Public Lecture: Re/presenting Islam on Campus
February 21, 2018 – 14.00-15.30h – 1E-24

The Centre for Religion and Law and the Center for Islamic Theology, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, organize a public lecture on February 21, 2018 with professor Alison Scott-Baumann, SOAS London on: ‘Re/Presenting Islam on Campus’. Professor Scott-Baumann is principal investigator of the British research project on the (re)positioning of Islam at UK university campus. Together we will explore the value of this project for the Dutch context.

About the Research Project ‘Re/presenting Islam on Campus’
Over the last decade the UK university campus has become mired in debates about Islam. Certain crises arouse outrage: the 'underpants' bomber, gender segregation and radicalising speakers. Such episodes are classified as matters for the police and university management. The university sector has not taken a public position about Islam and radicalisation, yet we believe that many staff and students will welcome a better understanding of the situation. The aim of the researchers is to analyse Islam on campus and to facilitate open, informed discussion about Islam as an integral aspect of British life and campus life.

About professor Alison Scott-Baumann
Alison Scott-Baumann is Professor of Society and Belief in the Centre of Islamic Studies in the Near and Middle East Department at SOAS, London. In 2015 AHRC awarded Alison a major three year grant to research Re/presenting Islam on campus at SOAS. This project will seek to redress the imbalance in current approaches towards Islam and towards the role of universities in a democratic state. Alison applies philosophy to social justice issues, regarding Islam, higher education and feminist debates. She is also known internationally for her philosophical research and was awarded a Leverhulme Fellowship for original research on Ricoeur, Kant and Sartre (2012-13). She is a Visiting Researcher in the Politics, Philosophy and Religion Department at Lancaster University and a Visiting Researcher at VU Amsterdam University in the Centre for Islamic Theology.

Programme
13.45-14.00 Registration
14.00-14.15 Welcome and Introduction by dr. Yaser Ellethy (Director Center for Islamic Theology)
14.15-14.45 Public Lecture by professor Alison Scott-Baumann
14.45-15.00 Response by dr. Leon van den Broeke (Chair Centre for Religion and Law)
15.00-15.25 Debate
15.25-15.30 Concluding remarks

General information
Date February 21, 2018
Location 1E-24 (PThU venue; first floor, E-wing, room 24), Main Building of the VU.
Contact Dico Baars, Student Assistant Centre for Religion and Law
Registration Send an email to info@centre-religion-law.org (registration is free).