



North American Association of Islamic and  
Muslim Studies (NAAIMS)

Presents  
The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

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

Friday, November 12, 2021

Cosponsored By:  
Department of Religious Studies  
University of Oregon, Eugene, OR

A Virtual Conference on the Zoom platform

All Sessions held in Eastern Standard Time (UTC-05:00)

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Welcoming Remarks by NAAIMS President  
Frederick S. Colby, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR  
(Program Chair)

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**10:15 - 11:45 a.m. Panel 1:**

***21<sup>st</sup> Century Engagement with the Qur’an: Sound and Meaning***

***Discussant:*** [Dr. Elliott Bazzano (Lemoyne College) unfortunately had to withdraw]

**Lauren E. Osborne** (Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA): “The Sonic Qur’an in the Age of Global Media”

Yunus Dogan Telliel (Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA): “The Untranslatable in the Qur’an and the Secular”

**11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. Panel 2:**

***Qur’anic Studies in the Euro-American Academy***

***Discussant:*** Aisha Musa (Independent Scholar, Tigard, OR)

**Joseph E. B. Lumbard** (College of Islamic Studies at Hamad Bin Khalifa, Doha, Qatar):  
“Toshihiko Izutsu’s Semantic Analysis: Impact on Qur’anic Studies in the Euro-American Academy”

[Dr. Caner K. Dagli unfortunately had to withdraw]

**1:00 – 2:45 p.m. Lunch Break and Juma’a Prayers**

**2:45 – 3:45 p.m. Keynote Speaker:**  
**Professor Seyyed Hossein Nasr**  
[University Professor of Islamic Studies, George Washington University, Washington, DC]:

**“Approaching the Qur’an Authentically”**

**3:45 – 5:15 p.m. Panel 3**  
***Pre-Modern Esoteric Commentaries on the Qur’an***  
***Discussant:* Mohammad Faruque (University of Cincinnati, OH)**

**Mohammed Rustom** (College of the Humanities, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada):  
“A Sufi Theory of Qur’anic Origins”

**Syed A. H. Zaidi** (Emory University, Atlanta, GA): “The Ikhwaṅ al-Ṣafā’ as Pre-Modern Qur’anic Scientists”

**5:15 - 6:45 p.m. Panel 4**  
***Disruptive Hermeneutics: Questions of Authority***  
***Discussant:* Celene Ibrahim (Groton School, Groton, MA)**

**Maria M. Dakake** (George Mason University, Fairfax, VA): “Nusrat Amin: A Woman’s Contribution to the Field of Qur’anic Exegesis”

**Ali Hassan Zaidi** (Wilfrid Laurier University, Ontario, Canada): “Interpretive Methods and their Presuppositions: A Comparison of Fazlur Rahman’s and Javed Ghamidi’s Hermeneutics of the Qur’an”

**6:45 pm. Concluding Remarks**  
NAAIMS President and Program Chair