

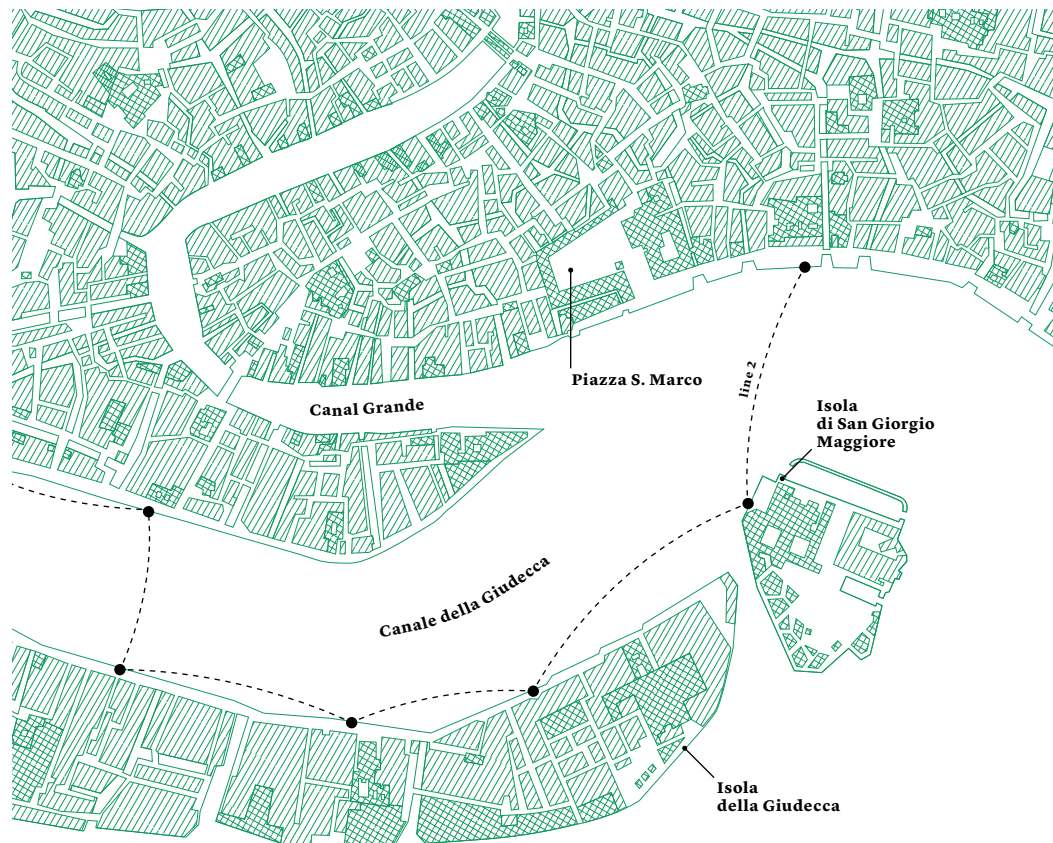
Friday, 10 November 2017

Fondazione Giorgio Cini
Isola di San Giorgio Maggiore
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17:00

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in the contemporary world.
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in our society?

Public speech with
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9 - 11 November 2017

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Transnational Sufism
in Contemporary Societies:
Reconfiguring Practices,
Narratives and Boundaries

International Conference

CURATED BY
Francesco Piraino
and **Mark Sedgwick**



Sufism, a path of spiritual, mystic and esoteric purification in the Islamic world, has played a central role in the history of Islam.

In the Modern age, Sufism suffered a twofold attack: on one hand from “Islamic reformists” (Salafi and Wahabi), who consider Sufism to be a form of innovation and syncretism and, on the other, from “Modernists”, who see it as an archaic religious manifestation.

Nonetheless, Sufism in the contemporary world shows great vitality: new brotherhoods have been founded and existing ones have acquired renewed energy.

The conference will develop the following themes: the relations between new and old trends in Sufi theology, the reconfiguration of religious practices and narratives, and the influence of Sufi politics on contemporary societies.

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09:00 – 09:30

Welcome addresses
Pasquale Gagliardi
General Secretary of the Fondazione Giorgio Cini
Francesco Piraino
Responsible for the Centre for Comparative Studies of Cultures and Spiritualities of the Fondazione Giorgio Cini
Mark Sedgwick
(Aarhus University) Conference co-organiser

09:30 – 11:00

Thomas Dähnhardt
Ca’ Foscari University – Italy
Sufis, yogis and the West: can spiritual power defy the border of modernity?

Thomas Joassin
London School of Economics – UK
Popular Islam, Transnational Sufism and war on terrorism in Algeria

11:00 – 11:30 | **Coffee break**

11:30 – 13:00

Francesco Piraino
KU Leuven – Belgium
Who is the infidel in contemporary Sufism?

Justine Howe
Case Western Reserve University – USA
Honoring the Prophet, Performing American Islam: Mawlid Practices in Contemporary Chicago

14:30 – 16:00

Muhammed Haron
University of Botswana – Botswana
Evaluating and Comparing the Murabitun and Haeriyyun: Reflections of Contemporary South African Sufism

Andrea Brigaglia
Cape Town University – South Africa
Narratives of Eurapia: Autobiographies of Conversion to Islam by French Rap Artists

16:30 – 17:00 | **Coffee break**

17:00 – 18:30

Maike Neufend
Justus-Liebig University – Germany
Between Spiritual Colonialism and the Re-appropriation of Islam: Emotional Styles of Popular Sufism in Beirut, Lebanon

Besnik Sinani
Free University of Berlin – Germany
Serving the Predecessors: Teachings and Politics of the Ba ‘Alawi Order’

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Zachary Markwith
Berkeley Theological Union – USA
The Politics of the Maryamiyyah Sufi Order: Between Quietism and Collusion

Usaama Al-Azami
Markfield Institute of Higher Education – UK
Sufi Scholars and Arab Politics: Mapping the Transnational Networks and Institutions of Traditional Islam after the Arab Revolutions

10:30 – 11:00 | **Coffee break**

11:30 – 13:00

Mark Sedgwick
Aarhus University – Denmark
What happened to Sufi Universalism after 1970?

Denis Brylov
Kazan Federal University – Russia
Transnational Sufi movements in the post-Soviet space: The example of al-Ahbash

13:00 – 14:00 | **Lunch**

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Simon Stjernholm
University of Copenhagen – Denmark
Sufi Messages in Swedish Public Service Media

Katia Boissevain
CNRS – France
Mawlid al-Nabi in Post-revolutionary Tunisia. What is the Place for Sufi orders?

10:30 – 11:00 | **Coffee break**

11:30 – 13:30

Rory Dickson
University of Winnipeg – Canada
and Merin Shobhana
Ithaca College – USA
Disordering and Reordering Sufism: North American Sufi Teachers and the Tariqa Model

Éric Geoffroy
Strasbourg University – France
The Sufi Consciousness Foundation: A Sign of Post-confraternity Sufism?