

Ali A. Olomi

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Biography

Dr. Ali A Olomi is a historian of the Middle East and Islam researching, writing, and publishing on medieval and modern Muslim thought. He studies how Muslims imagined the "Islamic world" at the intersection of religion, science, and empire. He works on how Muslims in the premodern and modern world deployed the concept of homeland to etch the borders of empire, construct collective identity, and imagine the other. Dr. Olomi's research examines the Muslim imagination of the monstrous through the djinn/jinn, the early history of astronomy and its role in empire-building, and Islamic apocalypticism and cosmology. He has an interest in the deep roots of nationalism, the histories of science and rationality, Islamism, gender and sexuality, and the tension between global religious community and local identity. He has additional research and teaching interests in world history, critical theory, the global south, historiography, folklore, and mysticism. In his teaching, he combine research-based critical pedagogy with digital technologies.

Areas of Expertise

Middle East, Islam, Middle East Comparative Politics, History of Science, Religious Nationalism, History of Imperialism and Colonialism, Gender and Sexuality, Critical Theory, World History, Global History

Affiliations

American Historical Association : Member, Middle East Studies Association : Member, American Academy of Religion : Member, Association for Iranian Studies : Member

Education

University of California, Irvine

Ph.D. History

University of California, Irvine

M.A. History

University of California, Los Angeles

B.A. History

Accomplishments

Zarrinkelk Family Fellowship
2019

Humanities Commons Research Grant
2017 - 2018

Faculty Summer Research Grant, PSU
2021

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