

## CALL FOR PAPERS

*Allah n'est pas obligé: The Location of Islam in Francophone Cultures*  
**SFPS Postgraduate Study Day**  
**University of Stirling,**  
**20 June 2013**

From France to West Africa and farther afield in the Francophone world, Islam is a dominant force in the universe that writers, filmmakers and other social and cultural actors hail from and often turn to for critical inspiration. It has played a major role in the history of this world before, during and after the colonial period. However, the study of Islam has received insufficient attention in Francophone postcolonial and cultural studies. Over a decade into the twenty-first century, Islam is still heavily studied in its disciplinary stronghold of area studies but rarely in the postcolonial zones of the arts and the humanities. When one considers its central position in many Francophone cultures and the insufficient attention it has received in postcolonial studies, Islam can thus be seen as a very promising research site for new critical perspectives on cultural production in and beyond the Francophone world.

The next postgraduate study day of the Society for Francophone Postcolonial Studies (SFPS) will take place at the University of Stirling on 20 June 2013. It aims to bring together postgraduate researchers and attending scholars in the humanities and the social sciences to reflect on the location of Islam in Francophone cultures. Potential themes might include but are not limited to:

- Representations of pre-colonial Islam
- Islam in colonial discourse
- Islam and postcolonialism
- Islam in Francophone literature, cinema, mass media, and arts
- Diasporic and Transatlantic Islam
- *Islam Français? Islam laïque?*
- Islam and immigration
- Political Islam
- Francophone responses to '9/11'
- Islam in West Africa, the Francophone Caribbean and the Maghreb
- Islam in French and Francophone Studies

Proposals of 250 words in English or French accompanied by a short biography to be sent to [jamal.bahmad@stir.ac.uk](mailto:jamal.bahmad@stir.ac.uk) by **15 March 2013**.