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D) Title of Selected Paper: *Religious Convictions and the Public Sphere: Habermas’ “Post-
secularisation” Thesis and the Italian Debate on Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis*

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II) Title of Selected Paper: *Public (Shi’i) Islam in Post-Baathist Iraq: The Case of the Najaf
Hawza and Ayatollah Ali Sistani*

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III) Title of Selected Paper: *Secularization Theory and Islam*

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IV) Title of Selected Paper: *Towards a Non-Sociocentric Approach to Culture: Rethinking
Castoriadis and the Sacred*

Name/s of Author/s: Suzi Adams
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V) Title of Selected Paper: *“Multiple Modernities” in Classical Sociological Perspective*

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