

**Early Islamic Studies Seminar / 11<sup>th</sup> Nangeroni Meeting**

*New Perspectives and Contexts in the Studies of Islamic Origins 2*  
**16-20 June 2019 Gazzada**

**Chair: Guillaume Dye & Carlos A. Segovia**

**Co-Chair: Gabriele Boccaccini**

## Day 1 (Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>)

8:00-15:00 – ARRIVALS AND LUNCH

17:00-17:45 – OPENING SESSION AND WELCOME

*Guillaume Dye* (Université libre de Bruxelles) & *Gabriele Boccaccini* (University of Michigan)

17:45 – 19:30. SESSION 1: EARLY ISLAM BETWEEN APOCALYPSE AND EMPIRE

*Mohammad Ali Amir-Moezzi* (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris), “Muḥammad and ‘Alī Between Apocalypse and Empire. Some Remarks on the Origins of Islam”

RESPONDENT: *Stephen J. Shoemaker* (University of Oregon)

20:00 – DINNER

## Day 2 (Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>)

09:00 – 10:15. SHORT PAPERS 1: EARLY ISLAM IN ITS MILITANT CONTEXT

*Peter von Sivers* (University of Utah), “Apocalypse Fulfilled? The Qur’an between the Sasanians and the Romans”

*Boaz Shoshan* (University Ben Gurion of the Negev), “The Trope of Spoils in Narratives of the Early Arab Conquests”

CHAIR:

10:45 – 12:30. SESSION 2: IDENTITY FORMATION IN THE QUR’ANIC COMMUNITY

*Ilkka Lindstedt* (University of Helsinki), “‘One community to the exclusion of other people’ – a superordinate identity in the Medinan community”

RESPONDENT: *Guillaume Dye* (Université libre de Bruxelles)

13:00 – LUNCH

14:45 – 16:00. SHORT PAPERS 2: SPACE AND PLACES

*Mette Bjerregaard Mortensen* (University of Aarhus), “In God’s path: conceptualizing space in the Qur’ān”

*Daniel Beck*, “The Twinning of Quranic Geography: Ḥiḡāzī Babylon, Ḥiḡāzī Jerusalem”

CHAIR:

16:30 – 17:45. READING SESSION

*Isaac Oliver* (Bradly University), “Q 5:32 in Historical and Literary Context”

19:30 – 21:30. DINNER

## Day 3 (Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>)

9:00 – 10h15: SHORT PAPERS 3: HOMILIES AND APOCRYPHA

*Philip Michael Forness* (Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt am Main), “From Spoken Word to Written Text and Back Again. The Transmission of Homilies in the Eastern Mediterranean”

*Stephen J. Shoemaker* (University of Oregon): “A New Arabic Apocryphon from Late Antiquity”

CHAIR:

10:30 – 12:15: SESSION 3: ARABIAN LEGENDS

*Jan Retsö* (University of Gothenburg), “The people that disappeared: the legend of ‘Ād and its background”

RESPONDENT: *Manfred Kropp* (University of Mainz)

## Day 4 (Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup>)

09:00 – 10:45. SESSION 4: A SASANIAN CONTEXT FOR THE QUR'ANIC COMMUNITY?

*Gilles Courtieu* (Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3) & *Carlos A. Segovia* (Saint-Louis University, Madrid Campus): “Q 2:102, 43:31, and Ctesiphon-Seleucia: New Insights into the Mesopotamian Setting of the Earliest Quranic Milieu”

RESPONDENT: *Guillaume Dye* (Université libre de Bruxelles)

10:45 – 12:30. SHORT PAPERS 4: QUR'ANIC THEMES

*Manfred Kropp* (University of Mainz), “Body Parts Nomenclature in the Qur'anic corpus”

*Julien Decharneux* (Université libre de Bruxelles), “God's Wisdom and some other key notions of the Qur'ān through the lens of late antique rabbinic literature”

CHAIR:

13:00 – LUNCH

14:30 – 16:15. SHORT PAPERS 5: POETRY, ORACLES AND INSCRIPTIONS

*Valentina Grasso* (University of Cambridge), “The gods of the Qur'ān: the rise of Ḥijāzī henotheism during Late Antiquity”

*Torleif Elgvin* (NLA University College), “Muhammad's Sources of Inspiration, Early Meccan Suras and Biblical Oracles”

CHAIR:

16:45 – 18:30. SESSION 5: SPECIAL SESSION AND ROUNDTABLE ABOUT QUR'ANIC MANUSCRIPTS

*Éléonore Cellard* (Collège de France, Paris), “The Ṣan'ā' palimpsest: a multigathering codex/*muṣḥaf*”

RESPONDENT: *Francis Watson* (Durham University)

19:30 – 21:30. DINNER

## Day 5 (Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup>)

09:00 – 10:45. SESSION 6: METHOD AND THEORY IN QUR'ANIC STUDIES

*Guillaume Dye* (Université libre de Bruxelles), “Concepts and Methods in the Study of the Qur'ān”

RESPONDENT: *Peter von Sivers* (University of Utah)

11:15 – 12:00: CLOSING PLENARY SESSION