

'The Qur'an: Text, Society And Culture' Conference

Thursday 7 – Saturday 9 November 2013

SOAS, University of London

Provisional Programme

(** denotes parallel sessions)

Thurs 7 November

(Khalili Lecture Theatre, SOAS main building)

8.15–8.45 *Coffee and registration*

8.45–9.00 *Opening Address* Professor Muhammad Abdel Haleem (SOAS, University of London)

9.00–10.30 *Panel 1: Exegesis I* (chair: Johanna Pink, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg)

WALID SALEH (University of Toronto), 'Dualism, Logic and the Theology of Q. 21:22'

ELLIOTT BAZZANO (Le Moyne College), 'Assessing Ibn Taymiyya's Qur'anic Hermeneutics: Ibn al-'Arabi and the Faith of Pharaoh'

TEHSEEN THAYER (Lehigh University), 'Wrestling with Ambiguity: Mu'tazili and Twelver Shi'i Exegetical Approaches to *Ayat Mutashabihat*'

10.30–11.00 *Coffee Break*

11.00–12.30 *Panel 2: Translation* (chair: Professor Abdel Haleem, SOAS, University of London)

KRISTIAN PETERSEN (Gustavus Adolphus College), 'The First Chinese Qur'an: Exegesis through Translation'

ما جان مينغ (كلية الدراسات العربية بجامعة نينغشيا)، "جهود علماء الصين في بيان معاني القرآن باللغة الصينية"

NORA S. EGGEN (University of Oslo), 'Universalised versus Particularised Conceptualisations of Islam in Translations of the Qur'an in Scandinavia'

12.30–1.45 *Lunch*

1.45–2.00 *House of Wisdom (HOW) presentation*

2.00–3.00 *Panel 3: Ethics IA, HOW sponsored panel* (chair: tbc)

OVAMIR ANJUM (University of Toledo), 'The Concept of Power in the Qur'an'

BADR SHAFIE (Cairo University), ‘The Ethic of Reform in the Qur’an and its Political Consequences: A Case Study of the Reform Experience of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt’

3.00–3.15 *Short Break*

*3.15–4.15 *Panel 4: The Qur’an in Art and Literature* (chair: Joseph Lowry, University of Pennsylvania)

OLIVER LEAMAN (University of Kentucky), ‘Modern Islamic Art and the “Qur’an-Washing” Issue’

SHAWKAT M. TOORAWA (Cornell University), ‘*Kaf Ha’ Ya’ Ayn Sad*: Modern Arabic Literature and the “Meaning” of the *Muqatta‘at*’

** 3.15–4.45 *HOW workshop ‘Qur’an and Social Ethics Part One’*

4.15–4.45 *Coffee Break*

4.45–5.45 *Panel 5: The Material Text* (chair: Shawkat Toorawa, Cornell University)

YASIN DUTTON (University of Cape Town), ‘A “Hijazi” Fragment of the Qur’an and its Variants, or When did the *Shawadhb* become *Shadhb*?’

IGNACIO SÁNCHEZ (Humboldt University, Berlin), ‘Reading for the Dead: The Uses of *Waqf* Qur’ans in Medieval Islam’

Friday 8 November

(Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre, Brunei Gallery)

9.00–10.30 *Panel 6: Text, Style and Theme* (chair: Abdul Hakim al-Matroudi, SOAS, University of London)

الهوري بلقندوز (جامعة د. مولاي الطاهر بسعيدة)، تداولية الفصل والوصل في الخطاب القرآني مقارنة لسانية نصية

محمد سالم سالم العوضي (جامعة السلطان الشريف علي الإسلامية)، الفرائد القرآنية: دراسة في الإعجاز اللغوي والبياني (فرائد الأسماء أنموذجاً)

DEVIN J. STEWART (Emory University), A Re-Appraisal of D.H. Müller’s and Rudolf Geyer’s Work on Strophes in Qur’anic Prosody

10.30–11.00 *Coffee Break*

11.00–12.30 *Panel 7: Exegesis II* (chair: Sajjad Rizvi, University of Exeter)

JOHANNA PINK (Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg), ‘Objections to *naskh* in Modern Exegetical Discourse’

JUSTINE HOWE (Case Western Reserve University), 'Interpreting the Qur'an in the US: The Texts and Contexts of Revelation'

SHURUQ NAGUIB (Lancaster University), 'Guiding the Sound Mind: *Tafsir* Abi'l-Su'ud and Rhetorical Interpretation of the Qur'an in the Post-Classical Period'

12.30–2.00 *Lunch*

2.00–3.30 *Panel 8: Qur'an and Bible* (chair: Marianna Klar, SOAS, University of London)

SEAN ANTHONY (University of Oregon), 'Why was the Baker 'Crucified'? Notes on 'Crucifixion' (*Salb*) in the Qur'anic Lexicon'

ULRIKA MÅRTENSSON (The Norwegian University of Science and Technology), 'The Historical Origins of the Qur'an: New Readings of Ibn Ishaq and al-Tabari'

AMIDU OLALEKAN SANNI (Lagos State University), 'Qur'anic Interaction with Biblical Literature: Issues in Etymology and Narratology from Mingana to Reynolds'

3.30–4.00 *Coffee Break*

4.00–5.30 *Panel 9: The Study of the Qur'an in the Western Academy* (chair: Walid Saleh, University of Toronto)

ALEXANDRE CAEIRO (Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies), 'Historical Truth, Political Commitment, and Religious Sensitivity: The State of Qur'anic Studies in the Western Academy after 9/11'

بندر بن عبد الله الشويقي (جامعة الإمام محمد بن سعود الإسلامية)، منهج توظيف المرويات الحديثية في كتاب تاريخ القرآن للمستشرق تيودور نولدكه: دراسة نقدية البخاري السباعي (جامعة عمار ثلجي بالأغواط)، عادات القرآن: بين النظرية التراثية والفهم الاستشراقي

Saturday 9 November

(Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre, Brunei Gallery)

9.30–11.00 *Panel 10: Exegesis III* (chair: tbc)

MARIA MASSI DAKAKE (George Mason University), 'The Cave at the Centre: *Surat al-Kahf* and the Qur'anic Conception of Prophethood'

MICHAEL E. PREGILL (Elon University), 'Measure for Measure: Prophetic History, Qur'anic Exegesis, and Anti-Sunni Polemic in a Fatimid Propaganda Text'

MUSTANSIR MIR (Youngstown State University), 'Why did the Egyptian Noblewomen Cut Their Hands? Islahi's Interpretation of Qur'an 12:3'

11.00–11.30 *Break*

11.30–12.30 *Panel 11: Ethics IB, HOW sponsored panel* (chair: Hamid Quisay, HOW)

TARIQ RAMADAN (University of Oxford), 'Qur'an, Social Ethics and Human Agency'

HEBA RAOUF EZZAT (Cairo University), 'Fitra: Human Nature Between Revelation and Reason'

12.30–1.45 *Lunch*

** 1.45–3.15 *Panel 12: Literary Readings* (chair: Helen Blatherwick, SOAS, University of London)

ANTHONY H. JOHNS (Australian National University), ‘*Surat al-Mu’minun*: A Reading and Reflection’

BRUCE FUDGE (University of Geneva), ‘Patience and the Plot: The Case of Moses and the Servant in Q 18:60–82’

MARIANNA KLAR (SOAS, University of London), ‘Through the Lens of the Adam Narrative: A Re-Reading of *Surat al-Baqara*’

** 1.45–3.15 *HOW workshop ‘Qur’an and Social Ethics Part Two’*

3.15–3.45 *Coffee Break*

3.45–5.15 *Panel 13: Ethics II* (chair: Mustansir Mir, Youngstown State University)

ZAHRA M.S. AYUBI (The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), ‘Revelation for Marriage: The Qur’an in Ghazali’s Formulation of Marital Ethics’

أحمد عبد الحافظ فواز (جامعة القاهرة)، "العدالة في الإسلام: قراءة في فكر سيد قطب واسقاطات معاصرة"
RAMON HARVEY (SOAS, University of London), ‘Orphans in the Qur’an: Justice between Generations’

5.15–5.30 *Closing Address* Professor Muhammad Abdel Haleem