

Programme
An opportunity to comment on Shiite scholars in Germany
6-7th October 2017, Berlin

Friday, 6th October

08:30 Registration

09:00 Recitation of Qur'an

09:10 Report of the Secretary

09:20 Welcome speech of the Ambassador of Iran to Germany

09:30 Ritual performance: *Ta'ziya*: Dialogue between Hurr and Abbas (pbuh)

9:50 - 11:50 First Session: Shi'a, Ahl al-Bayt and the emergence of Seminaries

Panel Chair: Prof. Dr. Birgit Zweigle/ Evangelische Hochschule Berlin

Podium:

10:00 - 10:20

Dr Mohsen Khandan; Baqir al-'Ulum University of Qum, Iran

Continuous growth of Shiite sub-civilization

10:20 - 10:40

Dr Kazuo Morimoto; University of Tokyo, Japan

Why was Genealogy of the Prophet's Family studied in the Twelver Shi'i centres in Iraq (12th-15th c.)?

10:40 - 11:00

Dr Andrew Newman, The University of Edinburgh, Scotland

Early Responses to al-Hayra

11:00 - 11:20

Dr. Ahab Bdaiwi; Leiden University, Netherlands

Neither Shiraz, Isfahan, nor Najaf: Shi'i Learning in Medieval Bahrain, c. 1200-1300

11:20 - 11:50 Q&A, Discussion

11:50 - 13:30 Praying time / Lunch

13:30 – 15:45 Second Session: Texts and methods of educational seminaries

Panel Chair: Dr.Sajjad H. Rizvi; University of Exeter, UK

Podium:

13:35 - 13:55

Em. Sheikh Mohammad Taghi Sobhani, Qum Seminary, Iran
Theological school of Imamiyya in Kufa; Methodological and epistemic differences
13:55-14:15

Dr Edmund Hayes, Leiden University, Netherlands
Continuity and Change in Shi'i Institutions of Learning: Between the Imams and the Occultation
14:15 - 14:35

Ayat Allah Dr Ahmad Mablaghi; Qum Seminary, Iran
The Triple Aspects of Shiite *Fiqh*
14:35 - 14:55

Dr John Walbridge, Indianapolis University, USA
Safavid/Qajar Majmu'as as Sources for Intellectual History
14:55 - 15:15

Dr Mohammad Ali Kazembeyki; University of Tehran, Iran
Texts and common scholar heritage of Zaidi and Imami schools
15:15 - 15:45 Q&A, Discussion

15:45 - 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:50 Third Session: Courses and exchange of ideas of the Seminary

Panel Chair: Dr. Kazuo Morimoto; University of Tokyo, Japan

Podium:

16:05 - 16:25

Dr LiyakatTakim, McMaster University, Canada
Ijtihad and *Usul al-Fiqh*: Historical and Contemporary Manifestations

16:25 - 16:45

Dr Mohsen Javadi; Qum University, Iran
Shi'a Practical Theology

16:45 - 17:05

Dr Morteza Kariminia; Encyclopedia Islamica Foundations, Iran
A new paradigm in the history of Shi'a *Tafsir*: Al-Wazir al-Maghribi (370 -418 AH) and his *al-Masabifitafsir al-Qur'an*

17:05 - 17:25

Dr Janis Esots; The Institute of Ismaili Studies, London
Transcendent Wisdom as a Method of Exegesis, or Sadra's Commentary on Kulayni's *Kitab al-Kafi* Revisited

17:25 - 17:50 Q&A, Discussion

17:50 - 18:05 Coffee Break

18:05 – 18:55 Fourth Session: Shiite and Sunnite Seminary

Panel Chair: Dr Mohammad Amer, Al-Turath Center, Berlin

Podium:

18:05 - 18:25

Dr Shahbaz Mohseni; Mahabad University of Kurdistan, Iran

Educational methods of Shi'ism and Sunni educational principles

18:25 - 18:45

Prof. Dr Mohammad Al-Shahat, Al-Azhar, Egypt

The Ethics of Dialogue between the Professors in the Seminary of the Shiites and the Sunnis; A Case Study of Allama Sharaf al-Din

18:45 - 18:55 Q&A, Discussion

19:00

Dinner

Invited by:

Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran, S.E. Ali Majedi

Saturday, 7th October

9:30 - 11:20 Fifth Session - Philosophy and ethics

Panel Chair: Dr Morteza Kariminia; Encyclopedia Islamica, Iran

Podium:

9:35 - 9:55

Em. Sheikh Majid Hadizadeh, Isfahan Seminary, Iran

Philosophical challenges at Isfahan Seminary

9:55 - 10:15

Dr Mohammad Ali Shomali; Islamic Center of England

General characteristics of Shi'a Islam: Rationality, Spirituality and search for Justice

10:15 - 10:35

Dr Sajjad H. Rizvi; University of Exeter, UK

Avicenna in the Shi'i Provinces: The Role of Mahdi Naraq (d. 1797) as Philosopher-Theologian in an Age of Uncertainty

10:35 - 10:55

Dr Sedigheh Mousavi; University Tübingen, Germany

School of Isfahan

10:55 - 11:20 Q&A, Discussion

11:20 - 11:35 Coffee Break

11:35 - 12:05 Sixth Session, Keynotes and Discussions

Panel Chair: Dr Peyman Ayat

11:40 - 11:55

Keynote: Ayatollah Reza Ramezani, Imam and Director of Islamic Center of Hamburg

Shi'a and contemporary Europe

11:55 - 12:05 Q&A, Discussion

12:05 - 13:30 Praying time/ Lunch

13:30 - 15:10 Seventh Session: Shi'a and the modern world

Panel Chair: Dr Mohammad Ali Kazembeyki, University of Tehran

Podium:

13:35 - 13:55

Dr Abdolmajid Mobaleghi, Research Centre of Qum Seminary, Iran

Analytical historiography of Shiite jurisprudence in the public domain and the theory of Allama Na'ini

13:55 - 14:15

Dr Oliver Scharbrodt; University of Chester, UK

Sayyid Jamal Al-Din "Al-Afghani"(1838/9-1897): *'Irfan* and Modern Islamic Activism

14:15 - 14:35

Dr Mohammad Reza Kalantari; University of London, UK

The turbulence relationship: Najaf and Tehran seminaries at the midst of constitutional revolution

14:35 - 15:05 Q&A, Discussion

15:10 - 15:25 Coffee Break

15:25 - 16:00 Final Session: Celebrating the scholars of Islam and Shi'ism

Panel Chair: Dr Mahdi Serdani; Germany

15:30 - 15:40

Statement and report of the secretariat of the Book of the Year by Dr Mohsen Javadi, Secretary of the Book of the Year

15:40 - 15:50

Book presentation: Kritik der westlichen Philosophie in Iran, Zum geistesgeschichtlichen Selbstverständnis von Muhammad Husayn Tabatabai und Murteza Mutahari: Iran and Shiism, Selected German Literature on issues of Islam

15:50 - 16:10

The award of the Islamic Republic of Iran to 5 scholars and writers of German speaking world in the field of Islamic studies and Iran

- Prof. Dr. Joseph van Ess
- Dr. Gerhard Böwering
- Prof. Dr. Desmond Durkin-Meisterernst
- Prof. Dr. Wolfram Kleiss
- Dr. Urs Gösken

16:00 Closing

17:00 - 18:30

Special performance

"Ta'ziya"