

CALL FOR PAPERS

49th Annual Conference of the North American Association of Islamic and Muslim Studies (NAAIMS)

“Diverse Approaches to Qur’anic Studies
in the Western Academy”

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Deadlines:

Abstracts: April 20, 2020

Final Papers: August 28, 2020

Qur’anic studies in Western universities enjoys numerous research avenues: From studying Qur’anic manuscripts to the ways in which the Internet serves as a space in which Muslims engage with understanding and interpreting the Qur’an. This “interpretive” space includes such social media platforms as Twitter, YouTube and Facebook (including online lessons from *ulema* in mosques). Who decides what constitute proper approaches to Qur’anic studies, and by what criteria are methodologies determined?”

NAAIMS invites a diverse range of papers from professors and advanced Ph.D. candidates in the humanities and social sciences. We encourage professors in the field of Islamic Studies who are not Qur’anic specialists to submit abstracts for consideration. Questions that the papers might address include, but are not limited to the following:

- What Determines the Course Outline for Qur’anic Studies in the Western Academy?
- What Determines the Curricula for Qur’anic Studies in Muslim-Majority Nations from the Middle East, Africa to Central Asia, and the South Asian Republics?
- What Roles do Social Media Platforms Play in Understanding the Qur’an?
- How has Digitization of Texts Affected the Field of Qur’anic Studies?
- What Discoveries have been made in the Study of Qur’anic Manuscripts?
- How do Faith-based Approaches Differ from Academic Approaches in Qur’anic Studies?

- Who are Some of the Contemporary Figures Whose Work has had a Major Impact on the Field of Qur'anic studies in the Western academy, and How have their Approaches to the Field been shaped by their Pre-commitments?

Abstracts (250 words) Due April 20, 2020

Abstracts from Professors and Advanced Ph.D. Candidates ONLY

- Abstracts will be evaluated according to following criteria: clear data & methodology used, and relevance and contribution to conference theme. Abstracts must include a title; author's full name; contact information; and university position (Professor or Ph.D. Candidate)
- Panelists required to **pre-register by May 22, 2020**, and pay non-refundable registration fees of \$105.00. Online registration will be available
- Final papers must be submitted by **August 28, 2020**
- Send abstracts & final papers to Layla Sein, NAAIMS Executive Director, and Director of Academic Affairs at conferences@naaims.org

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