

New Approaches to Qur'an and Exegesis

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George Mason University, Fairfax Campus
Harris Theater

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Saturday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sunday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

New scholarly approaches to the Qur'an and its interpretation have led to an increasing appreciation of the wide variety of ways the Qur'an has been understood by Muslims in the past and an awareness that Qur'anic interpretation (*tafsir*) is an ongoing process that continues to be dynamic in our own time.

This conference will bring together a number of national and international scholars to discuss the significance of Qur'anic interpretation for understanding the Islamic intellectual heritage and for shaping new Muslim responses to contemporary challenges.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

SEYYED HOSSEIN NASR

George Washington University

Mason Inn Conference Center and Hotel

PRESENTERS

ASMA AFSARUDDIN

Indiana University

*Reading Martyrdom in
the Qur'an: An Exegetical
Survey of Key Verses*

QAMAR AL-HUDA

U.S. Institute of Peace

*Modern Tafsir on Peace-
building and Reconciliation
in the Qur'an*

CANER DAGLI

College of the Holy Cross

*The Laws of War and
Religious Conversion
in the Qur'an*

JULIANE HAMMER

George Mason University

*American Muslim Women's
Readings of the Qur'an*

FERAS HAMZA

American University
of Dubai, United Arab
Emirates

*The Unwritten Tafsir and
the Lingering Elusiveness
of the Qur'anic Text*

MUZAFFAR IQBAL

Center for Islam
and Science, Canada

*New Approaches to the
Qur'an and Science Nexus*

TODD LAWSON

University of Toronto,
Canada

*Tafsir and the Meaning of
the Qur'an: The Crucifixion
in Muslim Thought*

JOSEPH LUMBARD

Brandeis University

*Covenant and Covenantalism
in the Qur'an*

DANIEL MADIGAN

Georgetown University

*Trends in non-Muslim
readings of the Qur'an*

FARHANA MAYER

Institute of Ismaili Studies,
London, United Kingdom

*Mystical Hermeneutics and
Cosmology in the Tafsir
Ascribed by the Sufis to
Ja`far al-Sadiq*

MOHAMMED RUSTOM

Carleton University, Canada

*The Word Made Book:
Mulla Sadra's Qur'anic
Hermeneutics in Context*

WALID SALEH

University of Toronto,
Canada

*Arabic Historiography of
Tafsir: Printing and Ideology
in the Modern Islamic World*

KRISTIN SANDS

Sarah Lawrence University

*The Problem of Listless
Lovers in al-Qushayri's
Lata'if al-isharat*



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Main conference proceedings are free and open to the public.
Keynote address and banquet dinner: \$25, RSVP required.

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