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Welcome to BRAIS 2018

Welcome to the Annual Conference of the British Association for Islamic Studies 2018 hosted by the Centre for the Study of Islam (CSI) in the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter.

We are delighted to be welcoming over 200 delegates for what promises to be a rich and engaging programme of panels, plenaries and conversations.

Changes to this Programme

Please be aware that this programme was accurate and up-to-date at the time of printing (3rd April 2018). However, some changes will have inevitably occurred between the printing of the programme and the conference itself. We hope changes will be few and far between and we will keep you updated as best we can during the conference.

Publisher Exhibition and Refreshments

We are delighted to be welcoming twelve publishers to BRAIS 2018. The Publisher Exhibition will be taking place in the central area of the Forum building for the duration of the conference. This is where lunch and refreshments will also be served.

Photography

We will be taking photographs during the conference and these may be used in BRAIS promotional materials. If you do not wish to feature in any photographs, please make this known to the conference organisers at the reception desk.

WiFi

Wifi is available throughout the Forum building via **Eduroam**.

Venues

All conference panels, plenaries and refreshments will be taking place in the Forum building here at the University of Exeter. A map of the Forum has been provided in your delegate pack.

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BRAIS 2017 Conference Programme

Monday 9th April

- 14:45-15:15** Arrival and Welcome (with Devon Cream Tea)
- 15:15 -15:30** Words of Welcome from BRAIS Secretary (Sean McLoughlin) and Hosts (Robert Gleave) - **Alumni Auditorium Lecture Theatre**
- 15:30-17:30** **Panels Session 1**

A. Islamic Law I: the Ḥanafī School in the Formative and Classical Periods

Forum Seminar Room 1

Chair: Omar Anchassi (University of Exeter)

Kamaluddin Ahmed (University of Oxford) *Hierarchies of Authority in the Early Ḥanafī Madhhab*

Salman Younas (University of Oxford) *Beyond the "Personal" School: The Structure of Authority in the Early Ḥanafī School & Its Emergence as a Distinct Legal Community (189/805-300/913)*

Sohail Hanif (University of Oxford) *The Salafī Epistemology of Early Classical Ḥanafism: From Uṣūl al-Fiqh to Furū' al-Fiqh*

Deniz Birnur (Istanbul University) *The Story of Bay` al-`īnah in Ḥanafī Textbooks until the Ottomans*

B. Muslim Minorities I: Islam in the Public Space

Forum Seminar Room 2

Chair: Sean McLoughlin (University of Leeds)

Laura Jones (Cardiff University) *Fostering Ambassadors for Islam: A Case Study of an Open Iftar Initiative at a British Mosque*

Abida Malik (University of Nottingham) *The experiences of British Muslim civic actors: stigma, performance and active citizenship in Britain*

Muhammed Reza Tajri (Al-Mahdi Institute) *Without Forgetting the Marja'...*

Sufyan Abid Dogra (Bradford Institute for Health Research) *Using or Involving Islamic Settings for Childhood Obesity among South Asian Children in the UK*

C. Qur'ānic Studies I: Qur'ānic Contexts, Concepts and Terms

Forum Seminar Room 3

Chair: Ian Netton (University of Exeter)

Jaakko Hameen-Anttila (University of Edinburgh) *The Qur'an and Early Arabic Poetry*

Taira Amin (Lancaster University) *Verily it is of your guile; verily your guile is great! (Q12:28): A Critical Discourse Analysis of all references to kayd (guile) in the Quran and Classical Tafsir*

Abdullah Galadari (Khalifa University) *The Concept of Nafs in the Qur'an*

Rachel Dryden (University of Cambridge) *Angels in the Qur'an: from Heaven to Earth and from Mecca to Medina*

D. `Ulamā'-ology

Forum Seminar Room 4

Chair: Sajjad Rizvi (University of Exeter)

Mustafa Baig (University of Exeter) *The leverage of the 'ulama' of Haramayn: Scholarly networks between British India and the Hijaz in the late 19th and early 20th century*

Ceren Lord (University of Oxford) *Re-thinking the role and rise of Turkey's ulama*

Ataul Khabir (Goldsmiths, University of London) *The Academic Sheikh: A Hybridised Islamic Authority*

Haroon Sidat (Cardiff University) *How many 'ulama does it take to change a lightbulb?*

E. Islamic Art, Architecture and Literary Representations

Forum Seminar Room 5

Chair: Eva Kepplinger (Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg)

Shiva Mihan (University of Cambridge) *A Dismembered Treasure from Prince Bāysunghur's atelier*

Fuchsia Hart (Victoria & Albert Museum) *Shaykh Lutfallah and Safavid Shi'ism Raihan*

Raihan Rosman (University of Aberdeen) *Faith versus Identity in Leila Aboulela's Minaret (2005)*

F. Education I: Islamic Education in Minority Contexts

Forum Seminar Room 6

Chair: Riyaz Timol (Cardiff University)

Matthew Vince (Cardiff University) *Embodying Islam and the secular at work: the case of Muslim Religious Education teachers in state schools*

Nader Al-Refai (Yarmouk University) *British Muslim Supplementary Education Institutions and the Problematics of Religious Instruction in Multi-faith Society*

Youcef Sai (Trinity College Dublin) *Sunni and Shi'a interaction in Irish Muslim Schools: Tensions, Challenges and Negotiations*

17:30-17:45 **Break**

17:45-19:00 **Plenary 1: Alumni Auditorium Lecture Theatre**

Robert Hoyland: 'Ancient Iran in Muslim Histories and the Sources of the Shahnameh'

Chair: Robert Gleave

Followed by an Oxford/Liverpool University Press Reception in the IAIS building

20:00 **Evening Meal**

Tuesday 10th April

09:00-11:00

Panels Session 2

A. Islamic Law II: Uses of the Past, A Panel on the HERA-Funded Project Understanding Shari`a: Past Perfect Imperfect Present (USPPIP)

Forum Seminar Room 1

Chair: Robert Gleave (University of Exeter)

Omar Anchassi (University of Exeter) *A Monopoly of Legitimate Violence? Extra-Judicial Punishment and the Limits of Non-State Authority in the History of Islamic Law*

Mahmood Kooria (Leiden University) *Using the Past and Bridging the Gap: Premodern Islamic Legal Texts in New Media*

Nijmi Edres (University of Göttingen) *Uses of the Past: Gender and Shari`a in contemporary Muslim practice in Israel and Palestine*

B. Muslim Minorities II: The Sociology of the Sacred and the Secular in Muslim Minority Contexts

Forum Seminar Room 2

Chair: Sophie Gilliat-Ray (Cardiff University)

Ege Lepa (University of Tartu) *"Lazy" old vs "eager" new Muslims in Estonia: the Baltic case of dealing with changes in Islamic community*

Agah Hazir (Van Yuzuncu Yil University) *Secularism in the transnational field: Turkish diaspora in the UK*

Amine El-Yousfi (University of Cambridge) *Genealogy and discursivity of the 'Muslim Question' in France*

Riyaz Timol (Cardiff University) *Social transformation through self-reformation: sacralising the secular 'in the Path of Allah*

C. Shī'ism I: Legal Theory, Ethics, and Ḥadīth

Forum Seminar Room 3

Chair: Ali-reza Bhojani (Al-Mahdi Institute)

Mohammad Sadegh Amin din (International Institute for Islamic Studies, Islamic Seminary of Qom) *Moral Approach towards the Sinful in Shī'ī Ḥadīth*

Sayyed Mohammad-Payam (University of Exeter) *To Refer or Not to Refer to Ḥadīth Literature: a 5th Century AH/ 11th Century CE Question in Twelver Shī'ī Legal Theory*

Alexander Weissenburger (Austrian Academy of Sciences) *Framing the Huthi Movement as Twelver Shi'ites: Aspects of anti-Huthi Propaganda on the Internet*

D. Post-Classical Islamic Thought I: Capturing the Audience: Authors, Texts and Contexts in Late Medieval and Early Modern Islamic Intellectual History I

Forum Seminar Room 4

Chair: Judith Pfeiffer (University of Bonn)

Judith Pfeiffer (University of Bonn) *Narrating the Past, Shaping the Future: Rashīd al-Dīn (d. 718/1318) Between Politics and Intellectual Aspirations*

Mohammad Gharaibeh (University of Bonn) *Why the Muqaddima of Ibn al-Ṣalāḥ (d. 643/1245) Matters: Towards a Social Explanation of the Success of the Muqaddima Through an Analysis of Scholarly Networks and Commentaries*

Josephine Gehlhar (University of Bonn) *The Question of Bodily Resurrection in the Ottoman Tahāfut works of Khōjazāde (d. 893/1488) and `Alā' al-Dīn al-Ṭūsī (d. 887/1482)*

Sami Arslan (University of Bonn) *Pouring Ink on Blood: The Copyists of Molla Luṭfī's (d. 900/1495) Works Between Censorship and Self-Censorship*

E. Classical Theology and Philosophy I: God's Knowledge, God's Action and Causality

Forum Seminar Room 5

Chair: Sumeyye Parildar (Istanbul University)

Mariam Shehata (SOAS) *Abū I-Barakāt al-Baghdādī on Divine Omniscience and Human Freedom*

Hannah Erlwein (LMU Munich) *How to square occasionalism and secondary causality? – Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī's position on causality*

Ramon Harvey (Ebrahim College) *Lost Property? God's Speech as Divine Action in al-Māturīdī's Kitāb al-tawḥīd*

Daniel Lav (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) *Ash'arī Kasb in Apologia for Supplication of the Prophet*

F. The Dynamics of Representation

Forum Seminar Room 6

Chair: Joshua Roose (Australian Catholic University)

Laura Mora (Keele University) *The Mipsterz debate: Muslim women's online self-representation*

Oana-Alexandra Chirila (University of Bucharest) *Advertising the Hog: Pork in the Nation of Islam's Ideology*

Thijl Sunier (VU University Amsterdam) *Online/offline dynamics: Local politics in a mediatized religious landscape*

11:00-11:30 **Coffee/Tea**

11:30-12:30 **BRAIS AGM and BRAIS-De Gruyter Prize Ceremony**
Alumni Auditorium Lecture Theatre

12:30-13:30 **Lunch**

13:30-15:30

Panels Session 3

A. Islamic Law III: Ottoman Law

Forum Seminar Room 1

Chair: Sohail Hanif (University of Oxford)

Seyma Ozdemir (Marmara University) *Exploring 16th Century Ottoman Monetary Issues in a Legal Source: Risalah fi'n-Nuqud*

Merve Özdemir Özaykal (Sakarya University) *Medicine in Ottoman Fatwa (Religious Verdict) Collections*

Sumeyye Simsek (Istanbul 29 Mayıs University) *The Effects of Modernization in a Fatwa Book: İlaveli Mecmua-i Cedide*

B. Muslim Minorities III: The Muslim Communities of the Constituent Nations of the UK and the Republic of Ireland

Forum Seminar Room 2

Chair: Jorgen Nielsen (University of Birmingham)

James Carr (University of Limerick) *Islam in Ireland: the same yet different*

Sophie Gilliat-Ray (Cardiff University) *Bilad al-Welsh- The Land of the Welsh*

Hugh Goddard (University of Edinburgh) *Scotland's Muslim Communities: Distinctive or Parallel?*

Sean McLoughlin (University of Leeds) *Muslim England and its Cities: From Methodological Nationalism to a (Trans)Local Frame*

C. Shī'ism II: Law, Authority and Learning in Early Shī'ī Law

Forum Seminar Room 3

Chair: Rob Gleave (University of Exeter)

Rob Gleave (University of Exeter) *Early Shī'ī Law in Wider Perspective*

Paul Gledhill (University of Exeter) *Some legal opinions attributed to early Shī'ī authorities in the Ishrāf 'alā madhāhib al-'ulamā' of Ibn al-Mundhir (d. 318/930)*

Wissam Halawi (University of Exeter) *Khums in Early Shī'ī Jurisprudence*

Kumail Rajani (University of Exeter) *Shi'ite Schools of Law in Comparative Perspective: Zaydi, Isma'ili and Imami Legal Doctrine*

D. Post-Classical Islamic Thought II: Receiving Avicenna, Contesting Mullā Ṣadrā: Metaphysical Debates in later Islamic Philosophies

Forum Seminar Room 4

Chair: Sajjad Rizvi (University of Exeter)

Wahid Amin (Al-Mahdi Institute) *'The Simple Reality is All Things' (basīṭ al-ḥaqīqa kullu l-ashyā')*: Mullā Ṣadrā (d. ca. 1635) and Shaykh Aḥmad al-Aḥsā'ī (d. 1826) on *Ontological Monism*

Sumeyye Parildar (University of Istanbul) *A Non-essentialist and anti-materialist theory of self: Mullā Ṣadrā on what makes the human-self*

Sajjad Rizvi (University of Exeter) *Reading Avicennism in Qajar Iran: Mīrzā Jilveh and the Rejection of a Sadrian Reading of Metaphysics*

E. Qur'ānic Studies II: the Qur'ān in Contemporary Contexts

Forum Seminar Room 5

Chair: Jaakko Hameen-Anttila (University of Edinburgh)

Adam Shehata (Kirchliche Pädagogische Hochschule Vienna) *Abdul-Ḥamīd al-Farāhī's outstanding view on asbāb an-nuzūl - An Indian scholar's potential influence on future quranic interpretation*

Mu'ammar Zayn Qadafy (Albert Ludwigs University Freiburg) *What Lay People Contribute to Exegesis Genre: Some Characteristics of Tafsir Works Addressed to Non-Academic Indonesian Readers*

Fadhli Lukman (Albert Ludwigs University Freiburg) *The Official Translation and The Imagined Authority: a case study on Al-Qur'an dan Terjemahnya in the 2017 Jakarta Gubernatorial Election*

Amit Sampat (Independent researcher) *The Message of Islam by Gandhi's Spiritual Disciple: An Examination of Vinoba Bhave's Thought from Islam ka Paigaam*

15:30-16:00

Coffee/Tea

16:00-17:30

Panels Session 4

A. Islamic Law IV: Marriage and Gender Relations

Forum Seminar Room 1

Chair: Usaama al-Azami (Markfield Institute of Higher Education)

Hakime Reyyan Yasar (Heythrop College) *Categorization and Conceptualization in Classical Islamic Contract Law: Nikāḥ al-ʿaqd as a Symbolic Exchange Contract*

Sumeyra Yakar (University of Exeter) *The typical inference of custom in the Jurisprudence of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia*

Faizul Karim (SOAS) *Gender Interaction in the Qurʾān: Synergy between the Ayāt al-aḥkām and the Qiṣaṣ*

B. Aspects of Sufism

Forum Seminar Room 2

Chair: Saeko Yazaki (University of Glasgow)

Fuga Kimura (University of Tokyo) *Al-Ghazālī's Salafi conversion in his later works: Rethinking relationships between Salafism and Sufism in his discussion on faith*

Pascal Held (The American University in Cairo) *Aḥmad Ghazālī's interpretation of the 'light verse' (24:35)*

Naoki Yamamoto (Kyoto University) *Placement of Sufism in the Literature on the Classification of Knowledge in the Ottoman Period: The case of İbrâhîm Ḥaḳḳı Erzurumî*

C. Shī'ism III: Imagined Pasts

Forum Seminar Room 3

Chair: Alexander Weissenburger (Austrian Academy of Sciences)

Samer El-Karanshawy (Tufts University) *The Conquests of Kisirwan: Ibn Taymiya and a Claimed-as-Twelve-Shi'i Past*

Mohammad Monib (University of Qom) *Awake Dreamers: Sectarian Dreams and Politics in Medieval Islam: the Case of Assassination of Muqallid b. Musayyib (d. 391 A.H/ 1001 A.D)*

Miklós Sárközy (Bratislava University) *History in Eschatology: the case of the Dīwān-i Qā'imiyāt*

D. Post-Classical Islamic Thought III: Capturing the Audience: Authors, Texts and Contexts in Late Medieval and Early Modern Islamic Intellectual History II

Forum Seminar Room 4

Chair: Mohammad Gharaibeh (University of Bonn)

Sevket Küçüküseyin (University of Bonn) *Jalāl al-Dīn al-Rūmī's (d. 672/1273) Letter to His Daughter-in-Law: A Mirror of Family Affairs or a Political Document?*

Maxime Durocher (University of Bonn) *Between History and Myth: The Building of a Zāwiya in Medieval Anatolia and its Foundation Tale in an Early Ottoman Hagiography*

Giovanni Maria Martini (University of Bonn) *A Recently Identified Fourteenth Century Cosmogony in Persian: the al-Nuzha al-Sāsāniyya of Muḥammad Shīrīn Maghribī (d. 810/1407), or 'On the Knowledge of the Beginning of the Formation of the World up to the Human Form'*

E. The Dynamics of Textual Transmission in Early Islam

Forum Seminar Room 5

Chair: Azaher Miah (University of Oxford)

Ursula Bsees (Cambridge University) *Looking over the early muḥaddith's shoulder: A study of ḥadīth production and transmission based on original documentary sources*

Mehmetcan Akpınar (University of Tübingen) *The Prophet and the Beast: Diverging Accounts on Burāq in the Light of the Regional Disputes of the 2nd/8th Century*

Mostafa Movahedifar (University of Birmingham) *Early Shīrī canonical collections: how did jurists investigate the validity of jurisprudential ahādith?*

F. Education II: Education, Institutions, Structures of Power

Forum Seminar Room 6

Chair: Haroon Sidat (Cardiff University)

Sairah Narmah-Alqasim (Nottingham Law School, UK/Dar Al-Hekma University, KSA) *'Islamic Law' and Legal Practice- A Legal Education Dilemma*

Hussam Eldin Ahmed (KU Leuven) *A Nahdawi Institution: The Private Egyptian University and the Struggle for the Humanities (1908-1925)*

Şeyma Nur Temel (Istanbul Şehir University) *Sufis and Sultans in the Eyes of Müneccimbaşı Ahmed Dede*

17:30-17:45 **Break**

17:45-19:00 **Plenary 2: Alumni Auditorium Lecture Theatre**

Jon Hoover 'The Religious Utilitarianism of Ibn Taymiyya'

Chair: Ayman Shihadeh

Followed by a Centre for the Study of Islam Reception in the IAIS building

20:00 **Evening meal**

Wednesday 11th April

09:00-11:00 Panels Session 5

A. Islamic Law V: Community, Identity and the Codification of Islamic Law

Forum Seminar Room 1

Chair: Omar Anchassi (University of Exeter)

Maroussia Bednarkiewicz (University of Oxford) *The Controversy of the Nāqūs: Muslim Legal Opinions on the Christian Call to Services*

Azaher Miah (University of Oxford) *Determining the Role of Ibrāhīm al-Nakha'ī in early Kufan Hadith Transmission*

Antonia Bosanquet (University of Hamburg) *'She may keep him as her husband; he may not keep her as his wife': Differing views of single-spouse conversion in Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya's Aḥkām ahl al-dhimma*

Raashid Goyal (Cornell University) *Conversion and Subjecthood before the Jizya: New light from a Qur'ānic-era tradition*

B. Muslim Minorities IV: Muslim Identity in Minority Contexts

Forum Seminar Room 2

Chair: Mustafa Baig (University of Exeter)

Ayesha Khan (Cardiff University) *Contemporary Sufism amongst the British Muslim youth*

Muhammed Al-Hasan (Penny Appeal) *The experiences of British Muslim domestic violence victims*

Emine Enise Yakar (University of Exeter) *Identity Crisis: Muslim American Identity and the Solution of the Fiqh Council of North America*

C. Borders and Influences in Islamic Theology and Sufism

Forum Seminar Room 3

Chair: Ayman Shihadeh (SOAS)

Gregory Vandamme (Université Catholique de Louvain) *Ādam and Muḥammad in the Correlative Prophetology of Ibn ‘Arabī (d. 638/1240)*

Elisheva Machlis (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) *Reevaluating Sectarianism in Light of Sufi Islam: The Case-Studies of the Naqshbandiyya and Qadiriyya in Syria and Iraq*

Saeko Yazaki (University of Glasgow) *Is the universality of Sufism a Western creation?: Jewish Murshid Sam and Zen*

D. Modern Muslim Thought I: Reformist Imperatives

Forum Seminar Room 4

Chair: Joshua Roose (Australian Catholic University)

Mehrdad Alipour (University of Exeter) *Siraj al-Haqq Kugle and Exclusion of Bisexuality from Islamic Theology of Same-Sex Desires and Acts: A Critical Reflection*

Angus Slater (University of Wales Trinity St David) *Horizonverschmelzung: Gadamerian Discourse in the work of Khaled Abou El Fadl*

Amal Ghazal (Simon Fraser University) *Taqlidis, Islahis and Wahhabis: Islamic Theology and Regionalism*

E. Nonviolent Activism, Jihadism and Intellectualism in the Modern Muslim World

Forum Seminar Room 5

Chair: Daniel Lav (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Ferdinand Haberl (Institute of Oriental Studies) *The Ideological Foundations and Present Implications of Jihadi Intelligence*

Ayaka Kuroda (Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto) *Reconsidering the debates over the application of sharia in contemporary Egypt: The community-based approach in Ṭāriq al-Bishrī's politico-legal philosophy*

Syed Ahmad Ali Shah (Institute of Western Frontier Region of China) *Multi-level Shia Sunni Conflict and the Changing Dynamics of Sectarian Terrorism in Pakistan*

F. Islam and Science I: Muslims and Evolutionary Thought

Forum Seminar Room 6

Chair: Josef Linnhoff (University of Edinburgh)

Safaruk Chowdhury (The King Fahd Academy) *Evil in the Biosphere: Towards an Islamic Evolutionary Theodicy*

Glen Moran (Newman University) *Apes, Sheikhs and Darwin: the evolving construction of evolution amongst British Muslims*

Alper Bilgili (Acibadem University) *A Turkish Dawkins? Celal Şengör on Science and Religion*

11:00-11:30 Coffee/Tea

11:30-12:45 Plenary 3

Masooda Bano 'Islamic Knowledge and Societal Conditions: What Rational Choice Can Contribute to the Study of Islamic Education'

Chair: Sophie Gilliat-Ray

12:45-13:45 Lunch

13:45-15:45 Panels Session 6

A. Islamic Law VI: Aspects of Islamic Law and Legal Theory in the Classical and Post-Classical Periods

Forum Seminar Room 1

Chair: Mustafa Baig (University of Exeter)

Eva Kepplinger (Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg) *The Impact of the maqāṣid-Thinking of Abū Ishāq ash-Shāṭibī on the Maliki School of Law from 1400-1850 CE*

Mohammed Al Dhfar (University of Nottingham) *Between the Sultan and the madhhabs: al-Subkī on the issue of insulting the Prophet*

Aysegul Simsek (Marmara University) *Limits of Obedience to the Ruler in Islamic Law (Hanafi Perspective)*

B- Modern Muslim Thought II: Controversies in Contemporary Islamist Thought

Chair: Salman Younas (University of Oxford)

Rezart Beka (Georgetown University) *Fiqh al-Wāqi' and Its Discontents: Salafi Debates on the Role of Reality (al-Wāqi') in Shari'a*

Khalid Aljifry (University of Birmingham) *The Jurisprudence of Reality in Bin Bayyah's Thought*

Usaama al-Azami (Markfield Institute of Higher Education) *Wasatiyya in the Thought of Yusuf al-Qaradawi: Decontesting an Essentially Contested Concept*

Josef Linnhoff (University of Edinburgh) *The enduring legacy of ibn 'Arabi (d. 1240): twentieth century Salafi debates over Sayyid Qutb's (d. 1966) concept of 'universal shari'a' (shari'a kawniyya)*

C- Islam and Science II: Health and Ethics

Chair: Saeko Yazaki (University of Glasgow)

Sheikh Mohamad Farouq Abdul Fareez (Hamad Bin Khalifa University) *Human Dignity in the Islamic Bioethical Discourse on HIV/AIDS*

Joshua Roose (Australian Catholic University) *Islam, Disability and Human Rights*

Hadil Lababidi (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg) *Muslim dementia patients as subjects of Islamic legal-ethical decision-making*

D- Qur'ānic Studies III: Transmission, Terms and Theorisation

Chair: Ian Netton (University of Exeter)

Ala Vahidnia (Independent researcher) *Variant Orthographical Nature of Muṣḥafs in Earlier Islamic Centuries*

Simon Loynes (University of Edinburgh) *The meaning and function of the term waḥy in the Qur'an*

Bill Gent (University of Warwick) *The significance of Qur'anic memorization and recitation in the context of New Literacy Studies*

Jona Fras (University of Edinburgh) *Tuning In to God: Scripture and Authority in the Language of Islamic Advice Programmes on Jordanian Radio*

E. Political Authority, Identity and Representation in Persianate Islamic Societies Through Time

Forum Seminar Room 5

Chair: Fatima Rajina (SOAS)

Eyad Abuali (Utrecht University) *Authority and Mysticism in Medieval Iran and Central Asia: The Politics of Sufi Symbolism and Imagery in Transition*

Lubaaba al-Azami (University of Liverpool) *Prerogative of the Princess: Gulbudan Begum and the Political Authority of the Mughal Haram*

Mehdi Beyad (SOAS) *Geopolitics and Identity: The Discourse of Arab-Iranian Rivalry in Ba`thist Iraq and Pahlavi Iran*

15:45

Coffee/Tea and Departure