

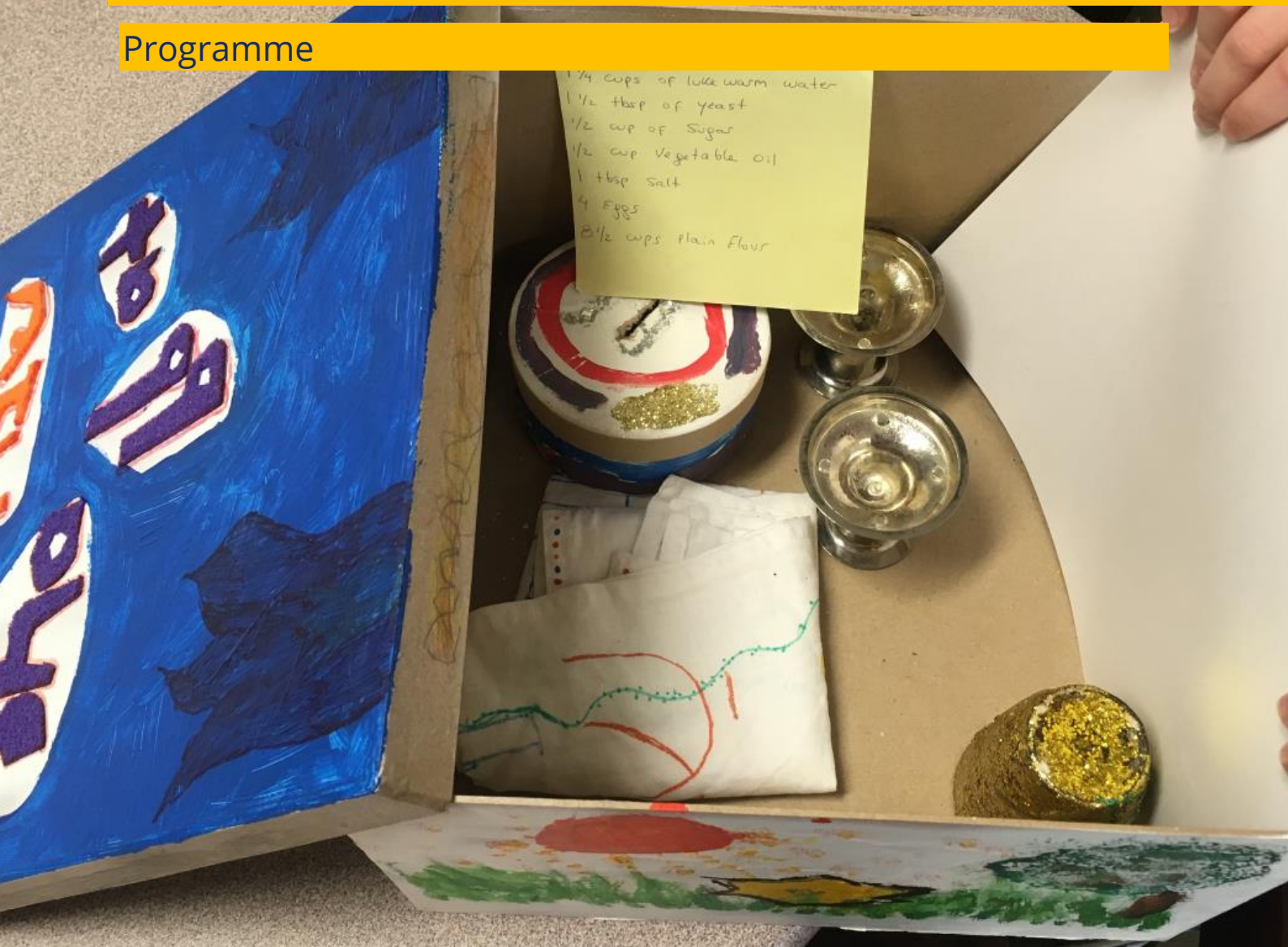
The Cambridge Interfaith Programme

Catalysing inter-religious inquiry since 2002

Materiality and the future of inter-religious encounters

7-8 September 2023

Programme



Hosted by the Cambridge Interfaith Programme

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Start Time Session Details

Pre-sessional activities (invited speakers only)

- 10:30 Guided visit: Cambridge Genizah Research Unit.
Meet outside the University Library, CB3 9DR.
- 12:15 Buffet lunch

Core programme

- 13:00 Arrivals and registration

13:15 **Welcome**

Opening remarks: Anastasia Badder (Cambridge) & Lea Taragin-Zeller (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

13:30 **KEYNOTE:** Birgit Meyer, University of Utrecht

Towards a Materiality of Inter-religious Encounter

14:15 Break

14:30 Panel 1: **Media** | chaired by Samuel Everett

Fatma Sagir, Institut für Kulturanthropologie & Europäische Ethnologie, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg

“I’m not Muslim but . . .”: Inter-religious encounters and materiality in digital culture

Ayala Fader, Fordham University

Illiberal Jewish-Christian Material Alliances

Emanuelle Degli Esposti, Cambridge

Hijabs, hoodies, and hashtags: the commodification of Shi’a Muslim identity in Britain

16:00 Break

16:30 Panel 2: **Ecologies** | chaired by Esra Özyürek

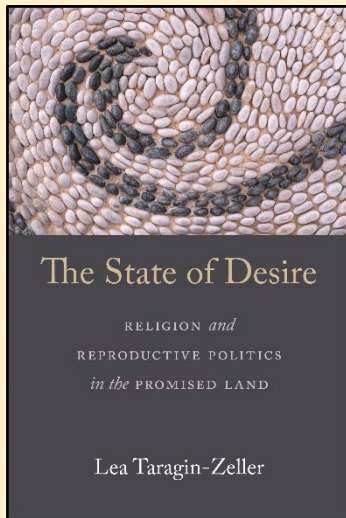
Hanane Benadi, London School of Economics & Political Science

Balancing hope and fear: Muslim and Christian Responses to Climate Catastrophe in Egypt

Anastasia Badder, Cambridge

Creating ‘value’: Water, efficiency, and lived religious realities in a research-practice partnership

17:45 —19:00 **Book launch: The State of Desire: Religion and Reproductive Politics in the Promised Land** (2023, NYU)



Featuring author Lea Taragin-Zeller (HUJI), with reflections from Ayala Fader (Fordham) & Esra Özyürek (Cambridge). Members of the public are welcome to register for and attend this event. It is sponsored by New York University Press. Light refreshments will be provided & copies of the book will be available for purchase at the special price of £20 (RRP 23.99).

It is also possible to pre-order & pay for a copy to collect at this event: <https://square.link/u/zX6xtwTO>

19:30 **Conference dinner** (speakers only): **Lucy Cavendish College**, Lady Margaret Road, Cambridge, CB3 0BU.

Day 2 Friday 8 September

09:30 Panel 3: **Senses and Sound** | chaired by Ayala Fader
Vlad Naumescu, Central European University
'Silence is the message': cultivating community in a Christian ashram
Erica Weiss, Tel Aviv University
Aesthetics, kinaesthetics, and taste in different Israeli-Palestinian peace initiatives
Samuel Everett, University of Southampton
Curating commonality: Northern African Jewish and Muslim migration and intercultural heritage, from northern Africa to France

11:00 Break

11:30 Panel 4: **Space** | chaired by Yulia Egorova

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Safet HadžiMuhamedović, Cambridge

Recovering In-Other landscape: materiality and religious proximity in the Bosnian highlands

Jeremy Walton, University of Rijeka

On interreligious sites of conflictual memory: lessons from Ayasofya and Klis

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Panel 5: **Bodies & the State** | chaired by Lea Taragin-Zeller
Ben Kasstan, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
Orthodox fraternities? Religion, rights and relationships in 'modern Britain'

Lindsay Simmonds, London School of Economics & Political Science
Reflections from a 'third space': 'Politics is what happens around bodies'

14:30 Break

15:00 Panel 6: **Time** | chaired by Birgit Meyer

Yulia Egorova, Durham University

Time, materiality and interfaith in UK-based solidarity work

Emily Hanscam, Linnaeus University

Social archaeology, orthodoxy & Roman frontiers: excavations at Halmyris, Romania

16:00 Break

16:15 **Closing roundtable** | chaired by the convenors

Research strategy, future events, and publications

Draft programme, 09.08.23.

Food and refreshments

Hot drinks and snacks will be available at registration and during break times.

A vegetarian buffet lunch (with vegan options) will be available for all who register in advance.

The book launch will include a choice of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

Convenors

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Federmann School of Public Policy and Governance and the Program in Cultural Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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