

The XI Islamic Legal Studies Conference

22nd – 24th of May 2025

in Münster

Conference Program

Thursday, 22 nd of May	
14:00	Welcome
Roundtable Discussion: Researching and Teaching Sharia in 2025	
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Moderation and Chair: Asifa Quraishi</p> <p>Panelists: Seyed Mohammad Ghari Fatemi Christian Müller Nadia Sonneveld Nadjma Yassari</p>
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
Opening Panel: Belonging to a <i>Madhhab</i>: Formation, Cohesion and Diversity in Islamic Schools of Law (Part 1)	
Chair: Norbert Oberauer	
16:30 – 17:00	<p>Mohamed Ali, Georgetown University The <i>Mashhūr</i>: Between Legal Stability and Indeterminacy in the Mālikī <i>Madhhab</i></p>
17:00 – 17:30	<p>Alexander Thurston, University of Cincinnati Defending, Exploring, and Relativizing the Mālikī <i>Madhhab</i>: Sa‘īd al-Kamalī’s Lectures on the <i>Muwatṭa’</i></p>
17:30 – 17:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
Opening Panel: Belonging to a <i>Madhhab</i>: Formation, Cohesion and Diversity in Islamic Schools of Law (Part 2)	
Chair: Lena-Maria Möller	
17:45 – 18:15	<p>Muhammed Şahin, University of Tübingen/ ISAM The Influence of the Concept of <i>Madhhab</i> on Iraqi Hanafī Scholars’ Opinions and Works</p>
18:15 – 18:45	<p>Zahra Jafari, University of Exeter The <i>Akhhārī</i> Movement: A New <i>Madhhab</i>, An Anti-<i>Madhhab</i>, or An Intellectual Trend?</p>
18:45 – 19:15	<p>Dominik Krell, University of Oxford/ Wolfson College</p>

	The <i>madhhab</i> at the Margins: Crossing School Boundaries in the Cadi Courts of The Gambia
19:15 – 20:45	Reception with Buffet

Friday, 23 rd of May	
Panel 1: The Making of Authority in Islamic Jurisprudence: Continuity, Change, and Adaption	
Chair: Serena Tolino	
09:00 – 09:30	Shahanaz Begum, University of Exeter Muḥammad b. al-Ḥasan al-Shaybānī: The Impact of a Founding Father on Legal Theory
09:30 – 10:00	Farid Bouchiba, CNRS - IRHT, Paris The Place of Legal Divergences in the Formation of the Mālikī School: Diversity and Coherence
10:00 – 10:30	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 – 11:00	Abdur-Rahman Muhammad, University of Southern California The Exceptional Mālikī: Ibn Khuwayz Mindād as a Case for Rethinking <i>Ijtihād</i> in 4th/10th C. Iraq
11:00 – 12:00	<p>Poster Presentation/ Coffee Break</p> <p>Posters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ (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. <i>Irene Schneider (PI), Mahmud El-Wereny, Lena-Maria Möller, Ari Schriber</i> ❖ TraSIS: Trajectories of Slavery in Islamicate Societies. Three Concepts from Islamic Legal Sources, SNSF Project 2022-2026. <i>Serena Tolino (PI), Omar Anchassi, Laura Emunds, Laura Rowitz</i> ❖ TraIL: Tracing Labour in Islamicate Legal Traditions (TraIL), SNSF Starting Grant. 2024-2029. <i>Serena Tolino (PI), Leonie Isch, Laila Makboul, Ilyes Mechentel</i> ❖ Mapping Change in Islamic Law: Rules and Practices (MCILRaP), ERC Advanced Grant 2024 - 2029. <i>Christian Müller (PI), Farid Bouchiba, Shadha Karoumi, Wassim Ammar</i>
Panel 2: Historical and Regional Dynamics in Islamic Jurisprudence	
Chair: Delfina Serrano	
12:00 – 12:30	Anggi Azzuhri, Universitas Islam Internasional Indonesia

	The Meccan Shāfi‘ites Sub-school and Rise of Arab-centric Narrative: a Historical-Anthropological Analysis of Meccan-Cairene Division from <i>Tuḥfah al-Muḥtāj</i> and <i>Nihāya al-Muḥtāj</i> on <i>Khuṭba</i>
12:30 – 13:00	Janina Safran, Penn State University Al-Burzulī and the Revival of the Mālikī <i>madhhab</i>
13:00 – 13:30	Asma Afsaruddin, Indiana University Muslim Juridical Views on the Principle of Non-Combatant Immunity
13:30 – 15:00	<i>Lunch (Buffet)</i>
Panel 3: Worldly Affairs, Economic Realities, and Afterworld Concerns: Legal and Moral Dimensions in Islamic Jurisprudence	
Chair: Hakkı Arslan	
15:00 – 15:30	Laura Emunds, University of Bern Legal Subjecthood beyond the Freedom/Enslavement Binary: The Case of the <i>mukātab/a</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Marion Katz, New York University Otherworldly Assets: Juristic debates on transactions involving <i>thawāb</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Serena Tolino, University of Bern Exploring Concepts on Work and Labour in Islamic Legal Sources
16:30 – 17:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
17:00 – 18:30	ISILS Business Meeting
20:00	<i>Conference Dinner for Speakers</i>

Saturday, 24th of May	
Panel 4: Intellectual, Institutional and Legal Transformations in 19th-Century	
Chair: Asifa Quraishi	
10:00 – 10:30	Robert Gleave, University of Exeter Exclusion and Inclusion in the Zaydi and Twelver Shī‘ī <i>Madhhabs</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Hatice Öztürk, Georgetown University Building Regional Scholarly Authority within Late Ottoman Ḥanafī Law: Ibn ‘Ābidīn’s Strategic Use of ‘ <i>Urf</i> in <i>Radd al-muḥtār</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Samy Ayoub, University of Texas at Austin Islamic Law and Mixed Courts in 19th Century Egypt
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
Panel 5: From Colonial Rule to Postcolonial Dynamics: Legal Practices and Institutional Realities	
Chair: Christian Müller	
12:00 – 12:30	Uvaise Karattiyattil, Manhajurrashad Islamic College

	Is the Qadi Necessary Institution in the Modern Context? a Study of Non-State Shāfi‘ī Qadis in Calicut, Kerala, India (1947 - Present)
12:30 – 13:00	Irene Schneider, University of Göttingen/ Max-Weber-Kolleg - University of Erfurt Criminal Trials in Mandate Palestine
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch (Buffet)</i>
Panel 6: Contemporary Legal Challenges, Cultural Shifts, and Popular Culture in Muslim-Majority Societies	
Chair: Knut Vikør	
14:30 – 15:00	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 – 15:30	Gianluca Parolin, Aga Khan University <i>Nittalla’?</i> Redefining Agency in Divorce on Egyptian Screens: Intersections of Gender and Class in Islamic Law and the Humanities.
15:30 – 16:00	Julia Sochacka, University of Warsaw Embracing Modernity, Preserving Tradition. Chances and Challenges for International Arbitration in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Conclusions, Farewell</i>

Venues:

On Thursday, 22nd May:

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