

Program

Friday 24.9

14-15: Opening of the conference

15-17: Panel session 1

Panels 1-2

18-19 Reception hosted by ... [CMI, AHKR]

19.15-20: Film: Women, War and Welfare in Jerusalem [N. Neguib]

Saturday 25.9

9-10: Keynote speaker: Jørgen S. Nielsen

10.15 - 12.15 Panel session 2

Panels 3-6, Roundtable 1

12.15 Lunch

13.15-14.15 Keynote speaker: Sabry Hafez

14.30 - 16.30 Panel session 3

Panels 7-10, Roundtable 2

16.45 - 18 General Assembly, Nordic Society for Middle Eastern Studies

20. Conference Dinner

Sunday 26.9

9.00 - 11.00 Panel session 4

Panels 11-14, Roundtable 3

11.15-12.15 Keynote speaker: Judith Tucker: “Contraband Connections: Piracy in the Mediterranean”

12.15 Lunch

13.15 - 15.30 Panel session 5

Panels 15-19

Coffee breaks between sessions

Panels

Friday 15.00–17.00

Panel session 1

Panel 1: New Media today

[Room A]

- Mona *Abdel-Fadil* (University of Oslo): “Islam Online Guides Spouses towards Better Communication – Do IOL English and IOL Arabic send the same message?”
- Nele *Lenze* (University of Oslo): “Popular Culture Online: Online distribution of literature in the Gulf”
- Päivi *Miettunen* (University of Helsinki): “Mösam, Mosque or MTV? - Religion, secularisation and modernization in South Jordan”

Chair: Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen

Panel 2: Arabic and Kurdish literatures

[Room B]

- Ludmila *Torlakova* (University of Bergen): “Modern Arabic Lexicography”
- Jalal *Abd Alghani* (Haifa University): “Ibn Ḥazm’s *Ṭawq al-Ḥamāma* and the Epistemology of Love”
- Alireza Korangy *Isfahani* (University of Virginia): “Linguistic nuances in Nationalistic Kurdish Folklore”

Chair: Sylvia Akar

Saturday 10.15–12.15

Panel session 2

Panel 3: Minority situations

[Room A]

- Fiona *McCallum* (St Andrews University): “Walking the Tightrope: Patriarchal Politics in Contemporary Lebanon”
- Anh Nga *Longva* (University of Bergen): “From the dhimma to the capitulations: Experience and memory of protection among Christians in Lebanon”
- Lina *Kassem* (Qatar University): “Identity Transformations among Druze Diaspora Communities: Regional Political Constraints and the Development of Transglobal Connections”

- Erdem *Güven* (Istanbul University): “Changing lifestyle of Turkish Jews: Example of Kuzguncuk neighborhood”
 - Aziz *Sardar* (University College Cork Ireland): “Minority in the Middle East: the Kurds”
- Chair:* Anh Nga Longva

Panel 4: City, hinterland and connectivity in the pre-Islamic Near East [Room B]

Organizers: Eivind Seland and Jørgen Christian Meyer

- Jørgen Christian *Meyer* (University of Bergen): “Palmyrena. Villages and forts north of Palmyra”
- Kristina Josephson *Hesse* (Uppsala University): “Migration Networks in Archaeological Explanatory Models of Cultural Dispersion”
- Nils *Anfinset* (University of Bergen): “The steppe as an arena for interaction during the Neolithic and Early Bronze Age”
- Leonardo *Gregoratti* (Udine University): “Palmyra, City and Territory through the Epigraphic Sources”
- Eivind Heldaas *Seland* (University of Bergen): “Protection and the caravan trade of Palmyra”

Chair: Eivind Seland

Roundtable 1: The Aesthetics of Muslim Devotion [Room C]

Organizers: Nefissa Naguib and Ingvild Flaskerud.

Participants:

- Nefissa *Naguib* (Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen)
- Ingvild *Flaskerud* (University of Bergen)
- Catharina *Raudvere* (Copenhagen University)
- Anne K. *Bang* (Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen)

Chair: Ingvild Flaskerud

Panel 5: Connectivity between religious collectivities in education [Room D]

- Alhagi Manta *Dammeh* (Al-Maktoum Institute): “Methodological Approaches in Dealing with Islamic Core Sources: Educational Implications”
- Issam *Aburaya* (Seton Hall University): “Islam, the Jewish State and the Clash of Civilizations in Israeli Public Discourse”
- Elise *Burton* (University of Berkeley): “Evolution and Creationism in Middle Eastern Education: A Comparative Study of Iran and Israel”

Panel discussion: “Religious education and pluralism in the Middle East: Can ‘religion’ be compatible with ‘pluralism’?”

Organizer and Chair: Hossein Godazgar (Al-Maktoum Institute)

Panel 6: Adaptations in laws, norms and practices [Room E]

- Marianne *Bøe* (University of Bergen): “For the common good of society? Contemporary Shia Perspectives on Temporary Marriage”
- Eirik *Hovden* (University of Bergen): “Zaydi debates over the legality of the family *waqf*”
- Monika *Lindbekk* (British University in Egypt): “The relationship between Sharia and Egyptian divorce law”

- Knut S. *Vikør* (University of Bergen): “Issues of *ijtihād* in contemporary *uṣūl* studies”
Chair: Rania Maktabi

Saturday 14.30–16.30

Panel session 3

Panel 7: Salafism(s) across time and space [Room A]

- Mark *Sedgwick* (Aarhus University): “Salafism in History: Authority, Sociology, and the Pendulum Swing”
- Thomas *Fibiger* (Aarhus University): “Long Beards and Loyalty. The Place of Salafism in Bahrain”
- Morten *Valbjørn* (Aarhus University): “Examining the Jordanian Islamic Triangle from the Salafist Corner”
- Lene van der Aa *Kühle* (Aarhus University): “Salafism in Aarhus, Denmark”

Organizer and Chair: Morten Valbjørn

Panel 8: Islam in contestation [Room B]

- Lena *Ambjörn* (Lund University): “Materia medica in al-*Mu‘alajat al-Buqratiyya*, an Arabic medical encyclopedia from the 10th century”
- Stefanie *Brinkmann* (Leipzig University): “Wine culture in *ḥadīth* - *ḥadīth* as source for material culture”
- Stephen *Burge* (Institute of Ismaili Studies, London): “Popular Religion and the ‘*Ulamā*’: The Case of Al-Suyūṭī”
- Marco *Demichelis* (University of Genoa): “Reason in Islam as Manifesto of Critical Exegesis”

Chair: Marianne Bøe

Panel 9: Sufism and popular culture [Room C]

- Kevork *Bardakjian* (University of Michigan): “Deciphering Kostandin Erznkatsi's "unusual" poem”
- Heidi *Gomi* (Senior Researcher): “Narrative/Metaphor Nexus in Sufism”
- Arin Salamah *Qudsi* (Haifa University): “Keep the door half-open”: Mother Images and Roles in Early Sufi Literature”
- Richard Johan *Natvig* (University of Bergen): “I Saw the Prophet in My Dream”: A *Zār* song from Kafr al-Sayyadin in Lower Egypt”

Chair: Jacob Høigilt

Roundtable 2: Conflict and Co-existence in Post-Civil War Lebanon [Room D]

Participants:

- Are Knudsen (Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen)
- Michael Kerr (Kings College, London)
- Sari Hanafi (American University of Beirut)
- Fabrice Balanche (GREMMO, Lyon)
- Nasser Yassin (American University of Beirut)
- Marie-Jöelle Zahar (Montreal University)
- Augustus R. Norton (Boston University)
- Theodor Hanf (American University of Beirut)
- Sune Haugbølle (University Copenhagen)

Organizer and Chairs: Are Knudsen (CMI) and Michael Kerr (Kings College, London)

Panel 10: Transnational Family Law

[Room E]

- Rania Maktabi (Østfold University College): “Gendered Citizenship in the Middle East: How to compare family law reform in Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco and Syria?”
- Annika Rabo (Stockholm University): “‘The good family’ and ‘the good family law’. Transnational debates on law and morality in the Middle East and the Nordic Countries”
- Nisrine Mansour (London School of Economics): “National family frameworks, transnational jurisprudence, and women’s legal subjectivity in Lebanese Shi’a family law”
- Liv Tønnessen (Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen): “Post-Islamism in Sudan”

Chair: Knut S. Vikør

Sunday 9.00–11.00

Panel session 4

Panel 11: Migratory situations (part 1)

[Room A]

- Maruta Herding (University of Cambridge): “The conservative avant-garde: Islamic youth culture in contemporary Western Europe”
- Marianne Holm Pedersen (The Royal Library, Copenhagen): “Practising Islam: Ritual performance and belonging among Iraqi women in Copenhagen”
- Konrad Pedziwiatr (Tischner European University): “The Limits of Religious Individualisation of the Young European Muslims”
- Synnøve Bendixsen (Technische Universität Berlin): “Muslim Youth in Europe: “individualisation” and “secularisation”?”

Chair: Christine Jacobsen

Panel 12: The Middle East In East/Southeast Africa – A Sea of Connectivities

[Room B]

Organizer: Anne K. Bang

- Anne K. *Bang* (Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen): “Islands in the Middle Stream: The Comoro Islands as intermediate station for Islamic reform in Madagascar and Mozambique, c. 1880-1920.”
 - Jeremy *Prestholdt* (University of California): “From Zanzibar to Beirut: Cartographies of Globalism in an Age of Empire”
 - Eugeniusz *Rzewuski* (University of Warsaw): “Kerimba Islands past and present connectivities with the wider Swahili and western Indian Ocean world.”
 - Preben *Kaarsholm* (Roskilde University): “Indian Ocean linkages of Islam in KwaZulu-Natal”
- Chair:* R.S. O’Fahey

Roundtable 3: Teaching Arabic in the Nordic countries [Room C]

Organizer: Syliva Akar

Participants:

- Sylvia Akar (Helsinki University)
- Elie Wardini (Stockholm University)
- Pernille Myrvold (University of Bergen)
- Tania Al Saadi (University of Stockholm)
- June Dahy (Copenhagen University)
- Ulla Prien (Copenhagen University)
- Pernilla Myrne (Gothenburg University)
- Kristian Kolding (Royal Danish Defence College)

Chair: Elie Wardini

Panel 13: The New Islamic Public Sphere Programme, University of Copenhagen [Room D]

- Sune Haugbølle (Copenhagen University): “Outside In: Locating State Interests in Lebanese Media History”
- Rikke Haugbølle (Copenhagen University): “Long live the big family of the Tunisian media,”
- Ehab Galal (Copenhagen University): “The State and Arab Islamic Satellite Television: Friends or Foes, Allies or Contestants?”
- Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen (Copenhagen University): “Pan-Arab Islamic Media in Crisis”
- Daniella Kuzmanovic (Copenhagen University): “An Anthropology of the Turkish Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTÜK)”

Organizer and Chair: Sune Haugbølle

Panel 14: Challenges of international politics and economy [Room E]

- Maysam Behravesht & Mohammad Reza Kianie (University of Tehran): “The Hidden Enemy Out There: Western Iranophobia and Iranian Westophobia”
- Steffen Wippel (Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin): “Between Economic Diversification and Global Branding: Port and Tourism Development in Salalah (Sultanate of Oman)”
- Marianne Laanatza (Lund University): “The complicated relationship between the EU and the Arab Gulf states members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) - Broken negotiations and disappointments”
- Ghazal Abbasy-Asbagh (Catholic University of America): “Iran, Tehran's capital city: Social Schizophrenia and Urban Form”

Chair: Anders Bjørkelo

Sunday 13.15–15.30

Panel session 5

Panel 15: Migratory situations (part 2)

[Room A]

- Christine M. *Jacobsen* (University of Bergen): “Gaza in Oslo. Social imaginaries in the political engagement of Norwegian minority youth”
- Goetz *Nordbruch* (University of Southern Denmark): “National identity and the question of culture among Arab students in interwar Europe”
- Minoo Alinia (Mid-Sweden university): “Violence Against Women in the Name of Honour: *Borders, Identities, and Sexualities*”
- Sylvaine *Camelin* (Université Paris Ouest, La Défense): “Family and migration: Women's role in the United Arab Emirates”
- Karin Ask (Chr. Michelsen institute, Bergen): “Local and transnational connectivity among *internally displaced (IDPs) in Khyber Pakhtunkwah, Pakistan*”

Chair: Synnøve Bendixen

Panel 16: Christians in the Middle East

[Room B]

- Karen *Sanchez Summerer* (Leiden University): “The impacts of the French Catholic Schools in the Middle East (1908-1950): The Palestinian case”
- Amy *Rowe* (University of Cambridge): “The Maronite Census: Counting the Faithful in Diasporic Contexts”
- Luisa *Gandolfo* (Durham University): “Political Pulpits: Christian Evangelical Proselytism and Inter-Denominational Relations in the Contemporary Middle East”

Chair: Gerd Marie Ådna

Panel 17: Palestine

[Room C]

- Janne Bjarheim *Bøe* (University of Bergen): “Female networks in times of war”
- Kjersti G. *Berg* (University of Bergen): “The politics of UNRWA camp and shelter construction”
- Jacob *Høigilt* (FAFO Institute, Oslo): “Islamism and education: The Palestinian Case”
- Hilde *Kjøstvedt* (Chr Michelsen Institute, Bergen): “Palestinian Women in Islamist Organisations”
- Frode *Løvlie* (Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen): “Party Change in Palestine: Explaining Hamas’s Electoral Strategy, 1996-2006”

Chair: Liv Tønnesen

Panel 18: Issues of history and connectivity

[Room D]

- Frej *Stambouli* (Tunis University): “Global Change and the Rise of Islam in North Africa”

- Dietrich *Jung* (University of Southern Denmark): ““Transforming Islam”: Intellectual and social relationships among Orientalists and Islamic Reformers”
- Anders *Bjørkelo* (University of Bergen): “Sudanese trading towns in a regional perspective.”
- Laura *Wickström* (Åbo Akademi University): “Ecological Views and Climate Change in the Middle East”

Chair: Mark Sedgwick

Panel 19: Migration, travel and diasporas

[Room E]

- Jacqueline *Armijo* (Zayed University): “International Networks of Islamic Learning: Seeking Truth unto China and Back”
- Zvi *Bar’el* (Sapir Academic College): “Clashes of Westernizations: From Tahtawi to Qardawi”
- Hande *Sağlam* (Institute of Folk Music Research and Ethnomusicology): “The Musical Identification of Turkish Diaspora in Vienna Ethnicity of Turkish Music: Perceiving the Others – Representing One’s Own”
- Tom *Solomon* (University of Bergen): “Turkish Hip-Hop in Motion”

Chair: Richard J. Natvig