Encounters in Islamic Theology: Texts and Practices

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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 Qurʾan 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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Tuesday, 10.10.2023

09:00 **Opening Session**
Mohammad Gharaibeh / Serdar Kurnaz

10:00 Coffee break

10:30 **t.b.a.**
Ufuk Topkara

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David Gyllenhaal

Before *Isrāʾliyyāt*: A Sinful Qurʾanic Pun and the Jewish and Christian Background of its Earliest Exegesis
Shlomo Zuckier

Aktuelle textwissenschaftliche Forschung: Koran und Hadith
Nimet Şeker

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 *isrāʾīliyyāt*-Überlieferungen
Tuğrul Kurt

12:30 Lunch break

13:30 **Muslim Thoughts and Practices in Contemporary Indonesia**
Claudia Seise

t.b.a.
Intan Qurratulaini

t.b.a.
Mohamad Sobirin

Gender Jihad on Digital Platforms: A case study of Perempuan Berkisah in Indonesia
Faiza Muhammad Din

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

18:00 Dinner

Wednesday, 11.10.2023

09:00 **Terms, Concepts, and Methodologies in Islamic Theological Research under Scrutiny**
Ayşe Almıla Akca / Leonie Stenske

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

„*ʿibādāt* – gottesdienstliche Handlung – living *fiqh*": Überlegungen zu adäquaten Begriffen und Konzepten zur Erfassung ‚religiöser Praxis'
Ayşe Almıla Akca

Storytelling als Kulturtechnik religiöser Bildung
Tuba Işık

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

(chair)
Feriel Bouhafa

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

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]
Mira Sievers

16:30 Coffee break

17:00 **Philosophical Sufism**
Elif Emirahmetoğlu

t.b.a.
Anna Ayşe Akasoy (Zoom)

t.b.a.
Sajjad Rizvi

t.b.a.
Richard Todd

t.b.a.
Elif Emirahmetoğlu

Muslim Lives in the Times of Uncertainty
Ayşe Almıla Akca / Dženita Karić

For the Love of God: Investigating the Agency, Identity and Belonging of Korean Women who Convert to Islam
Farrah Nazh Shaikh

"Learning Halal Cooking": Korean Muslim Women's Food Practices in Everyday Life in South Korea
Halime Nur Yaşar (Zoom)

19:00 Dinner

Thursday, 12.10.2023

09:00 **The Hajj in Islamic Tradition**
Mohammad Gharaibeh / Dženita Karić

t.b.a.
Yahya Nurgat

t.b.a.
Dženita Karić

t.b.a.
Nadine El-Hussein

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **Circulation of Religious Knowledge**
Mohammad Gharaibeh

t.b.a.
Sohaib Baig

t.b.a.
Eyad Abuali

t.b.a.
Fatemeh Taheri

Recent Contributions to Islamic Ethics
Mira Sievers

Exploring Islamic Ethics: Ghazālī's Reflections on the Source of Moral and Legal Knowledge
Rana Alsoufi

The Islamic Ethics of Tax Evasion: Interdependence of Law, Theology, and Practice
Idris Nassery

Between Islamic Law and Ethics: Al-Māwardī's Concept of Well-being *(ṣalāḥ)* and a New Perspective on Marriage
Bahattin Akyol

13:30 Lunch break

14:30 **Legal Authority: Conceptions and Transmissions**
Fatma Akan Ayyıldız

(chair)
Amin Ehteshami

„What's in a *Ṭarīqa*? Transmission and Authority in the *Shāfiʿī Madhhab* (10th – 11th c.)
Mariam Sheibani

Playful Encounters: Transmitting Hanafi Legal Knowledge through Legal Riddles
Christian Mauder

Ästhetische Bildung in der Religionspädagogik (Panel in German)
Tuba Işık

Constituting Islam Through Art: A Praxeological Study on Contemporary Muslim Artists
Aydın Süer

Dramapädagogik – Einsatzmöglichkeiten im Islamischen Religionsunterricht
Carla Amina Baghajati

Ästhetische Bildwerke und ihr didaktisches Potenzial im Islamischen Religionsunterricht
Tuba Işık

16:30 Coffee break

17:00 **Book Talk**
Mira Sievers

Islamic Ethics: Fundamental Aspects of Human Conduct
Abdulaziz Sachedina (Zoom)

Islamic Theology in Encounter with the Chinese Intellectual Tradition
Elif Emirahmetoğlu

t.b.a.
Anna Ayşe Akasoy (Zoom)

t.b.a.
Dror Weil

t.b.a.
Hale Eroglu Sager

19:00 Dinner

Friday, 13.10.2023

09:00 **Co-Produced Religions**
Ufuk Topkara

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

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

11:00 Coffee break

Closing Session: Recent Developments and Future Perspectives in Islamic Studies
Mohammad Gharaibeh / Serdar Kurnaz

13:00 End of the event