

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 *Aḥkām al-Quran*
- 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 Shī‘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 *Aḥkam* al-Quran: 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 *Hadd* Punishments
- 8- Dr Mahmoud Morvarid (Institute of Research in Fundamental Science) A Decision-Theoretic Approach to the *Hujjiyya* 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

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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.