



Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics

The eighteenth-annual meeting of the **Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics (SSME)** will be held **virtually on Zoom** from **Thursday 8 January through Sunday 11 January 2026**. Zoom instructions soon to follow.

Our virtual meeting will run concurrently with the meetings of *the Society of Christian Ethics* (in-person, Washington D.C.) and *the Society of Jewish Ethics* (virtual). Our meetings will feature hybrid and shared programming accessible to all concurrent participants via Zoom.

2026 Meeting Theme: **Anti-Imperial Muslim Ethics**

Wednesday 7 January 2026

Pedagogy Roundtable (11:00am to 12:30pm EST): Representatives from each Society will workshop teaching important ethical texts drawn from their respective traditions, with guided breakout discussions to follow.

SCE Participants:

Cynthia Moe-Lobeda (Church Divinity School of the Pacific)

SJE Participants:

Michal Raucher (Rutgers University)

SSME Participants:

Kathryn Kueny (Fordham University)

Zahra Ayubi (Dartmouth College)

Thursday 8 January 2026

Session 1: 10am to 11:30am EST

Ethics and Disparity

Syeda Beena Butool (Nazareth University), *When the Killing of Children Is (Un)Ethically Justified: Two Lessons from Muslim Imperial History*

Mariam Khan (Johns Hopkins University), *'Accountability for Uncountable Atrocities': Outlining U.S. Public Health's Ethical Obligation to Condemn Sociopolitical Injustices*

Mariam Khan (Johns Hopkins University), *Never Settle for Despair-ities: A Literature Review of Health Disparities for Palestinians as Victims of Israeli Settler-Colonialism*

Session 2: 12:00pm to 1:30pm EST

Ethics in the Post/colony

Zahra Moeini (Middlebury College), *An Architecture of Agency: Ali Shariati's Triad Deconstruction of the Colonized Self*

Hasan Hameed (Princeton University), *Persian Literature and Islamic Ethics in Colonial India*

Adnan Rehman (Boston University), *Coloniality, Nationalism, and Refuge: Toward a Framework of Ummatic Ethics*

Friday 9 January 2026

Session 3: 10:00am to 11:30am EST

SSME Book Roundtable: *The Ethics of Karbala: Myths, Modernity, and the Virtue of Nobility* by Cyrus Ali Zargar (Routledge, 2025)

Chair:

Danielle Widmann Abraham (Ursinus College)

Participants:

Cyrus Ali Zargar (University of Central Florida)

Aun Hasan Ali (University of Colorado Boulder)

Raissa de Rande (University of Chicago Divinity School)

Faraz Sheikh (College of William and Mary)

Session 4: 12:00pm to 1:30pm EST

Ethics and Propriety

Joseph Leonardo Vignone (Gonzaga University), *'Nothing is Better than Desire for Knowledge': al-Hākim al-Nīsābūrī and Ibn Ḥajar on Memory Manipulation*

Omar Farahat (McGill University), *The Ethics of Solitude According to al-Ghazālī and Ibn al-Jawzī*

Iqbal Akhtar (CESAH), *The Islamic Challenge to AI*

Session 5: 2:00pm to 3:30pm EST

Ecological Ethics

Iskander Abbasi (Fordham University), *Ethics in Islamic Liberation Theology: A Praxis of Struggle and Ecological Critique*

Sayyed Mostafa Sherafat (University of Religions and Denominations), *Islamic Algorithms for Artificial Intelligence: A Novel Pathway toward Environmental Justice and Liberation from Domination*

Natana DeLong-Bas (Boston College), *Water: Assuring Access To, Protecting, and Conserving the Source of Life as an Islamic Ethical Obligation*

Sunday 11 January 2026

Special Joint Session, SSME & SJE

Religious and Practitioner Perspectives on Sex, Gender, and Sexuality in Bioethics (12:30pm to 1:00pm EST)

Chair:

Zackary Berger, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Participants:

Ahmed Ragab, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

Laynie Soloman, SVARA