

**A MATTER OF SPEECH: LANGUAGE OF SOCIAL INTERDEPENDENCY IN THE EARLY
ISLAMIC EMPIRE (600 – 1500)**

**Final conference of the ERC project: Embedding Conquest Naturalising Muslim Rule in the
Early Islamic Empire (600 -1000)**

Vossius Room - Leiden University Library



The Petitioner – Osman Hamdi Bey

8-10 December 2022

Thursday 8 December

09.00 - 09.15 Opening remarks

09.15 - 10.00 Hasan al-Khoee (Institute of Ismaili Studies)

The 'Appeal to Commonality' Topos: The Public Speeches of the Second fitna and Structural Antecedents of the Mission Topos of 2nd/8th century Theological Epistles

10.00 - 10.45 Muhammad Nasr Abdulrahman (King Faisal University - Saudi Arabia)

A message from the Fatimid Caliph in Egypt to a dā'i in India. An example of the literature of exchanged messages between the Fatimid caliphs and their dā'is.

10.45 - 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 - 12.00 Samuel Peter Cook (University of Oslo, Faculty of Theology)

Adapting Coptic apocrypha for reading aloud: reader, audience, and text interaction in the Monastery of Saint Macarius

12.00 - 12.45 Tamer el-Leithy (Johns Hopkins University)

Epistolary Rule The Patriarchal Letter-‘Archive’ of Kirillus III (1235-1243)

12.45- 15.00 Lunch: Babask

15.00 - 15.45 Nicholas Kyle Longworth (University of Chicago)

Dependency & Privilege in ‘Abd al-Hamid al-Katib’s (d.750 c.e.) “Letter to the Secretaries”

15.45 - 16.30 Michael Payne (Ludwig-Maximilian University Munich)

A Found Poem by an Unknown Abū ‘Uthmān: Interpreting al-Jāhiz’s “Risāla ilā Abī l-Faraj b. Najāh al-Kātib”

16.30 - 17.00 Tea break

17.00 - 18.00 Keynote I: Tahera Qutbuddin (Chicago University)

Arabic Oration: Aesthetics of Orality, Persuasion, and Authority Negotiation in Early Islam

18.00 - 19.00 Drinks for all

19.15: Conference Dinner: Het Prentenkabinet

Friday 9 December

09.00 – 09.45 Giuseppina di Bartolo (University of Cologne) and Federico Montinaro (Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen)

Hierarchies behind and beyond words. An historical and linguistic analysis of the correspondence of the Melkite patriarchates under Muslim rule in the second half of the 9th century

9.45 - 10.30 Ana Miranda (University of Lisbon)

Cohesion and discord among the 'ulamā' of al-Andalus

10.30 – 11.15 Kasra Shiva (Institute of Ismaili Studies)

Rhetoric of Social Interdependency and Community Making: References to the Ismaili Community in the Poetry of Nizari Quhistani

11.15 - 11.45 Coffee break

11.45 - 12.30 Deborah G. Tor (University of Notre Dame)

The Language of Group Belonging and Cohesion in the 11th and 12th-Century Middle East

12.30 - 13.15 Shuaib Ally (Institute of Islamic Studies McGill University)

Keeping in Touch through Verse and Prose: 14th-century Mamluk Letters between al-Şafađī and his Contemporaries

13.15 – 15.15 Lunch: Leidse lente

15.15 – 17.00 City walk & refreshments

17.00 - 18.00 Keynote II: Linda Gale Jones (Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona)

Framing Gender Oppositionality in an Aragonese Muslim Community: The Hortatory Sermons of Aḥmad al-Misārīmī (c. 1401)

18.00 - 19.00 Drinks for all

19.15 Conference Dinner: Rodos Good Taste

Saturday 10 December

09.15 - 10.00 Kate Pukhovaia (Leiden University)

Articulating sayyid-tribal alliances in Zaydi Yemen through poetry

10.00 - 10.45 Pamela Klasova (Macalester College)

The Eloquent Tyrant: Al-Ḥajjāj ibn Yūsuf and his Speeches in Umayyad Iraq

10.45 - 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 - 12.00 Albert de Jong (Leiden University)

Cracking a very tough nut: the meaning of 'Iranian'

12.00 - 13.00 Petra Sijpesteijn and the Embedding Conquest team members (Leiden University)

Summary and project outcomes

13.00 Lunch: Grand Café van Buuren

End of the programme