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Perceptions of Early Islamic History
in Contemporary Muslim Thought

12 – 14 December 2019

The conference attempts to shed light on the contemporary Muslim perceptions and perspectives on the early history of Islam. It will address the mechanisms of construction of 'early Islamic history' and its use in the processes of identity building among Muslims as well as the critical and revisionist approaches to history developed by Muslim scholars. Special attention will be given to the current interactions and interdisciplinary exchange between Islamic theological approaches and modern historical scholarship and on the consequences of these involvements for both the Muslim reimagination of Islamic history and for religious interpretations.

ORGANIZERS

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Thursday, 12.12.2019

18.00 - 18.30 **RECEPTION**

18.30 - 19.00 **OPENING REMARKS**

Armina Omerika
(Goethe University Frankfurt)
Soumaya Louhichi-Güzel
(Goethe University Frankfurt)

19.00 - 20.00 **KEYNOTE**

Angelika Neuwirth
(Free University of Berlin)
**Reading History in Reverse:
The Concept of the umma wasat (Q 2:142) and
the Muslim Shrines on the Temple Mount**
Chair: Udo Simon

20.00 **BUFFET**

Friday, 13.12.2019

Session 1 *Chair: Nina Fischer*

09.00 - 09.45 **Stefan Reichmuth**
(Ruhr University Bochum)
**The Prophet in a Muslim Age of Revolutions,
ca. 1775-1850**

09.45 - 10.30

Hüsein Yılmaz

(George Mason University)

The Archetyping of Early Islamic History as a Paradigm for Modernization among Late Ottoman Intellectuals

10.30 - 11.00

COFFEE BREAK

Session 2

Chair: Ulrika Kilian

11.00 - 11.45

Peter Webb

(Leiden University)

Al-Jāhiliyya for Modern Times

11.45 - 12.30

Dietrich Jung

(University of Southern Denmark)

Islamic Modernism: The Search for Modern Authenticity in an Imaginary Past

12.30 - 14.00

LUNCH BREAK

Session 3

Chair: Rida Inam

14.00 - 14.45

Asma Afsaruddin

(Indiana University, Bloomington)

Muslim Feminist Hermeneutics and the Rereading of Early Islamic History

14.45 - 15.30

Ayşe Başol

(Goethe University Frankfurt)

What Remains Unspoken: Representations of the Life of Zaynab Bint Muḥammad in Past and Present

15.30 - 16.00

COFFEE BREAK

Session 4

Chair: Misbahur Rehman

16.00 - 16.45

Carool Kersten

(King's College London)

Historicized Acculturation and A-historical Enculturation: Perceptions of Islamization in Southeast Asia

16.45 - 17.30

Jamal Malik

(Erfurt University)

The Making of History Islamic: Memory and Narrative in Early Muslim South Asian Expansion

18.00

DINNER

Saturday, 14.12.2019

Session 1

Chair: Rana Alsoufi

9.00 - 9.45

Rainer Brunner

(CNRS, Paris)

Rectifying Hadith - Correcting History? Aḥmad al-Qabānjī's Self-Criticism of Shiite Islam

9.45 - 10.30

Ata Anzali

(Middlebury College)

Between Ethnic Nationalism and Perennialism: The Encounter between Iran and Islam in the Writings of Kazemzadeh Iranshahr

10.30 - 11.00

COFFEE BREAK

Session 2

Chair: Soumaya Louhichi-Güzel

11.00 - 11.45

Bacem Dziri

(Goethe University Frankfurt)

The Modern Career of an Ancient Heretic: Antisemitic Stereotyping of 'Abdallāh b. Saba' in the 20th Century

11.45 - 12.30

Idriss Jebari

(Bowdoin College)

Hichem Djait's Original Islam Between the Orientalist and the Historian's Gaze (1960s-90s)

12.30 - 14.00

LUNCH BREAK

Session 3

Chair: Daniel Birnstiel

14.00 - 14.45

Ebrahim Moosa

(University of Notre Dame)

Time and Method in Muslim Historical Thinking

14.45 - 15.30

Nimet Seker

(Goethe University Frankfurt)

Revelation as Communication in History. Historical References in Methodological and Hermeneutical Discussions in the Exegesis of the Qur'an

15.30 - 16.00

COFFEE BREAK

Session 4

Chair: Armina Omerika

16.00 - 17.30

FINAL DISCUSSION

Bekim Agai

Mira Sievers

Mahmoud Bassiouni

Mark Bodenstein

