

DYNAMICS OF TRADITION

Islamic Theology and Law in Relation

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The international conference Dynamics of Tradition: Law and Theology in Relation brings together international and local experts to discuss the historical and ongoing relationship between Islamic theology (kalām), legal theory (uṣūl al-fiqh), and law (fiqh). Scholars of islamic law, systematic theology, intellectual history and related fields from Germany, the USA, UK and elsewhere offer a range of inter-disciplinary perspectives that promises to offer new perspectives on Islamic history, culture and politics.

Dynamics of Tradition



3.00 - 3.30 pm

Check-in and Warm-up

Inquiries / technical explanations
Reception for participants and speakers



3.30 - 4.00 pm

Welcome and opening remarks Muna Tatari
and Idris Nassery

Raida Chbib, Academy for Islam in
Research and Society (AIWG)

**Origins and Evolution**

4.00 - 5.00 pm

A Biography of Uṣūl al-Fiqh
Speaker: Ahmad Atif Ahmad, (Santa Babara, USA)



5.00 - 6.00 pm

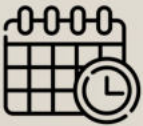
Rethinking Generality in Uṣūl al-Fiqh: Norm, Text, and
the Jurist's Role
Speaker: Omar Farahat, (Montreal, Canada)



6.15 pm

Dinner





8 am

Breakfast

9.00 - 10.00 am

Al-Māturīdī on the sabab and human action
between kalām and uṣūl al-fiqh
Speaker: Ramon Harvey, (Cambridge, UK)



10.00 - 11.00 am

The role of al-Shafi'ī in transforming fiqh into
a theologically inflected inquiry
Speaker: Mohammed Fadel, (Toronto, Canada)



11.00 am

Coffee Break



11.15 - 12.15 am

Theological Intrusions into Shī'ī Legal Theory:
Discussion of ijmā' in the Zaydī and Twelver
Traditions of uṣūl al-fiqh
Speaker: Rob Gleave, (Exeter, UK)



12.30 pm

Lunch





1.30 - 2.30 pm

Good and Evil in ‘Abd al-Jabbār’s Legal Thought
 Speaker: Maha El-Kaisy Friemuth, (Erlangen, Germany)



2.30 - 3.30 pm

Epistemology and Legal Theory in Abū Zayd al-Dabūsī’s (d. 430/1039) Taqwīm al-adilla – How epistemological assumptions effect legal theory, law and theology
 Speaker: Serdar Kurnaz, (Berlin, Germany)



3.30 pm

Coffee break



4.00 - 5.00 pm

Religious Reason and Secular Purpose: Ibn Taymiyyah's Verdict on the Triple Divorce
 Speaker: Abdul Rahman Mustafa, (Paderborn, Germany)



5.15 pm

Coffee break



5.15 - 6.15 pm

The Foundationalist and Occasionalist features of Sa’d al-Dīn al-Taftāzānī’s (d. 1390) notion of adilla
 Speaker: Najah Nadi, (Cambridge, UK)



6.15 - 7.15 pm

Theology of Delegation in Islamic Legal Interpretation
 Speaker: Intisar Rabb, (Harvard, USA)



7.30 pm

Dinner





Horizons

8 am

Breakfast

9.00 - 10.00 am

“Reason” and “Maṣlaḥa” in the Legal Thought of Muḥammad ‘Abduh

Speaker: Mohammed Abdel Rahem, (Erlangen, Germany)



10.00 - 11.00 am

Dynamics of kalām and uṣūl al-fiqh: Rethinking the ḥusn-qubḥ complex

Speaker: Idris Nassery, (Paderborn, Germany)



11.15 am

Coffee Break



11.30 - 12.30 am

Theologies of Divine Speech and the Human Exigencies of Law: A Conundrum for Classical and Contemporary Islamic Legal Hermeneutics

Speaker: David Vishanoff, (Oklahoma, USA)



12.30 - 1.30 pm

To Include or not Include: Theological Discussions in Legal Theory Literature

Speaker: Mohamed Ahmed Abdelrahman Eissa, (Cairo, Egypt)



1:30 pm

Lunch/End of Conference

