



The American Corner Innsbruck and the Department of American Studies at the University of Innsbruck cordially invite you to a talk by

Prof. Khalid BEKKAOUI
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Muslim Discovery of America
Monday, November 3, 2014, 10.15am
HS 3, Humanities Building

The lecture is a survey of North African discovery of the New World. It looks at the experience of Muslim slaves in seventeenth- and eighteenth-century America and the cultural encounters of Muslim traders, diplomats, and professional performers in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. It analyzes how traveling to America has influenced their cultural identity and perception of the world as well as the contribution of these Muslim expatriates to the making of America. A special focus will be placed on Oriental women's transatlantic journeys and their impact on Islamic womanhood.



Khalid Bekkaoui is Professor of English and Cultural Studies at Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdallah University, Fez, Morocco. He has an MA from Fez University (1990) and a PhD from the University of Abdelmalik Essadi, Tetouan, Morocco (1996). He is the author of *Signs of Spectacular Resistance: The Spanish Moor in British Orientalism* (Naja Al Jadidi, 1998). He is the editor of George Peele's *The Battle of Alcazar* (MCSC, 2000) and *Imagining Morocco: An Anthology of Anglo-American Short Fiction* (2008). His most recent books include *White Women Captives in North Africa* (Palgrave, 2011), *The British Bride of Tangier: The Extraordinary Love Story of Emily Shareefa of Wazzan* (Moroccan Cultural Studies Centre, 2012) and *Maghrebi Sufism*

Youth Gender Politics and the West (in Arabic: Fez University Press, 2013). He is currently working on a book project entitled *Muslim Discovery of America*.



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