

## Project 1: Study Meeting in 2011

15:40—18:20, 11 June 2011  
Shisei-kan Conference Room, Doshisha University

# Changing Egypt and Religion

【Guest Speaker】

"Arab Revolutions and the Dangers of Sectarian"

by Dr. Wahbeh al-Zuhili  
Professor, Damascus University, Syria

"Egyptian Revolution and the Future of Egyptian-Israeli Relations"

by Dr. Mohamed Hawary  
Professor, Ain Shams Univeristy, Egypt

【Commentator】

Yoshiyuki Kitazawa  
Professor, Faculty of Foreign Language, Kyoto Sangyo University

Hisae Nakanishi  
Professor, Graduate School of Global Studies, Doshisha University

【Chair】

H.E. Dr. Walid Mahmoud Abdelnasser  
Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Japan

## 【Schedule】

15:40-15:45	Opening	H.E. Dr. Walid Mahmoud Abdelnasser
15:45-16:35	Presentation #1	Dr. Wahbeh al-Zuhili "Arab Revolutions and the Dangers of Sectarian"
16:35-16:45	Comment	Prof. Yoshiyuki Kitazawa < Break 5min.>
16:50-17:20	Presentation #2	Dr. Mohamed Hawary "Egyptian Revolution and the Future of Egyptian-Israeli Relations"
17:20-17:30	Comment	Prof. Hisae Nakanishi < Break 5min.>
17:35-18:15	Discussion with All Participants	
18:15-18:20	Closing	H.E. Dr. Abdelnasser & Prof. Kohara

## 【 Speakers' Biography 】

### ■ Dr. Wahbeh al-Zuhili      Professor of Faculty of Shari'ah, Damascus University

Prof. Dr. Wahbeh Alzuhili was born in 1931 near Damascus.

He studied Sharia (Islamic Law) and got his B.A. (in 1956), and M.A. at Al Azhar university. Later, to deepen the understanding of his research, he went back to university again. After years of research, he received his second B.A. in 1957, M.A. in 1959, and then finally Ph. D. in Sharia (Islamic Law) in 1963 from Faculty of Law, Ain-shams University.

He was appointed as a lecturer at Damascus University in 1963 and was promoted to Assistant Professor in 1969, then he became a professor in 1975.

Prof. al-Zuhili has worked as a visiting professor at many universities such as: Bani Ghazi University in Libia (1972-1974), Faculty of Sharia (Islamic law) in UAE (1984-1989), and Khartoum University in Sudan (1989-1991).

He wrote many books on Al Fiqh Al Islami and Sharia Islamia, his book "USOUL AL FIQ AL ISLAMI" is considered as an important material for students and scholars in many Arab and Islamic universities. He is a member of many organizations and research centers. For more detail, please visit "[zuhayli.com](http://zuhayli.com)".

■ **Dr. Mohamed Hawary**      Professor of Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Ain Shams University

Mohamed Hawary is a faculty member at Ain Shams University, Cairo, where he completed his Ph.D. dissertation in 1983 on *The Divinity Among the Children of Israel From the Period of Moses until the Exile of Babylon*. Currently, he is a Professor of Religious Jewish Thought and Comparative Religions, Department of Hebrew Studies, Faculty of Arts, Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt.

His specialized areas of research and teaching include: Judaism, Biblical Studies, Comparative Religions, Aramaic Papyri (Aramaic Documents from Elephantine), Genizah MSS, Judaeo-Arabic Literature and Judaeo-Arabic sources in the Cairo Genizah, Hebrew Grammar and Texts, Biblical Hebrew, Aramaic Language, and Syriac Grammar and Texts, Syriac Literature.

Prof. Hawary has authored a number of books in Arabic, include "Sabbath and Friday in Judaism and Islam, Comparative Religions" (Cairo, 1988), "The Differences Between the Karaites and the Rabbanites in the Light of Genizah MSS" (Cairo, 1994), "The Jewish Polemics Against Christianity in the Light of the Cairo Genizah" (Cairo, 1994).

Prof. Hawary is also the author of numerous journal articles, include "The Conditions of the Jews of Yemen in the Light of Maimonides' *Iggeret Teman* (The Yemen Epistle)"(2008), "Holy Quran in the Jewish Encyclopedias" (Riyadh, 2007), "King Saud Bin Abdul-Aziz and his Role in the Arab-Israeli Conflict", (Riyadh, 2006), "Palestinian Refugees between the Right of Return and the Attempts of Resettlement" (University of Oklahoma Press: Norman, 2001), and "Muslim Jewish Relations in Ayyubid Egypt, 1171-1250" (Brighton, Portland: Sussex Academic Press, 2009).

Prof. Hawary is a member of the editorial boards of the *Journal of Oriental Studies*, published by Society of Oriental Languages Graduates in Egyptian Universities (SOLGEU) in Cairo, Egypt. He served as Chairman of the Dept. of Oriental Languages, Faculty of Arts, Assiut University, Egypt. He has also served as Director of the Center for Study of the Contemporary Civilizations (CSCC), Ain Shams University.

He has been a fellow at Oxford Center for Postgraduate Hebrew Studies Oxford University (1991 - 1992). As a Visiting Fulbright Scholar, he has been a Visiting Researcher at The Jewish Theological Seminary Of America, New York (1994). He has also been a visiting fellow at Gustave E. Von Grunebaum Center for Near Eastern Studies - UCLA (1996- 97).