Between the World and the International: Thinking with Ottoman and Islamic Pasts

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This interdisciplinary workshop considers Ottoman/Islamic visions of the world that preceded or contended with our globalized notion of the international comprised of discrete, sovereign nation-states connected by seas. The objective is to both historicize and pluralize visions of the world, so as to grapple with our contemporary predicaments. We focus on Ottoman and Islamic visions and practices not because they are privileged sites but because they are some of the traditions of an area (the Middle East) that is currently crumbling under the weight of world order. Discussion will be based around pre-circulated papers to allow for sustained engagement and for the development of meaningful, collective insights across disciplines.

To attend the workshop and to receive the pre-circulated papers, email basit.iqbal@berkeley.edu. For more information and to view the paper abstracts, visit rhetoric.berkeley.edu/event/2016-10-26/between-the-world