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**A Virtual Conference on Zoom platform
All Sessions held in Eastern Standard Time (UTC-05:00)**

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Welcoming Remarks by NAAIMS President
Sarra Tlili, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
(Program Chair)

10:15 - 11:45 a.m. Panel Session 1
Hadith in Contemporary Islamic Thought
Chair/Discussant: Omer Awass, American Islamic College, Chicago, IL

Joel Blecher (George Washington University, Washington, DC): “Reflecting on Hadith
Commentary: Continuity and Change”

Emad Hamdeh (Embry Riddle University, Daytona Beach, Florida): “Are Ḥadīth the
Problem? Ḥadīth, Reform, and Modernity”

Nadir Ansari (University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada): “The Role of Ḥadīth in the Specification
of the Ambiguous (*ta yin al-mubham*) in the Qur’an: An Analysis of the Qur’an Exegesis of
Aḥmad al-Dīn Amrītsari (d. 1936, India)”

11:45 a.m. 1:15 p.m. Panel Session 2
Transmission and Transmitters
Chair/Discussant: Mairaj U. Syed, University of California-Davis, CA

Mohamad Anas Sarmini (University of Istanbul 29 of May, Istanbul, Turkey): “A Study
in the Network Transmission of Hadith: Analysis of Studies that Dealt with Individual
Narrations of Abu Hurairah as a Model”

Syeda Beena Butool (Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL):
“Transmitters as Storytellers: Authorship in an Eighth Century Hadith Collection”

Heba Arafa Abdelfattah (Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa): “Does Hadith Prohibit
Figural Representation (*Taswir*)?”

1:15 – 2:45 p.m.

Lunch Break

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Keynote Address

Keynote Speaker: Asma Sayeed

Program Director of Islamic Studies

University of California, Los Angeles, CA

“Women and Hadith Transmission: Retrospective and Future Directions”

3:45 – 5:15 p.m.

Panel Session 3

Hadith, Religious Identity and Ethos

Chair/Discussant: Jawad A. Qureshi, Zaytuna College, Berkeley, CA

Aisha Y. Musa (Independent Scholar – Qur’anic and Islamic Studies, Tigard, OR): “And Muhammad is His Messenger: The Role of Sunna and Hadith in the Formation of Islamic Identity”

M. A. Mujeeb Khan (University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT): “Making Prophetic Therapy: Defeating the Competition with its Own Theories”

Erin Atwell (University of Chicago, Chicago, IL): “Textual Inheritances of *Taqwa* in the Citations of Contemporary Egyptian Preacher Training Manuals”

5:15 - 6:45 p.m.

Panel Session 4

Socio-political Uses and Invocations of Hadith

Chair/Discussant: Kamran Scot Aghaie, University of Texas, Austin, TX

Han Hsien Liew (Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ): “The Caliphate will Last for Thirty Years: Political & Historical Debates in the Afterlife of a Prophetic Hadith”

Masoud Shavarani (University of Islamic Denominations, Tehran Iran): “Man is *Khalifat Allah* or *Abd Allah* in Hadith”

Zahra Mohagheghian (Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies, Tehran, Iran): “The Goddess al-'Uzza, from Idol to a Black Woman: A Feminine Study in the Growth of a Tradition”

6:45 pm.

Concluding Remarks

NAAIMS President and Program Chair