

International Qur'anic Studies Association

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ANNUAL MEETING 2014

The International Qur'anic Studies Association will host its 2014 annual meeting November 21–24, beginning one day before the SBL/AAR conference in San Diego, California. *The call for papers is now closed.*

The full schedule for the San Diego meeting is now available below. (Visitors should will have access to the San Diego program book in early November)

The Qur'an: Historical Context, Manuscripts, and Material Culture (IQSA)

11/21/2014

1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Room: Room 23 B (Upper level) – San Diego Convention Center (CC)

Theme: *Panel 2: The Qur'an: Historical Context and Material Culture*

Luke Treadwell, University of Oxford, Presiding

Wadad Kadi, Oriental Institute, Chicago

'Abd al-Hamid al-Katib's Use of the Qur'an in His Legal, Theological, and Historical Letters (30 min)

Francesca Leoni, Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford

Mighty (S)words: Protective and Apotropaic Uses of the Qur'an (30 min)

Peter Webb, University of London

Inhabiting the Book: The Qur'an and Space in Mamluk Religious Architecture (30 min)

Robert Hoyland, Oriental Institute, Oxford

Writing the Qur'an in Stone: Use of the Muslim Scripture in Early Arabic Inscriptions (30 min)

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4:00 PM to 5:15 PM

Room: Room 23 C (Upper level) – San Diego Convention Center (CC) **Keynote Lecture**

Emran El-Badawi, University of Houston, Presiding

Emran El-Badawi, University of Houston, Introduction (10 min)

Angelika Neuwirth, Freie Universität Berlin

Qur'anic Studies and Historical-Critical Philology. The Qur'an's staging, penetrating, and eclipsing Biblical tradition (45 min)

Andrew Rippin, University of Victoria (BC), Respondent (20 min)

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5:15 PM to 6:30 PM

Room: Room 24 A (Upper level) – San Diego Convention Center (CC)

Reception

Qur'anic Studies: Methodology and Hermeneutics (IQSA)

11/22/2014

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Room: Room 24 C (Upper level) – San Diego Convention Center (CC)

Theme: *The Qur'an and Justice: How Removable are the Contradictions?*

Gabriel Reynolds, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Daniel Madigan, Georgetown University, Respondent

Farid Esack, University of Johannesburg

The Qur'an on Black and White: Exploring Possible Traces of Race and Racism in Tafsir (20 min)

Jerusha Tanner Lamptey, Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York

Muslima Theology and Relational Qur'anic Hermeneutics (20 min)

Karen Bauer, The Institute of Ismaili Studies

Interpreting away the Qur'an: Hermeneutical Strategies for Reconciling Text and Values (20 min)

Fred M. Donner, University of Chicago

Approaching the Qur'an's Contradictory Statements on ahl al-kitab (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

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12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Room: Room 1 B (Upper level) – San Diego Convention Center (CC)

Mentorship Lunch (Details TBA)

The Qur'an: Historical Context, Manuscripts, and Material Culture (IQSA)

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1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Room: Room 24 C (Upper level) – San Diego Convention Center (CC)

Theme: *Panel 1: Historical Context and Qur'an Manuscripts*

Keith Small, London School of Theology, Presiding

François Déroche, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes

MS R38 from Kairouan, Tunisia and Its Umayyad Context (20 min)

Daniel Brubaker, Rice University

Manuscript and Tradition: Exploring Scribal Alterations in Early Qur'ans in View of the Qira'at and Masahif Literature (20 min)

Umberto Bongianino, University of Oxford

Early Qur'anic Manuscripts from the Muslim West: A Typological Survey (20 min)

Nuria Martínez-de-Castilla-Muñoz, Universidad Complutense de Madrid

Sixteenth-Century Spanish Translations of the Qur'an: The Almonacid de la Sierra Atelier (20 min)

Discussion (50 min)

The Qur'an and the Biblical Tradition (IQSA)

Joint Session With: The Qur'an and the Biblical Tradition (IQSA), Syriac Literature and Interpretations of Sacred Texts

11/22/2014

4:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Room: Room 24 B (Upper level) – San Diego Convention Center (CC)

Theme: *The Qur'an and Christian Oriental Traditions*

Holger Zellentin, University of Nottingham, Presiding

Sidney Griffith, Catholic University of America

The Suhuf of Abraham and Moses (25 min)

Abdulla Galadari, Masdar Institute

The Camel Passing through the Eye of the Needle: A Comparison between the Qur'an, the Greek Gospels, and Tatian's Syriac Diatessaron (25 min)

Cornelia B. Horn, Catholic University of America

Parallel Structures, Polemical Interpretations: An Intertextual Approach to Jesus' Miracles in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Normative and Interpretive Texts (25 min)

Nicolai Sinai, Oxford University

The Eschatological Kerygma of the Early Qur'anic Surahs in light of Syriac Literature (25 min)

Paul Neuenkirchen, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes

The Qur'anic "Vision Pericopes" in light of a Christian Apocrypha (25 min)

The Qur'an and the Biblical Tradition (IQSA)

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9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Room: Room 24 C (Upper level) – San Diego Convention Center (CC)

Theme: *Bible, Qur'an, and Jewish Traditions*

Cornelia Horn, Catholic University of America, Presiding

Hamza M. Zafer, University of Washington

Jonah and the Ninevites: Prophecy to Communal Outsiders in the Qur'an (25 min)

Emad Botros, McMaster Divinity College

The Recalcitrant Prophet: Jonah Between the Qur'an and the Hebrew Bible Traditions (25 min)

Michael Pregill, Elon University

Another Brick in the Wall: The Intertwining of Biblical and Qur'anic Exegesis in Islamicate Midrash (25 min)

Reuven Firestone, Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion (California Branch)

Shabbat Violation in Qur'anic Discourse (25 min)

Holger Zellentin, University of Nottingham

The Qur'an and Rabbinic Judaism: "Mecca" and "Medina" between Palestine and Babylonia (25 min)

Business Meeting (30 min) *All IQSA members should attend!*

Qur'anic Studies: Methodology and Hermeneutics (IQSA)

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1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Room: Room 24 B (Upper level) – San Diego Convention Center (CC)

Theme: *Qur'anic Hermeneutics: Diversity Beyond Muslim/Non-Muslim Binaries*

Ebrahim Moosa, Duke University, Presiding

Clare Wilde, University of Auckland

Contemporary Echoes of Early Christian Arabic Approaches to the Qur'an (20 min)

Sayeh Meisami, University of Toronto

Qur'anic Hermeneutics and Islamic Philosophy: A Study of Ibn Sina's Commentary on Surat al-Falaq in Comparison with His Philosophical Writings on the Problem of Evil (20 min)

David R. Vishanoff, University of Oklahoma

Reenchanting the Qur'an: Hermeneutical Applications of the Ash'ari Concept of God's Eternal Speech (20 min)

Yusuf Rahman, State Islamic University Jakarta Indonesia

The Indonesian Muslim Responses to the Use of Hermeneutics in the Study of the Qur'an (20 min)

Discussion (30 min)

Andrew Rippin, University of Victoria (BC), Respondent (10 min)

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Joint Session With: The Qur'an and the Biblical Tradition (IQSA), Qur'an and Biblical Literature
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Theme: *Bible and Qur'an: Confirmation, Conversation, Conflict*

John Kaltner, Rhodes College, Presiding

Ashoor Yousif, University of Toronto

Claiming the Claimed: Islamic Exegesis of Biblical Prophecies During the 'Abbasid Period (30 min)

Salah Mahgoub Edris, Cairo University

The Christian Interpretation of the Qur'an in Syriac Literature (30 min)

Mohammad Hasan Ahmadi, University of Tehran

The Qur'anic Terminology of the Biblical Tradition (30 min)

Carol Schersten LaHurd, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

The Academy vs. the Grassroots: Cognitive Dissonance on Interfaith Dialogue (30 min)

Roberta Sabbath, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Teaching Tanakh, New Testament, and Qur'an to Undergraduate English Majors and Elective Students (30 min)

Linguistic, Literary, and Thematic Perspectives on the Qur'anic Corpus (IQSA)

11/23/2014

4:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Room: Room 24 C (Upper level) – San Diego Convention Center (CC)

Theme: *Themes and Rhetorical Tools in the Qur'an*

Sarra Tlili, University of Florida, Presiding

Anne-Sylvie Boisliveau, University of Groningen, Presiding

D.S. Adnan Majid, University of California-San Diego

Virgins of a Virginal Paradise: The Use of Synecdoche in Surah Rahman (18 min) Discussion (5 min)

Thomas Hoffmann, Københavns Universitet

Delivering the Qur'an: Metaphors of Qur'anic Maternity and Natality (18 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Devin Stewart, Emory University

Anomalous Rhyme-Words in the Qur'an and Their Implications (18 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Break (10 min)

Vanessa De Gifis, Wayne State University

The Economy of Excellence: A Thematic Study of Fadl in the Qur'an (18 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Andrew G. Bannister, Melbourne School of Theology

Retelling the Tale: A Computerized Oral-Formulaic Analysis of the Qur'an (18 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Carl Ernst, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Respondent (25 min)

Qur'an Seminar (IQSA)

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9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Room: AB (Level 3 (Aqua)) – Hilton Bayfront (HB)

Theme: *Surah 74 and Q 18:60–102*

Tommaso Tesei, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, Presiding

Participants will discuss together the two selected Qur'anic passages.

Mehdi Azaiez, University of Notre Dame, Panelist
Gerald Hawting, School of Oriental and African Studies, Panelist

Thomas Hoffmann, Københavns Universitet, Panelist

Daniel Madigan, Georgetown University, Panelist

David Penchansky, University of Saint Thomas (Saint Paul, MN), Panelist

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Linguistic, Literary, and Thematic Perspectives on the Qur'anic Corpus (IQSA)

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4:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Room: Room 17 B (Mezzanine level) – San Diego Convention Center (CC)

Theme: *Detecting Ring Patterns: Insights into the Qur'an's Structure and Meaning* This panel is dedicated to the emerging field of Semitic Rhetoric/Ring Composition theory applied to the Qur'an.

Sarra Tlili, University of Florida, Presiding

Anne-Sylvie Boisliveau, University of Groningen, Presiding

Dalia Abo-Haggag, Harvard University

Symmetry and Asymmetry in the Qur'an (18 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Giuliano Lancioni, Università degli Studi Roma Tre and Raoul Villano, Università degli Studi Roma Tre

The Self-Similar Koran (18 min)

Discussion (5 min)

AbdelMadjid Benhabib, University of Tlemcen – Algeria

Lexical Repetition in Noah's Discourse in the Qur'an (18 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Break (10 min)

Raymond Farrin, American University of Kuwait

Ring Structure in Sura 9: Repentance Emphasized (18 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Rick Oakes, North-West University (South Africa)

The Semitic Rhetoric of Surat al-Nisa' 153-162 Imparts Meaning to Shubbiha in Aya 157a (18 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Anne-Sylvie Boisliveau, University of Groningen, Respondent (10 min)

Discussion (15 min)

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