Early Islamic Studies Seminar / 11th Nangeroni Meeting

New Perspectives and Contexts in the Studies of Islamic Origins 2
16–20 June 2019 Gazzada

Chair: Guillaume Dye & Carlos A. Segovia
Co-Chair: Gabriele Boccaccini
Day 1 (Sunday June 16th)

8:00-15:00 – ARRIVALS AND LUNCH

17:00-17:45 – OPENING SESSION AND WELCOME

Guillaume Dye (Université libre de Bruxelles) & Gabriele Boccaccini (University of Michigan)

17:45 – 19:30. SESSION 1: EARLY ISLAM BETWEEN APOCALYPSE AND EMPIRE


RESPONDENT: Stephen J. Shoemaker (University of Oregon)

20:00 – DINNER
Day 2 (Monday June 17th)

09:00 – 10:15. Short Papers 1: Early Islam in its Militant Context

*Peter von Sivers* (University of Utah), “Apocalypse Fulfilled? The Qur’an between the Sasanians and the Romans”

*Boaz Shoshan* (University Ben Gurion of the Negev), “The Trope of Spoils in Narratives of the Early Arab Conquests”

Chair:

10:45 – 12:30. Session 2: Identity Formation in the Qur’anic Community

*Ilkka Lindstedt* (University of Helsinki), “‘One community to the exclusion of other people’ – a superordinate identity in the Medinan community”

Respondent: *Guillaume Dye* (Université libre de Bruxelles)

13:00 – Lunch

14:45 – 16:00. Short Papers 2: Space and Places

*Mette Bjerregaard Mortensen* (University of Aarhus), “In God’s path: conceptualizing space in the Qur’ān”

*Daniel Beck*, “The Twinning of Quranic Geography: Ḥiğāzī Babylon, Ḥiğāzī Jerusalem”

Chair:

16:30 – 17:45. Reading Sessions

a) *Isaac Oliver* (Bradly University), “Q 5:32 in Historical and Literary Context”

b)

19:30 – 21:30. Dinner
Day 3 (Tuesday June 18th)

9:00 – 10h15: Short Papers 3: Homilies and Apocrypha

Philip Michael Forness (Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt am Main), “From Spoken Word to Written Text and Back Again. The Transmission of Homilies in the Eastern Mediterranean”

Stephen J. Shoemaker (University of Oregon): “A New Arabic Apocryphon from Late Antiquity”

Chair:

10:30 – 12:15: Session 3: Arabian Legends

Jan Retsö (University of Gothenburg), “The people that disappeared: the legend of ‘Ād and its background”

Respondent: Manfred Kropp (University of Mainz)
Day 4 (Wednesday June 19th)

09:00 – 10:45. Session 4: A SASANIAN CONTEXT FOR THE Qur’ANIC COMMUNITY?
Gilles Courtieu (Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3) & Carlos A. Segovia (Saint-Louis University, Madrid Campus): “Q 2:102, 43:31, and Ctesiphon-Seleucia: New Insights into the Mesopotamian Setting of the Earliest Quranic Milieu”

Respondent: Guillaume Dye (Université libre de Bruxelles)

10:45 – 12:30. Short Papers 4: Qur’ANic THEMES
Manfred Kropp (University of Mainz), “Body Parts Nomenclature in the Qur’anic corpus”
Julien Decharneux (Université libre de Bruxelles), “God’s Wisdom and some other key notions of the Qur’an through the lens of late antique rabbinic literature”

Chair:

13:00 – LUNCH

14:30 – 16:15. Short Papers 5: POETRY, ORACLES AND INSCRIPTIONS
Valentina Grasso (University of Cambridge), “The gods of the Qur’an: the rise of Ḥijāzī henotheism during Late Antiquity”
Torleif Elgvin (NLA University College), “Muhammad’s Sources of Inspiration, Early Meccan Suras and Biblical Oracles”

Chair:

16:45 – 18:30. Session 5: SPECIAL SESSION AND ROUNDTABLE ABOUT Qur’ANIC MANUSCRIPTS

Respondent: Francis Watson (Durham University)

19:30 – 21:30. Dinner
Day 5 (Thursday June 20th)

09:00 – 10:45. Session 6: Method and theory in Qur’anic studies

Guillaume Dye (Université libre de Bruxelles), “Concepts and Methods in the Study of the Qur’ān”

Respondent: Peter von Sivers (University of Utah)

11:15 – 12:00: Closing plenary session