

Diverse Approaches to Qur'ānic Exegesis: Historical Trends and Contemporary Trajectories

14 – 15 April 2025

DAY ONE

09:30 – 09:50	Registration
09:50 – 10:00	Welcome Remarks by
10:00 – 11:30	PANEL ONE: Hermeneutical Approaches to Qur'anic Interpretation (Chair: Dr Munzela Raza) Dr Shuruq Naguib (Lancaster University) The Hermeneutics of Metaphor: A History of <i>Istī'āra</i> and its Application in <i>Tafsīr</i> Dr Syed Jaafar Fadlallah (Al-Mahdi Institute) Beyond Historical Context: The Timeless Qur'ānic Hermeneutics of Sayyid Faḍlallāh's ' <i>Min wahy al-Qur'ān</i> '
11:30 – 11:45	Tea/Coffee Break
11:45 – 12:45	PANEL TWO: Contemporary Exegetical Methods (Chair: Dr Wahid Amin) Shaykh Arif Abdulhussain (Al-Mahdi Institute) Towards an Existential Hermeneutics of the Qur'ān Professor Ali Fanaei (Al-Mahdi Institute & Mofid University) Divine Speech Acts: A New Approach to the Interpretation of the Qur'ān
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch and Prayers
14:00 – 15:00	PANEL THREE: Shī'a Tafsīr Traditions (Chair: Dr Ali-Reza Bhojani) Dr Morteza Karimi-Nia (Iranian Academy of Sciences) Al-Wazīr al-Maghribī and his <i>al-Masābih fī tafsīr al-Qur'ān</i> : Missing Episode in the History of Shī'a Tafsīr Dr Liyakat Takim (McMaster University) Tabrisi's Exegesis of the Qur'ān
15:00 – 15:15	Tea/Coffee Break
15:15 – 16:15	PANEL FOUR: Gender and Imagination in Qur'ānic Interpretation (Chair: Dr Shuruq Naguib) Professor Asma Barlas (Ithaca College) The Qur'ān, Method, and Meaning: Interpreting Men's Authority Over Women Dr Mohammad Saeedimehr (Tarbiat Modares University) The Qur'ānic Revelation and The Imaginal world: A Critical Exposition of Shah Wali Al-Allah Dihlawi's Approach to the Qur'ānic Exegesis
16:15 – 17:00	Open Discussion
17:00 – 19:00	Dinner

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10:00 – 11:00	PANEL FIVE: Semantic and Methodological Innovations in Tafsīr (Chair: Dr Imranali Panjwani) Dr Farhad Shafti (University of Glasgow) Exploring the Farahi School's Exegetical Methodology: A Critical Analysis and Theological Implications Dr Sohaib Saeed (Ibn 'Ashur Centre for Qur'ānic Studies) From Qur'ānic Polyvalence to Meaningful Ambiguity
11:00 – 11:15	Tea/Coffee Break
11:15 – 12:15	PANEL SIX: Epistemological Frameworks in Qur'ānic Interpretation (Chair: Dr Shuruq Naguib) Dr Haidar Hobbollah (Al-Mahdi Institute) The 'Athari <i>Tafsīr</i> in Imami Thought: History, Structure, and Epistemological and Methodological Issues Dr Doaa M. Baumi (University of Tübingen) Negotiating Biblical Narratives in Mu'tazilite Exegesis: Al-Zamakhshari's Epistemological Framework and the Question of Isra'iliyat
12:15 – 14:00	Lunch and Prayers
14:00 – 15:30	PANEL SEVEN: Mystical and Existential Dimensions of Qur'ānic Exegesis (Chair: Dr Munzela Raza) Dr Halim Calis (Respect Graduate School) Defense of <i>Ta'wīl</i> in Sufi Exegesis Dr Zoheir Esmail (Al-Mahdi Institute) Qur'ān, Mysticism (<i>'irfān</i>) and Proof (<i>burhān</i>): Ḥasanzāda Āmulī and Hermeneutical Confluence in Qur'ānic Exegesis Dr Vahid Sohrabifar (University of Religions & Denominations) An Existential Interpretation of the Qur'ān: Meaning of Life
15:30 – 16:00	Closing Remarks and Group Photos
16:00 – 17:00	AMI Tour & Viewing of the Mashhad Codex in the AMI Library
17:00 – 19:00	Dinner