



PROGRAM

Islam and World Peace:

*Perspectives from
African Muslim Nonviolence Traditions*

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DAY 1

Friday, September 11

From 5:00 to 8:00pm

Altschul Auditorium, International Affairs Building
420 W 118th St, New York, NY 10027

Opening session

<i>Time slot</i>	<i>Activity</i>
5:00-6:00pm	Cultural Ceremony
	 Live Sufi Music Performance
	 Viewing of The International Exhibition of Muslim Nonviolence: Cheikh A. Bamba - A Muslim Peacemaker by Majalis
	 Viewing of Art exhibit on Senegalese Sufi Calligraphy by Yelimane Fall
6:00-6:15pm	Opening Remarks
	Prof. Mamadou Diouf (Institute of African Studies of Columbia University)
	Prof. Karen Barkey (Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life of Columbia University)
	Abdoul Aziz Mbacké (President of Majalis)
6:15-8:00pm	Film screening
	 Screening of TOUBA (Running time 1h 23m - www.toubafilm.com)
	 Questions/Answers session with the film producer Chai Vasarhelyi

Guests List

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>
Cheikh Bara Mbacke	Representative of the Murid Community (Senegal)
Cheikh Abdoul Ahad Mbacke	President of the Cultural Commission of the Magal of Touba (Senegal)
Cheikh Mbacke Laye	Representative of the Layene Community (Senegal)
Dr. Abdallah Souleymane Cheikh-Sidia	Representative of the Sidiya Community (Mauritania)
S. Cheikh Ahmed Tidiane Sy	Representative of the Tijânî Community (Senegal)
S. Moustapha Mbacke Gaindé Fatma	Religious leader (Senegal)
S. Mamor Mbacke	Imam of the Murid Community in Washington DC
S. Khadim Bousso	Imam of the Murid Community in New York
S. Cheikh Fatma Mbacke	Representative of the Murid Scholars Association Rawdu Rayâhin (Senegal)
S. Mame Bara Mbacke	President of Khidmatul Khadim Qur'anic Institute (Touba)
Serigne Lo	President of MICA (Murid Islamic Community of North America)
Sheikh Harun Faye Al-Faqir	Religious leader (South Carolina)
Ambassador Fodé Seck	Ambassador of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Senegal to the United Nations
El Hadji Amadou Ndao	Consul General of Senegal in New York
S. Khadim Mbacké	In charge of external relations, Protocol and Organization in the Consulate General of Senegal
Pape Ibrahima Sow	President of the Senegalese Association in America
Bill Perkins	New York State Senator
Keith Wright	New York State Assemblyman

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DAY 2

Saturday, September 12

From 8:30am to 6:00pm
Kellogg Center, 15th Floor, International Affairs Building
420 W 118th St, New York, NY 10027

Panels 1, 2 & 3

<i>Time slot</i>	<i>Activity</i>
8:30-9:00am	Breakfast and Check-In (Lobby)
9:00-11:00am	PANEL 1 Violence & Non-Violence in Sufism – Part 1 International Affairs Building, Room 1501

Presenters



Fallou Ngom, Boston University (Boston, MA, USA)

Associate Professor and Director of the African Language Program

Paper: *Sanctified Suffering: The Response to Violence in Murid Ajami Poetry*



Mbaye Bashir Lo, Duke University (Durham, NC, USA)

Assistant Professor of the Practice of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

Paper: *Jihad as a Peace Tradition in the Writings of Cheikh Moussa Kamara*



Mara Leichtman, Michigan State University (East Lansing, MI, USA)

Associate Professor

Paper: *On Being "Sushi" in Senegal: The Peaceful Merging of Sufi and Reformist Shi'i Islamic Traditions*



Eric Ross, Al Akhawayn University (Ifrane, Morocco)

Associate Professor

Paper: *Turning my back to this world in order to dominate it: Institutional autonomy and nonviolence from Al-Hâjj Sâlim Suware to Cheikh Ahmadu Bamba Mbacké*

Moderator



Abdoul Aziz Mbacke, Majalis (Senegal)

President of Majalis (African Muslim Heritage) and Murid scholar

11:00-11:30am

Coffee break

11:30am-
1:30pm

PANEL 2

Violence & Non-Violence in Sufism - Part 2

International Affairs Building, Room 1501

Presenters



Aref Ali Nayed (Libya)

Libyan Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates and the Founder and Chairman of Kalam Research and Media (KRM)

Paper: *Reviving Libyan heritage of compassion and spiritual history*



Zachary Wright, Northwestern University in Qatar (Ar-Rayyan, Qatar)

Associate Professor of History and Religious Studies

Paper: *Being Human: Conceiving the Self in Nineteenth-Century African Islam*



Cheikh A. Babou, University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA, USA)

Associate Professor of History

Paper: *Sufi theology and the roots of non-violence in Ahmadu Bamba's thought and Practices*



Babacar Mbaye, Kent State University (Kent, OH, USA)

Associate Professor

Paper: *Conquering oppression through Cosmopolitanism: Cheikh Ahmadou Bamba's "Jihad of the Soul" and Edward W. Blyden's Africa*

Moderator



Ousseina D. Alidou, Rutgers University (Piscataway, New Jersey, USA)

Associate Professor, Department of African, Middle Eastern and South Asian Languages and Literatures – Director of African Studies Center

1:30-3:00pm

Break

3:00-5:00pm

PANEL 3

Religious Thought and Practice

International Affairs Building, Room 1501

Presenters



Kebede Kassa, St. Mary's University (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)

Director for Research and Knowledge Management

Paper: *Islam-Christian Interreligious Marriages and Peaceful Coexistence: Lessons from Ethiopia to the World*



Djénéba Traoré, West Africa Institute (Praia, Cabo Verde)

Managing Director at the West Africa Institute (WAI)

Paper: *Saving Timbuktu, the City of Religious Tolerance over the Centuries*



Dr Abdallah Souleymane Cheikh-Sidia (Mauritania)

Representative of the Sidyia Community, Former Minister of Finances

Paper: *Origins of radical Islamism*

Moderator



Pr. Souleymane Bachir Diagne (Professor of French, Department of French and Romance Philosophy, Columbia University)

5:00-6:00pm

Dinner for invited guests

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Panel in Senegal



West African Research Center of Dakar (WARC)
Rue Léon Gontran Damas (Fann Résidence), Dakar, Senegal
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Conference room

<i>Time slot</i>	<i>Activity</i>
11:00-11:15am (local time)	Opening Remarks by <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Director of WARC- Representative of the Conference Scientific Committee- Representative of the Senegalese State- Representative of Religious leaders- US Ambassador in Senegal
11:20-2:00pm	PANEL 1 « Religion et Paix au Sénégal : Pour un cadre unitaire stratégique et opérationnel » Conference Room <i>Participants from scientific committees of all local Sufi orders, from non-Sufi Muslim organizations, from other religions, scholars, religious leaders etc.</i>
2:00-3:00pm	Lunch and prayer break

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DAY 3

Sunday, September 13

From 8:30am to 6:00pm
Kellogg Center, 15th Floor, International Affairs Building
420 W 118th St, New York, NY 10027

Video-conference Roundtable between Columbia and Dakar - Panels 3 & 4

<i>Time slot</i>	<i>Activity</i>
8:30-9:00am	Breakfast and Check-In (Lobby)
9:00-11:00am	PANEL 4: ROUNDTABLE Clerics & Academics dialogue responding to extremisms <i>Live and video conference with participants from West African Research Center of Dakar</i> International Affairs Building, Room 1501 & WARC Conference room
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Participants from Senegal</u></p> <p>Dr Cheikh Guèye (ENDA), Dr Bakary Sambe (Université Gaston Berger), Cheikh Tidiane Sy (Tijânî community of Tivaouane), Chouhaïbou Kébé (University of Touba), Same Bousso (Rawdu Rayâhîn), Mouhamed Kounta (Community of Ndiassane), Seydina Kane (Layène Community), Mouhamed Barro (Senegalese Islamic Association), Catholics clergy etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Moderator</u></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"><p>Pr. Ousmane Sene (Director of WARC & Associate professor of Literature (African and African-American), University Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar, Senegal)</p></div> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Participants in New York</u></p> <p>Abdoul Aziz Mbacke (Majalis), Cheikh A. Babou (University of Pennsylvania), Dr Abdallah Souleymane Cheikh-Sidia (Representative of the Sidiya, Mauritania), Cheikh Abdoul Ahad Mbacke (President of the Cultural Commission of the Magal of Touba, Senegal), S. Moustapha Mbacke Gaindé Fatma (Religious leader, Senegal), Eric Ross (Al Akhawayn University, Morocco), Zachary Wright (Northwestern University in Qatar), Cheikh Haroun (Religious leader in South Carolina), El Hadji Amadou Ndao (Consul General of Senegal in New York)</p>

Moderator



Pr. Mamadou Diouf (Leitner Family Professor of African Studies & Director, Institute for African Studies of Columbia University)

11:00-
11:30am

Coffee break

11:30am-
1:30pm

PANEL 5
Gender, Inequality, Diversity, Education
International Affairs Building, Room 1501

Presenters



Ousseina D. Alidou, Rutgers University (Piscataway, New Jersey, USA)
Associate Professor, Department of African, Middle Eastern and South Asian Languages and Literatures – Director of African Studies Center
Paper: *African Muslim Women, Islam, Inclusive Diversity and Culture of Peace*



Serah Shani, Eastern University (St. Davids, PA, USA)
Visiting Professor of Anthropology
Paper: *Islam as a Mechanism for Socioeconomic Mobility: African parenting practices in New York City*



M. Scarborough, Columbia University (New York City, USA)
PhD candidate
Paper: *At the confluence: Muslim Communists and civic education in Sudan*



Kira Kay, Executive Director of the Bureau for International Reporting
Presentation of her short film on the Moroccan "Mourchidat"

Moderator



Pr. Karen Barkey (Professor of Sociology and History - Director of the Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life of Columbia University)

1:30-3:00	Lunch break
3:00-5:00	PANEL 6 Religion, Politics, Society International Affairs Building, Room 1501

Presenters



El Hadji Samba Amadou Diallo, Washington University in St. Louis (St. Louis, MO, USA)

Lecturer

Paper: *Religion, Politics, and Society in Africa: How Sufi Leaders Contribute to Democratization in West Africa*



Mohamed Mbodj, Manhattanville College (Purchase, NY, USA)

Professor

Paper: *Urban politics and Islam in Kaolack (Sine-Saloum), in the 1920s and 1930s*



Ahmad Ferguson, Georgia State University (Atlanta, GA, USA)

Ph.D. Candidate

Paper: *Global Impact of An Islamic Sufi NGO's in Senegal: The African American Islamic Institute*



Abdoul Aziz Mbacke, Majalis (Senegal)

President of Majalis (African Muslim Heritage) and Murid scholar

Paper: *The next "social contract" between Religion and Politics in Senegal*

Moderator



Pr. Mamadou Diouf (Leitner Family Professor of African Studies & Director, Institute for African Studies of Columbia University)

5:00-6:00pm	Closing Reception
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DAY 4

Thursday, September 24

Columbia Low Memorial Library



Location: Campus of Columbia University
116 Street, Between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan, NY

The organizers of the **Islam & Peace International Conference**,
in collaboration with
Columbia University World Leaders Forum,
will welcome



Mr. Macky SALL, President of the Republic of Senegal & the present running
President of ECOWAS



Mr. Muhammadu BUHARI, President of the Republic of Nigeria

The **Conference Memorandum** will be handed over to the two Presidents
and the **Islam & Peace International Prize** will be officially launched.

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