

ENCOUNTERS IN ISLAMIC THEOLOGY: TEXTS AND PRACTICES

10 – 13 October 2023

The hybrid conference, organized by the Berlin Institute for Islamic Theology at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, brings together Muslim theologians and scholars of Islam. It focuses on interdisciplinary and synthetic methods that combine textual approaches to the study of Islam and approaches that examine lived religion, whether contemporary or historical.

With regard to the study of text – whether understood as the Qur'an and hadith, or as the intellectual and hermeneutical traditions produced by Muslims at different times and in different geographies –, these methodologies show that texts are not static entities transmitting unchanging ideas over time and place, but are part of dynamic exchanges that constitute, and are constituted by, socio-cultural interactions.

Besides, practices can tell us more about understandings of religion and the means through which Islam remains relevant to Muslim communities and individuals. Practices are not antithetic to texts: rituals, for example, can be prescribed, inspired or denounced by texts; texts, on the other hand, undergo transformations through various textual practices, but also through their presence in the daily lives of Muslims.

At the same time, new trends in researching Islam focus on the mechanisms of authority behind knowledge production. Consequently, new research currents should take into account the interdependency between premodern and modern theological discourses, texts, and practices, in order to trace meaning making impulses within Islam, as well as observing what these actually do for Muslims past and present.



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Unter den Linden 6
10117 Berlin

Tuesday, 10.10.2023

- 09:00 **Opening Session**
Mohammad Gharaibeh & Serdar Kurnaz (2093)
- 10:00 Coffee break
- 10:30 **Co-produced Religions**
Ufuk Topkara (2093)
Before *Isrā'īyyāt*: A Sinful Qur'anic Pun and the Jewish and Christian Background of its Earliest Exegesis
David Gyllenhaal & Shlomo Zuckier
- Aktuelle textwissenschaftliche Forschung: Koran und Hadith**
Nimet Şeker (2095 A)
Konnotationen der Begriffe „Sunna“/ „Hadith“ im 1. – 2. Jh. n. H. und ihre Rolle im modernen Diskurs um den theologisch-normativen Stellenwert der Prophetenüberlieferungen im Verhältnis zum Koran
Jasser Abou Archid
Die Formanalyse- und Wortlautvergleich-Methode: Ein Instrument zur Identifizierung von Abhängigkeitsverhältnissen unter *isnād*-losen Parallelüberlieferungen. Das Konzept und die Einsatzmöglichkeiten
Wael Abbas
Zwischen Offenbarung und Tradition: Adam und seine Frau im Koran und den *isrā'īyyāt*-Überlieferungen
Tuğrul Kurt
- 12:30 Lunch break
- 13:30 **Muslim Thoughts and Practices in Contemporary Indonesia**
Claudia Seise (2093)
The Celebration of Khauri Maulod: Traditional Religious Expression in Aceh
Intan Qurratulaini
Transnational *Pesantren* and Global Sunnism in Indonesia: Knowledge, Discourse and Movement
Mohamad Sobirin
Questioning the categorization of Islam in Indonesia
Mutmainna Syam
Remembering the Wali Sanga in Indonesia
Claudia Seise
- 15:30 Coffee break

16:00 **Organisational Panel of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Islamisch-Theologische Studien (DEGITS)** [open for all participants]
Mira Sievers (2093)

18:00 Dinner

Wednesday, 11.10.2023

- 09:00 **Terms, Concepts, and Methodologies in Islamic Theological Research under Scrutiny**
Ayşe Almıla Akca & Leonie Stenske (2093)
Überlegungen zu den theoretischen Grundlagen zur Erforschung impliziten Wissens
Fahimah Ulfat
Zur Behauptung „*Mutawātir* garantiert absolute Gewissheit“: Wissenschaftsmethodische Überlegungen zur muslimischen Diskussion um die Verbindlichkeit mehrfach überlieferten Wissens
Amir Dziri
„*ibādāt* – gottesdienstliche Handlung – living *fiqh*“: Überlegungen zu adäquaten Begriffen und Konzepten zur Erfassung ‚religiöser Praxis‘
Ayşe Almıla Akca
- Storytelling als Kulturtechnik religiöser Bildung**
Tuba Işık (2095 A)
Die langen Nächte des Ramadans: Geschichtenerzählen in den islamischen Gesellschaften des Orients
Johannes Merkel
Storytelling and Conviviality in Islamic Religious Education: The Case of Rumi's "Jackal who Pretended to be a Peacock"
Rasool Akbari
Betül und Nele begegnen einer anderen Religion: Inszenierung von interreligiösen Lernanlässen mit dem *Kamishibai*
Naciye Kamçılı-Yıldız
- 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:30 **Islamic Philosophy of Law**
Amin Ehteshami (2093)
t.b.a.
Sara Omar
t.b.a.
Serdar Kurnaz
t.b.a.
Kumail Rajani
- Lacunae in the Research on Gender in Islam: Authorship, Methodology and Solutions**
Nimet Şeker & Dženita Karić (2095 A)
Studying Depictions of Female Involvement in Classical Tafsir: Between History and Myth
Ash Geissinger
Panel Discussion

13:30	Lunch break	
14:30	General Assembly of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Islamisch-Theologische Studien (DEGITS) [open for all participants] <i>Mira Sievers</i> (2093)	
16:30	Coffee break	
17:00	Philosophical Sufism <i>Elif Emirahmetoğlu</i> (2093) Either/Or: Islamic Intellectual History, Decision-Making, and the Good Life in the 21st Century <i>Anna Ayşe Akasoy</i> (Zoom) The Literary Reception of Akbarian Metaphysics in North India: Muḥibullāh Ilāhābādī and ‘Abd al-Qādir Bēdil <i>Sajjad Rizvi</i> Ṣadr al-Dīn al-Qūnawī’s Philosophical Sufism in Practice: Metaphysics and Self-realization in the Epistle of Spiritual Guidance (al-Risāla al-Murshidiyya) <i>Richard Todd</i> The Existential Conditions of Spiritual (Im)Perfection in Ibn al-‘Arabī’s Philosophical Sufism <i>Elif Emirahmetoğlu</i>	Muslim Lives in the Times of Uncertainty <i>Ayşe Almula Akca & Dženita Karić</i> (2095 A) For the Love of God: Investigating the Agency, Identity and Belonging of Korean Women who Convert to Islam <i>Farrah Nazh Shaikh</i> “Learning Halal Cooking”: Korean Muslim Women’s Food Practices in Everyday Life in South Korea <i>Halime Nur Yaşar</i> (Zoom)
19:00	Dinner	

Thursday, 12.10.2023

09:00	The Hajj in Islamic Tradition <i>Mohammad Gharaibeh & Dženita Karić</i> (2093) Sources and Power in the Study of Hajj <i>Dženita Karić</i> On the Reception of Andalusī Ḥajj Narratives in the Mashriq <i>Nadine El-Hussein</i> Between Wilaya and Hurma: Sovereignty and Sacrality in Seventeenth-century Ottoman Mecca <i>Yahya Nurgat</i>
11:00	Coffee break

11:30	Circulation of Religious Knowledge <i>Mohammad Gharaibeh</i> (2093) t.b.a. <i>Mohammad Gharaibeh</i> t.b.a. <i>Sohaib Baig</i> t.b.a. <i>Eyad Abuali</i> t.b.a. <i>Fatemeh Taheri</i>	Recent Contributions to Islamic Ethics <i>Mira Sievers</i> (2095 A) Exploring Islamic Ethics: Ghazālī’s Reflections on the Source of Moral and Legal Knowledge <i>Rana Alsoufi</i> The Islamic Ethics of Tax Evasion: Interdependence of Law, Theology, and Practice <i>Idris Nassery</i> Between Islamic Law and Ethics: Al-Māwardī’s Concept of Well-being (<i>ṣalāh</i>) and a New Perspective on Marriage <i>Bahattin Akyol</i>
13:30	Lunch break	
14:30	Legal Authority: Conceptions and Transmissions <i>Fatma Akan Ayyıldız</i> (2093) „What’s in a <i>Ṭarīqa</i> ? Transmission and Authority in the <i>Shāfi’ī Madhhab</i> (10th – 11th c.) <i>Mariam Sheibani</i> Playful Encounters: Transmitting Hanafi Legal Knowledge through Legal Riddles <i>Christian Mauder</i>	Ästhetische Bildung in der Religionspädagogik <i>Tuba Işık</i> (2095 A) Constituting Islam Through Art: A Praxeological Study on Contemporary Muslim Artists <i>Aydin Süer</i> Dramapädagogik – Einsatzmöglichkeiten im Islamischen Religionsunterricht <i>Carla Amina Baghajati</i> Ästhetische Bildwerke und ihr didaktisches Potenzial im Islamischen Religionsunterricht <i>Tuba Işık</i>
16:30	Coffee break	
17:00	Islamic Theology in Encounter with the Chinese Intellectual Tradition <i>Elif Emirahmetoğlu</i> (2093) Between Philosophy of Nature and Theology: Islamic Scholarship in Early Modern China <i>Dror Weil</i> Doctrine of the Mean and Chinese Muslim Reformism in Modern China <i>Hale Eroğlu Sager</i>	Book Talk <i>Mira Sievers</i> (2095 A) Islamic Ethics: Fundamental Aspects of Human Conduct <i>Abdulaziz Sachedina</i> (Zoom)
19:00	Dinner	

Friday, 13.10.2023

09:00 **Encounters in Eastern Asia: Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism**
Ufuk Topkara (2093)

The Place of Encounter: Some Lessons from Islamic and Buddhist Historiography
Sonam Kachru (Zoom)

Crossings: Comparative Religion on the Banks of the Ganges
Jane Mikkelsen (Zoom)

11:00 Coffee break

Closing Session: Recent Developments and Future Perspectives in Islamic Studies
Mohammad Gharaibeh & Serdar Kurnaz (2093)

13:00 End of the event

