Regulative Verses of the Quran (āyāt al-aḥkām)
Thursday 27th April 2023

9:30 - 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 10:10 Welcome remarks

10:10 -11:10: Historical Receptions (Session 1)
(Chair: Prof. Robert Gleave University of Exeter)
1. Prof. Devin J. Stewart (Emory University) Notes on the Early History of the Genre of Ḥkhām al-Qurān
2. Dr Nora K. Schmid (University of Oxford & Hamburg University) Āyāt al-aḥkām in early Ibadi thought.

11:10 – 11:30 Break

11:30 - 12:30: Historical Receptions (Session 2)
(Chair: Prof. Devin J. Stewart (Emory University))
3. Prof. Robert Gleave (University of Exeter) The Irrelevance of “Quranic meaning”: Akhbārī Shi‘ī interpretive techniques and the legal verses of the Qur’an
4. Prof. S. M. Ghari Seyed Fatemi (Al-Mahdi Institute & Shahid Beheshti University) The Imāmī Reception of āyāt al-aḥkām

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch and Prayers

14:00 – 15:00: Philosophical Debates (Session 1)
(Chair: Prof. Oliver Leaman, (University of Kentucky))
5. Prof. Hamid Vahid (Institute of Research in Fundamental Science) Making Sense of Obligatory Faith in the Quran
6. Dr Salwa El-Awa (Swansea University) Intentional Linguistic Ambiguity and Interpretation of Ḥkhām al-Qurān: A Relevance Theory-based Approach

15:00– 15:30 Break

15:30– 17:00: Philosophical Debates (Session 2)
(Chair: Prof. Hamid Vahid, Institute of Research in Fundamental Science)
7. Prof. M. Ashraf Adeel (Kutztown University of Pennsylvania) Arguments for Conditional Variability of Ḥadd Punishments
8. Dr Mahmoud Morvarid (Institute of Research in Fundamental Science) A Decision-Theoretic Approach to the Ḥujjīyya of the Regulative Verses
9. Prof. Gholamreza Awani (Al-Mahdi Institute Academy of Sciences of Islamic Republic of Iran), The Universality of the Quranic Divine Commands versus the Casuistic Interpretation of the Regulative Verses

17:00 - 19:00 Dinner
9:45 – 10:45 Philosophical Debates (Session 3)
(Chair: Prof. Nicolai Sinai (University of Oxford))

10- Prof. Oliver Leaman (University of Kentucky) Ayat al-ahkam and maqasid al-shari`a: Understanding the relationship.
11- Shaykh Arif Abdul Hussain (Al-Mahdi Institute) An Analysis of Ayat al-Ahkam (regulative verses) from an Existential Perspective

10:45-11 Break.

11:00- 12.30: Thematic Contributions (Session 1)
(Chair: Prof. Holger Zellentin (University of Tübingen))

12- Dr Abla Hasan (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) The myth of the elite male addressee and its implications for regulative verses
13- Dr Karen Bauer (The Institute of Ismaili Studies, London), Households and Patronage: The Social Structuring of Qur'anic Law.
14- Dr Muhammad Zubair Abbasi (Bradford University): The Quran as the Source of Rights: Inheritance Rights of Childless Widows under Shia Personal Law in Pakistan.

12.30- 14:00 Lunch and Prayers

14:00– 15:00: Thematic Contributions (Session 2)
(Chair: Dr Nora Schmid, University of Oxford, and Hamburg University)

15- Prof. Holger Zellentin (University of Tübingen) Biblical Law, the Decree of the Apostles, and the Qur’an.
16- Prof. Nicolai Sinai (Oxford University), The Place of Divine Law in the Quran’s Moral Theology

15:00 – 15:30 Break

15:30– 17:00: Thematic Contributions (Session3)
(Chair: Dr Munzela Reza, Al-Mahdi Institute)

17- Prof. Etin Anwar (Hobart and William Smith Colleges) The Qur’anic regulatory verses in environmental ethics
18- Dr Sarra Talili (University of Pennsylvania) The Quran and Killing for Food: When Moral Intuition Faces Complex Realities
19- Dr Imranali Panjwani (Anglia Ruskin University) Metaphysical & jurisprudential implications of the discussion surrounding the obligatory nature of Ṣalāt al-Layl: Sūrat al-Muzammil as a case study.

17:00 – 19:00 Closing remarks followed by group photos and dinner.