

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

10-11
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Women's Knowledge Production in Qur'anic Exegesis

Venue:

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Dorotheenstraße 24, Room 1.601
10117 Berlin

Programme and further information



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The contribution of women to theological knowledge production in the field of Qur’anic exegesis has historically been marginalized, with few exceptions acknowledged. Previous research on women and gender in Qur’anic studies has predominantly centered on gender configurations in the Qur’an and traditional interpretations. Another extensively discussed area in research involves gender-egalitarian and feminist interpretations of the Qur’an. Despite these efforts, the religious practice of female exegesis, particularly by thinkers and theologians from the Arabic- and Turkish-speaking regions, has been insufficiently explored. Many female authors of Qur’anic commentaries in Arabic and Turkish, as well as their contributions, remain unfamiliar to a wider audience.

This workshop aims to illuminate the often overlooked contributions of women to the field of Qur’anic exegesis. It seeks to delve into the role of women in generating exegetical knowledge, both historically and in contemporary contexts. The focus will be on lesser-known exegetes, exploring their methodological approaches to primary sources and the theoretical discussions they have initiated regarding the accurate interpretation of the Qur’an. The workshop adopts an exploratory approach and serves as the inaugural event in a series of future workshops on female exegesis and hermeneutics at the Berlin Institute for Islamic Theology.

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Programme

Thursday, 10.10.2024

- 09:30 Greeting
- 10:00-11:30 Nimet Şeker: Women's Knowledge Production in Qur'anic Exegesis:
Discovering a Marginalised Discourse
Doris Decker: The First Mufassirāt? The Role of Early Muslim Women in
Interpreting the Qur'an
- 11:30-12:00 Coffee Break
- 12:00-13:30 Lana Sirri: Exploring Dr. Suhaila Zain al-Abidin's Exegesis in Saudi Arabia
Hüda Nur Ateş: Contemporary Female Exegesis in Turkey
- 13:30-15:00 Lunch Break
- 15:00-16:00 KEYNOTE: Asma Barlas: When Gender is a Problem in Islamic Theology and
Qur'anic Tafsir (hybrid)
- 16:00-16:15 Closing Remarks
- 17:00 Dinner

Friday, 11.10.2024

- 09:30-11:00 Johanna Pink: (Derivative) Female Agency in Tafsīr and Qur'an Translation
Elvira Kulieva: Sumayya 'Afīfī: Egyptian Qur'an Translator of Russian Tafsīr al-
Muntakhab
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30-13:00 Sheam Khan: The Ideological Implications of Laleh Bakhtiar's Hermeneutics
on Qur'anic Exegesis and Translation
Yasmin Amin: Qur'an Copies, and Qur'an Parts Penned by Women
- 13:00-13:30 Closing Session