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# RETHINKING HALAL: GENEALOGY, CURRENT TRENDS, AND NEW INTERPRETATIONS

Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, 18-19 June 2018

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

## ✓ PROGRAM

MONDAY, 18 JUNE 2018

08.30-09.00: Registration

09.00-09.30: Introduction and welcome

Introduction **Ayang Utriza Yakin** (UCL/RSCS) and  
**Baudouin Dupret** (CNRS, UCL)  
Welcome **Louis-Léon Christians** (RSCS chairman, UCL)

### Panel I

09.30-13.00 Chair **Louis-Léon Christians** (UCL/RSCS)

09.30-10.15 Keynote Speech

**Ibrahim Warde** (The Fletcher School, Tufts University, USA)  
"The Halal Industry between Ethics and Marketing"

10.15-11.15: 1<sup>st</sup> session

### HALAL CERTIFICATION AND ISSUES ON STANDARDIZATION

**Barbara Hayat Ruiz-Bejarano** (Halal Institute, Spain), "Halal Standard Harmonization, current informal practices by HCBs and on harmonization of formal national halal standards"

**Shaheed Tayob** (Stellenbosch University, South Africa), "The Ethics of Trust: Halal Certification and Intra-Muslim Trade in South Africa"

11.15-11.30: tea-break

11.30-13.00: 2<sup>nd</sup> session

### HALAL CERTIFICATION ISSUES IN EASTERN AND SOUTHERN EUROPE

**Konrad Pędziwiatr** (Cracow University, Poland), "Halal Certification as a Source of Intra and Inter Group Tensions – Case of Muslims in Poland"

**Antonio de Diego González** (Halal Academy, Spain), "Building Sharia boards for halal sector in non-Muslim Southern Europe: An Islamologic analysis"

13.00-14.30: Lunch and Break

### Panel II

14.30-18.00 Chair **Baudouin Dupret** (CNRS, UCL)

14.30-15.15 Keynote Speech

**John R. Bowen** (Washington University in St. Louis, USA)  
"Material Semiotics of Halal Qualities."

15.15-16.15: 1<sup>st</sup> session

### HALAL CERTIFICATION ISSUES IN JAPAN

**Mariko Arata** (Ritsumeikan University, Japan), "Serving foods to Muslims in restaurants in Japan: How Southeast Asian halal certification standards are affecting food industries in Non-Muslim countries?"

**Shuko Takeshita** (Aichi Gakuin University, Japan), "Halal Certification and Attracting Foreign Muslim Tourists: A Comparison between Pro- and Anti-Certification Groups in Japan"

16.15-16.30: tea-break

16.30-17.30: 2<sup>nd</sup> session

### HALAL CERTIFICATION ISSUES IN ITALY

**Rossella Bottoni** (Catholic University of Milan), "The Italian Experience with Halal Certification Bodies: The Case of Halal Italia"

**Lauren Marr** (Washington University at St. Louis, USA), "Cosa C'e' Dietro' (what's behind): Halal and Country of Origin Certifications in Milan, Italy"

19.00-21.30 Welcome Dinner