



# Dreaming of the Inevitable - A Lecture by Samuli Schielke

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Today we are pleased to share this talk by our 'Allie' [Samuli Schielke](#). The talk is titled 'Dreaming of the Inevitable: How Money, Morals and Destiny Come Together When Young Egyptians Search for Love and Marriage,' and it was [a public lecture held at Boston University on 8 February 2016](#). The event was co-sponsored by the Institute for the Study of Muslim Societies and Civilizations, the African Studies Center, the Department of Anthropology, and supported by the Henry Luce Foundation.



Samuli's work has been [featured in Allegra numerous times](#), including via his post '[In Defence of our Universal Double Standards](#)' which was one of our most read posts for 2016. In October 2014 we shared [a review](#) of [\*Ordinary Lives and Grand Schemes. An Anthropology of Everyday Religion\*](#) by Benedikt Pontzen, a book that Samuli co-edited with Liza Debevec. In July 2015 we published Elena Burgos-Martínez's [review](#) of his book [\*The Perils of Joy: Contesting Mulid Festivals in Contemporary Egypt\*](#). (If we are not mistaken, we also have a review of his latest book - [Egypt in the Future Tense: Hope, Frustration, and Ambivalence before and after 2011](#) - to look forward to).

An observant reader will further notice his name popping up in a number of Allegra's events' posts as well as reading lists - and of course we also loved this short [documentary 'The Other Side' that we featured](#), done in collaboration with Mukhtar Shehata.

We're very glad to add this talk to the list via our [Jukebox](#) - one of the features of Allegra that remains a delight to us & we hope to develop further in the not-too-distant future!