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THURSDAY, 22 MAY

14:00 WELCOMING ADDRESS

Michael Quante *Vice-Rector for Internationalization, Knowledge Transfer, and Sustainability, Univ. of Münster*
Christian Müller *ISILS President*

Syrinx von Hees *Managing Director of the Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Univ. of Münster*

Serena Tolino *ISILS Secretary*

Norbert Oberauer *Local Host*

14:30 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Researching and Teaching Sharia in 2025

MODERATION AND CHAIR

Asifa Quraishi *University of Wisconsin-Madison*

PANELISTS

Seyed Mohammad Ghari Fatemi

AMI, University of Birmingham, University of Mofid

Christian Müller *CNRS – IRHT, Paris*

Nadia Sonneveld *Leiden Law School*

Nadjma Yassari *University of Hamburg*

16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:30 OPENING PANEL

Belonging to a *Madhhab*: Formation, Cohesion and Diversity in Islamic Schools of Law (Part 1)

CHAIR **Norbert Oberauer** *University of Münster*

16:30 **Mohamed Ali** *Georgetown University*

The *Mashhūr*: Between Legal Stability and Indeterminacy in the Mālikī *Madhhab*

17:00 **Alexander Thurston** *University of Cincinnati*

Defending, Exploring, and Relativizing the Mālikī *Madhhab*: Sa‘īd al-Kamalī’s Lectures on the *Muwaṭṭa‘*

17:30 COFFEE BREAK

17:45 OPENING PANEL
Belonging to a *Madhhab*: Formation, Cohesion and Diversity in Islamic Schools of Law (Part 2)
CHAIR Lena-Maria Möller *Qatar University*

17:45 Muhammed Şahin *University of Tübingen/ ISAM*
The Influence of the Concept of *Madhhab* on Iraqi Ḥanafī Scholars' Opinions and Works

18:15 Zahra Jafari *University of Exeter*
The Akhbārī Movement: A New *Madhhab*, An Anti-*Madhhab*, or An Intellectual Trend?

18:45 Dominik Krell *University of Oxford/ Wolfson College*
The *Madhhab* at the Margins: Crossing School Boundaries in the Cadi Courts of The Gambia

19:15 RECEPTION WITH BUFFET

FRIDAY, 23 MAY

09:00 PANEL 1
The Making of Authority in Islamic Jurisprudence: Continuity, Change, and Adaption
CHAIR Serena Tolino *University of Bern*

09:00 Shahanaz Begum *University of Exeter*
Muhammad b. al-Ḥasan al-Shaybānī: The Impact of a Founding Father on Legal Theory

09:30 Farid Bouchiba *CNRS – IRHT, Paris*
The Place of Legal Divergences in the Formation of the Mālikī School: Diversity and Coherence

10:00 Christian Müller *CNRS – IRHT, Paris*
Rule Authority and Shifting Interpretations: The Jurists' Law as a Legal Discursive System (2nd–13th/8th–19th Centuries)

10:30 Abdur-Rahman Muhammad
University of Southern California
The Exceptional Mālikī: Ibn Khuwayz Mindād as a Case for Rethinking *Ijtihād* in 4th/10th Century Iraq

11:00 POSTER PRESENTATION
& COFFEE BREAK

POSTERS

(De)Colonizing Sharia?

Tracing Transformation, Change and Continuity
in Islamic Law in the Middle East and North Africa
(MENA) in the 19th and 20th Centuries, ERC
Advanced Grant 2024–2029.

Irene Schneider (PI), Lena-Maria Möller,
Ari Schriber

TraSIS: Trajectories of Slavery in Islamicate
Societies. Three Concepts from Islamic Legal
Sources, SNSF Project 2022–2026.

Serena Tolino (PI), Omar Anchassi, Laura Emunds,
Laura Rowitz

TrAIL: Tracing Labour in Islamicate Legal Traditions,
SNSF Starting Grant 2024–2029.

Serena Tolino (PI), Leonie Isch, Laila Makboul,
Illyes Mechentel

Mapping Change in Islamic Law:
Rules and Practices (MCILRaP),
ERC Advanced Grant 2024–2029.

Christian Müller (PI), Farid Bouchiba, Shadha
Karoumi, Wassim Ammar

12:00 PANEL 2

**Historical and Regional Dynamics
in Islamic Jurisprudence**

CHAIR Delfina Serrano CSIC Madrid

12:00 **Anggi Azzuhri**

Universitas Islam Internasional Indonesia

The Meccan Shāfi‘īte Sub-school and Rise of
Arab-centric Narrative: a Historical-Anthropological
Analysis of Meccan-Cairene Division from
Tuhfah al-Muhtāj and *Nihāya al-Muhtāj* on *Khuṭba*

12:30 **Janina Safran** *Penn State University*

Al-Burzulī and the Revival of the Mālikī *Madhhab*

13:00 **Asma Afsaruddin** *Indiana University*

Muslim Juridical Views on the Principle
of Non-Combatant Immunity

13:30 LUNCH (BUFFET)

15:00 PANEL 3

Worldly Affairs, Economic Realities, and Afterworld Concerns: Legal and Moral Dimensions in Islamic Jurisprudence

CHAIR **Hakkı Arslan** *Leibniz Institute for Jewish History and Culture – Simon Dubnow*

15:00 **Laura Emunds** *University of Bern*

Legal Subjecthood Beyond the Freedom/Enslavement Binary: The Case of the *Mukātab/a*

15:30 **Marion Katz** *New York University*

Otherworldly Assets: Juristic Debates on Transactions Involving *Thawāb*

16:00 **Serena Tolino** *University of Bern*

Exploring Concepts on Work and Labour in Islamic Legal Sources

16:30 COFFEE BREAK

17:00 ISILS BUSINESS MEETING

20:00 CONFERENCE DINNER FOR SPEAKERS

SATURDAY, 24 MAY

10:00 PANEL 4

Intellectual, Institutional and Legal Transformations in the 19th Century

CHAIR **Asifa Quraishi** *University of Wisconsin-Madison*

10:00 **Robert Gleave** *University of Exeter*

Exclusion and Inclusion in the Zaydi and Twelver Shī‘ī *Madhhabs*

10:30 **Hatice Öztürk** *Georgetown University*

Building Regional Scholarly Authority within Late Ottoman Ḥanafī Law: Ibn ‘Ābidīn’s Strategic Use of ‘Urf in *Radd al-Muḥtār*

11:00 **Samy Ayoub** *University of Texas at Austin*

Islamic Law and Mixed Courts in 19th Century Egypt

11:30 COFFEE BREAK

12:00 PANEL 5

From Colonial Rule to Postcolonial Dynamics: Legal Practices and Institutional Realities

CHAIR Christian Müller *CNRS – IRHT, Paris*

12:00 **Uvaise Karattiyattil** *Manhajurrashad Islamic College/Hamad bin Khalifa University*
Is the Qadi a Necessary Institution in the Modern Context? A Study of Non-State Shāfi‘ī Qadis in Calicut, Kerala, India (1947–Present)

12:30 **Irene Schneider** *University of Göttingen / Max-Weber-Kolleg – University of Erfurt*
Criminal Trials in Mandate Palestine

13:00 LUNCH (BUFFET)

14:30 PANEL 6

Contemporary Legal Challenges, Cultural Shifts, and Popular Culture in Muslim-Majority Societies

CHAIR Knut Vikør *University of Bergen*

14:30 **Fines Fatimah** *Brawijaya University*
The Right to Choose a Half-Hearted Law: A Discourse on the Enforcement of Islamic Law for LGBT+ Persons in Aceh-Indonesia

15:00 **Gianluca Parolin** *Aga Khan University*
Nittalla? Redefining Agency in Divorce on Egyptian Screens: Intersections of Gender and Class in Islamic Law and the Humanities

15:30 **Julia Sochacka** *University of Warsaw*
Embracing Modernity, Preserving Tradition. Chances and Challenges for International Arbitration in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

16:00 CONCLUSIONS/FAREWELL

VENUES

On Thursday, 22 May

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