



## NEWSLETTER

16 March 2015

### ISIS and the Islamic Legacy

10 March 2015

On Tuesday the 10 March Dr Shahid Mathee gave a public lecture on 'ISI and the Islamic Legacy – A child born in wedlock or out of it?' in the Humanities Common Room. The audience of 35 people found his exploration of the Islamic legacy within ISI's construction of itself, fascinating. If you would like to hear his lecture it is available on the Departmental Website and can also be listened to at (Part one) [https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3eCw-nVg\\_aVYzJUUFQtSkvQ0k/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3eCw-nVg_aVYzJUUFQtSkvQ0k/view?usp=sharing) and Part 2 [https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3eCw-nVg\\_aVWVNfdF9ZMnlrMXc/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3eCw-nVg_aVWVNfdF9ZMnlrMXc/view?usp=sharing)

### The Crisis of the Muslim Intellectual

On Thursday 12th of March The Department hosted a seminar "The Crisis of the Muslim Intellectual" in the Council Chambers. The keynote speaker was Dr Ali Al-Allawi a leading international Muslim scholar, the author of a number of widely acclaimed books and a former Minister in the Iraqi Government. Dr Allawi's lecture can be accessed at The Crisis of the Modern Islamic Intellectual Tradition - Dr Ali Allawi.mp3 - [https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3eCw-nVg\\_aVOFhUV3ZMdTITd0U/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3eCw-nVg_aVOFhUV3ZMdTITd0U/view?usp=sharing)

### Lectures on Islam in Germany

Professor Esack, the head of our department, delivered the keynote address at a Conference on Poverty and Socio-Economic Justice in Christianity and Islam in Stuttgart, Germany (7-9th March). His paper was entitled "Eschatology and Socio-Economic Justice in the Shorter Meccan Surahs. On Monday 10th March, still in Germany, he delivered a lecture at the Humboldt University in Berlin on "Speaking about Violence in the Qur'an with your Back against the Wall".

### Proposal Writing Seminar

25 March 2015

The second in our seminar series on proposal writing for postgraduate students was held on Wednesday 11 March. We focused on strategies to writing a good literature review. Our next meeting will be on the 25 March at 10:30 in the seminar room. We will be looking at rough versions of your proposals, so please bring them along to the seminar.