart** (Bonn): Legal scholar, sociologist and artist, director of the Käte Hamburger Centre for Advanced Study "Law as Culture", numerous visiting professorships, editor of the volume "Law" of the Max Weber-Gesamtausgabe (MWG I/22,3)

**Lina Ben Mhenni** (Tunis): Blogger and Human Rights activist, recipient of the Deutsche Welle International Blog Award and El Mundo's International Journalism Prize, assistant lecturer of linguistics at Tunis University

**Raja Sakrani** (Bonn): Legal scholar and cultural scientist, fellowship at the Collegium Helveticum (ZRWP Basel, 2009/10), member of the Société de Législation Comparée (Paris), scientific coordinator at the Käte Hamburger Centre for Advanced Study "Law as Culture"

**Raja Ben Slama** (Tunis): Professor of Arab Civilization at Manouba University in Tunis, chief editor of the journal Alawan, founder of the Tunisian Cultural Association to Defend Laicism and vice-president of the Association of Arab Rationalists

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Thursday, September 20, 2012  
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- 10:00 - 10:30 am Introduction and welcome  
Werner Gephart/Raja Sakrani (Bonn):  
**The Sharia as a Specific Type of Validity Culture**
- 10:30 - 11:30 am Keynote speech  
Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh (Jordan):  
**Varieties of Sharias**
- 11:30 - 12:30 pm Asma Afsaruddin (Bloomington):  
**The Historical Pluralism of Sharia and Women's Rights Today**
- 12:30 pm Luncheon
- 2:00 - 3:00 pm Sadik Al-Azm (Bonn, Syria):  
**The Sharia from a Secular Perspective**
- 3:00 - 4:00 pm Raja Ben Slama (Tunis):  
**De la "kiwama" des hommes au voile des femmes**
- 4:00 pm Pause
- 4:30 - 5:30 pm Lina Ben Mhenni (Tunis):  
**Perspectives from a Revolutionary Blogger**
- 5:30 - 6:30 pm Closing remarks  
Upendra Baxi (Bonn, Delhi):  
**The Sharia and the Contexts of Justice:  
Marginal Notes towards Understanding Human Rights  
Debate amidst the "Arab Spring"**

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