

# Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics Annual Meeting Program January 5-8, 2023

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Marion Katz, New York University

## **SSME COVID-19 Masking, Vaccination, and Testing Policy:**

We are so glad we are gathered together this year, and we appreciate your contribution to keeping our communities healthy. Here is the guidance for your participation at the conference.

The SCE/SJE/SSME are all requiring masking at all conference meetings and conference spaces on hotel premises. **SCE is requiring proof of vaccination at conference registration for all attendees.**

### **How to wear a mask:**

Your mask should go over your nose and mouth. It should form a firm seal around your mouth and nose, with no gapping or air escaping; otherwise, the purpose of a mask is diminished. You should also pinch the nose wire so it conforms to the bridge of your nose.

We are providing N95 masks in limited supply at SSME sessions in case you do not have your own preferred well-fitting mask.

### **Testing requirement:**

**We require you to take a rapid test every day that you attend the conference** (enforced by the honor system). After you check in to the hotel, please proceed to the Conference Registration area to receive your SSME provided testing kit that contains 5 tests. Please test before you head to any conference events.

### **What to do If You Test Positive:**

If you test positive before traveling to Chicago, please do *NOT* board your transportation and notify us at your convenience of your absence.

If you test positive while in Chicago:

1. Do *not* attend any further SSME events. We will be sorry to miss you, but we will be even sorrier if the conference becomes a spreader event.
2. Quarantine in your room until you're testing negative again, (you may have to arrange this with the hotel).
3. Delivery services such as Getir, Instacart, Doordash, Grubhub etc can drop off food, medications, or other things at the delivery desk near the front desk. Be in touch with someone from the conference if you need something picked up from this desk and put outside of your door.
4. If you need to visit an urgent care provider, the providers nearest the Palmer House Hotel are:
  - a. Advocate Clinic at Walgreens  
Advocateaurorachealth.org  
79 W Monroe St, Chicago, IL 60603

AND

151 N State St Fl 1st, Chicago, IL 60601  
(800) 323-8622

b. Michigan Avenue Immediate Care

[michiganavenueimmediatecare.org](http://michiganavenueimmediatecare.org)

180 N Michigan Ave Suite 1605, Chicago, IL 60601  
(312) 201-1234

c. Physicians Immediate Care

<https://physiciansimmediatecare.com/clinic/south-loop>

825 S State St, Chicago, IL 60605  
(312) 566-9510

5. If you *must* leave your room, do so only wearing a well fitted N95-or-better mask.  
Also answer your door wearing such a mask.

Thank you for your cooperation. We are looking forward to conferencing together!

**SSME 2023 Annual Meeting**  
**Hilton Palmer Hotel, Chicago, IL, USA**  
**January 5 – January 8, 2023**

**[Thursday January 5, 2023]**

**Imagining Possibilities for Transformative Twelver Shia Politics** (Thursday, January 5 @  
7:00 PM - 8:15 PM) Indiana Room – Floor 3

Convener: Shereen Yousuf

Participants: Narjis Nichole, Laila Tauqeer, Halema Wali, Muhammad Yousuf,

**[Friday January 6, 2023]**

**Health, the Body, and Scientific Ethics** (Friday, January 6 @ 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM) Salon 10  
- Floor 3

Convener: Aasim Padela

Ayman Shabana, “Between Amelioration and Alteration of God’s Creation: Islamic Discussions on Human Bodily Modifications”

Aasim Padela, “Maqāṣidī Models for an “Islamic” Medical Ethics: Problem-Solving or Confusing at the Bedside?”

Harald Viersen, “Flattening the Moral Landscape: Aḥmad Amīn’s Book of Ethics and the Introduction of a Scientific Ethical Vocabulary”

**Book Project Lunch Group** (Friday January 6 @ 12:15 PM – 1:30 PM)

Convener: Raissa von Doetinchem de Rande

**Plenary Session: “Revisiting Law and Ethics in Islamic Studies”** (Friday, January 6, @ 1:30 PM – 3 PM) **Grand Ballroom – Floor 4**

Speaker: Marion Holmes Katz, Professor at NYU

**[Friday January 6, 2023, continued]**

**The Body in Muslim Ethics** (Friday, January 6 @ 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM) Indiana Room – Floor 3

Convener: Juliane Hammer

Dana Lee, “Inviolability, Value, and the Human Body in the Islamic Legal Tradition: The Case of Necessity”

Arafat A. Razzaque, “Disgust in Early Islamic Thought: Moral Aversion and the Decomposing Body in Zuhd Traditions”

Joseph Leonardo Vignone, “Rest Your Hearts, That They Might Better Remember’: Memory and the Health of the Human Heart in Medieval Islamic Ethics”

Raissa von Doetinchem de Rande, “Classical Islamic Philosophy and the Gendered Perfection of Bodies and Minds: Engaging a Complex Discourse”

**SSME Dinner** (Friday, January 6 – meet in the lobby @ 5:45 PM or at the restaurant @ 6:00 pm) Venue: Rosebud Rosetta Italian Restaurant, 1 S Dearborn St, Chicago, IL 60603;  
Reservation under: Omar Farahat

**[Saturday January 7, 2023]**

**Meaningful Post-Pandemic Networking Lunch Group** (Saturday January 7 @ 12:15 PM – 1:30 PM)

Convener: TBD

**Gender and Sexual Ethics** (Saturday, January 7 @ 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM) Salon 10 - Floor 3

Convener: Juliane Hammer

Nadiyah Mohajir, “Responding with RAHMA: Removing Roadblocks for Muslim Survivors of Sexual Violence”

Kiran Waqar, “Let’s Talk About Sex: Reclaiming Sex Positivity through a Sexual Ethics Framework for Muslims”

Syed Atif Rizwan, “Responsibility, Culpability, and Punishment: The Principle of Iḥṣān in Islamic Law”

**Joint Session: Religion and Reproductive Ethics: Envisioning a New Dialogue** (Saturday January 7 Salon @ 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM) Salon 2 – Floor 3

Teresa Delgado, Iona College (SCE)

Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University (SCE)

Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University (SCE)

Zahra Ayubi, Dartmouth College (SSME)

Michal Raucher, Rutgers University (SJE)

Convener: Irene Oh, George Washington University

**[Saturday January 7, 2023, continued]**

**Strangers, Otherness, and Diversity** (Saturday, January 7 @ 4:15 PM - 5:30 PM) Indiana Room – Floor 3

Convener: Kirsten Wesselhoeft

Aseel Azab, “Blessed Be the Strangers: An Islamic Ethical Framework for Eschatological Time”

Kamal Gasimov, “The ethics of “positive thinking” as a spiritual exercise and theological method in the sixteenth-century Sufism”

R. David Coolidge, “Plain Living, High Thinking: al-Qushayrī’s Concept of Zuhd in Light of Rūpa Gosvāmī’s Upadeśāmṛta”

**SSME Business Meeting** (5:30 PM – 6:15 PM) Indiana Room – Floor 3

**SSME Board Meeting** (6:15 PM – 7:00 PM) Indiana Room – Floor 3

**[Sunday January 8, 2023]**

**Ethics, Resistance, and the Public Sphere** (Sunday, January 8 @ 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM)

Indiana Room – Floor 3

Convener: Raissa von Doetinchem de Rande

Mujahid Osman, “Queering Jihad: Islamic Praxis in South Africa”

Iman Abdoukarim, “Safiya Bukhari: Rethinking Agency, Resistance, and Self-Cultivation”

Firooz Jafari, “The Medieval Islamic Ethics and The Virtue of Obedience”