Reciting in the Early Islamic Empire (7ᵗʰ–9ᵗʰ centuries):

Online and in Cairo, October 16ᵗʰ–18ᵗʰ, 2020

Keynote Speaker: Prof. Devin J. Stewart, Emory University (Atlanta)

You can attend this conference in two different ways:

1) online, through Zoom (all the lectures will be in English).

2) at the IDEO in Cairo, in the conference hall. No translation will be provided but after screening each session, we will provide a short summary of the main ideas and run a discussion in Arabic. These discussions will not be broadcasted through Zoom.

Please write us to secretariat@ideo-cairo.org to either receive the Zoom links (to attend from home) or to register to attend the conference and the discussions in Arabic at the IDEO in Cairo (20 places available). Registering is free of charge.

Friday, October 16ᵗʰ

• 1/5. “Notes on Form and Function in Extra-Liturgical Uses of the Qurʾān”

→ 7 pm–8 pm (Cairo)/1 pm–2 pm (Atlanta): Online keynote lecture by Devin Stewart, followed by a discussion in Arabic at the IDEO (8 pm–9 pm).

Saturday, October 17ᵗʰ

• 2/5. “Christians and Muslims Reciting”

→ 2 pm–3:30 pm (Cairo)/8 am–9:30 am (Atlanta): First online session, followed by a discussion in Arabic at the IDEO (3:30 pm–4:30 pm).


Paul Neuenkirchen (Paris, Syriac Studies): “Late Antique Syriac Homilies and the Qurʾān: A Comparative Study of Content and Context”.


• 3/5. “Stone, Voice and Paper as Carrier for Recitation”

→ 5:30 pm–7 pm (Cairo)/11:30 am–1 pm (Atlanta): Second online session, followed by a discussion in Arabic at the IDEO (7 pm–8 pm).

Frédéric Imbert (Aix-en-Provence, Arabic Epigraphy): “Stone Orality: Recitation and Invocation in the Graffiti of the First Islamic Centuries”.

Lauren Osborne (Whitman, Qurʾānic Studies): “The Sound-History of the Qurʾān”.

Ahmad Amine Hadjdjadj-Aoul (Paris, Qurʾānic Manuscripts):

«القراءات القرآنية في المصحف الأرجواني: دراسة فنية».
Sunday, October 18th

• 4/5. “Goals and stakes of recitation”

→ 2 pm–3:30 pm (Cairo)/8 am–9:30 am (Atlanta): Third online session, followed by a discussion in Arabic at the IDEO (3:30 pm–4:30 pm).

Anne-Sylvie Boisliveau (Strasbourg, Qur’anic Studies)
Asma Hilali (Lille, Islamic Studies)
Devin Stewart (Emory, Islamic Studies)

• 5/5. “Debates and conclusions”

→ 5:30 pm–7 pm (Cairo)/11:30 am–1 pm (Atlanta): Fourth online session, followed by a discussion in Arabic at the IDEO (7 pm–8 pm).

Session moderated by Anne-Sylvie Boisliveau and Asma Hilali.

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