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List of abbreviations

CA-DS	Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology
FSBS	Faculty of Social and Behaviourial Sciences (FSBS)
LIAS	Leiden University Institute for Area Studies
LIRS	Leiden University Institute for Religious Studies
LUCAS	Leiden University Centre for the Arts in Society
LUCIS	Leiden University Centre for the Study of Islam and Society
LUCL	Leiden University Centre for Linguistics
NISIS	Netherlands Interuniversity School for Islamic Studies
NWO	Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research
SMES	School of Middle Eastern Studies
VVI	Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance, and Development (Faculty of Law).

1. Annual report 2013

This report provides a summary overview and analysis of activities pursued by the Leiden University Centre for the Study of Islam and Society (LUCIS) in 2013. During the past year LUCIS continued the format of activities that proved to be successful in the past years while also searching to develop new approaches, especially in outreach to society and valorisation of knowledge. Meetings in The Hague and the firm establishment of the Leiden Islam Blog both proved to be very productive.

In the scholarly field LUCIS again strongly invested in international cooperation and visibility. Ties with France, the United Kingdom and Germany are especially strong. These were also very valuable for developing new research projects such as “Making Islam Work in the Netherlands,” together with LUCIS affiliated fellow Thijl Sunier (VU University Amsterdam).

LUCIS also sought to turn the gradually emerging new infrastructure for religious studies in Leiden into a fruitful incentive for the field, in close cooperation with the Leiden University Institute for Area Studies (LIAS).

The high-quality activities in scholarship, team building and valorisation have resulted in a strong basis for the development of the next phase of LUCIS under the directorship of Petra Sijpesteijn, who will take office from 1 August 2014.

Léon Buskens
Academic director LUCIS

The report is structured according to the performance indicators formulated by Leiden University’s Executive Board for the years 2012-2014, which have been the guiding principles for the policy of LUCIS in the past year. These performance indicators are:

- increasing external visibility of LUCIS
- enhancing internal cohesion and cooperation within Islamic studies
- increasing the number of international publications
- increasing the number of PhD candidates.

The appendices to this annual report include:

- aims of LUCIS (2.1)
- a chronological overview and report of the activities organised by LUCIS in 2013 (2.2, 2.3)
- an overview of articles by LUCIS members in the media in 2013 (2.4)
- an overview of articles published on the Leiden Islam Blog in 2013 (2.5)
- an overview of grants awarded by LUCIS in 2013 (2.6)
- an overview of the organisational structure of LUCIS (2.7)
- a financial overview of 2013 (2.8)
- individual annual reports of LUCIS members 2013 (2.9).

1.1 External visibility

LUCIS is visible amongst different target groups. It engages with academic circles – both domestic as well as abroad – through its international publications and by participating in and organising academic conferences. Individual LUCIS members have advisory positions both in the Netherlands as well as abroad. They lecture and write about their specialisations, and frequently speak in public. Furthermore, LUCIS provides an important contribution to the public debate about Islam and Muslim societies with its Leiden Islam Blog (www.leiden-islamblog.nl) and by organising broader public activities about current topics, which address the public demand for reliable and broader knowledge about Islam and Muslim societies.

In 2013, LUCIS continued its policy of consolidating and increasing external visibility amongst various target groups, such as researchers and students from inside and outside Leiden University as well as from abroad, policy makers, journalists, politicians and other interested parties. To this end, LUCIS critically reviewed and improved its activities which had already proven successful in the previous years, such as the annual conference, academic seminars, and the lecture series. Additionally, LUCIS further developed new activities initiated in 2012, such as the panel discussions about current affairs and the Leiden Islam Blog.

1.1.1 Visibility in academic circles

As in previous years, in 2013 LUCIS once again organised several international events. For example, from 13 to 14 May Umar Ryad organised a conference entitled “Europe and Hajj in the Age of Empires: Muslim Pilgrimage prior to the Influx of Muslim Migration in the West,” in joint cooperation with the King Abdulaziz Foundation for Research and Archives in Riyadh and hosted by the National Museum of Ethnology (NME). Late November, this conference was followed up by a symposium entitled “Hajj: Global Interactions through Pilgrimage,” organised by the NME in cooperation with LUCIS on the occasion of the exhibition “Longing for Mecca: the Pilgrim’s Journey” (10 September 2013 – 9 March 2014).”

The LUCIS annual conference, entitled “Common ground: Changing interpretations of public space in the Middle East among Jews, Christians and Muslims in the 19th and 20th Century,” focussed on the interaction of Christians, Jews and Muslims in the Middle East in the nineteenth and twentieth century. This conference, held from 26 until 27 September, was organised in close cooperation with the Leiden University Institute for Religious Studies (LIRS) / Leiden University Centre for Linguistics (LUCL) research group “Arab and its Alternatives, Religious Minorities in the Formative Years of the Middle East (1920-1950).” The programme included keynote lectures by Heleen Murre-van den Berg (project leader “Arab and its Alternatives” research group) and Daniel J. Schroeter (University of Minnesota), and presentations by Karène Sanchez, Sasha Goldstein-Sabah and Tijmen Baarda, members of the “Arab and its Alternatives” research group.

On the occasion of the celebration of 100 years of Indonesian scholarship at Leiden University Wim van den Doel, dean of the Faculty of Humanities, organised on 4 December a programme including several ceremonial addresses and academic lectures about scholarship in Indonesia, both in the past and in the present. Instead of organising an annual lecture, LUCIS chose to join these celebrations with lectures by Léon Buskens and Jan Michiel Otto, entitled “Snouck

Hurgronje, Hoesein Djajadiningrat and First Indonesian Students at Leiden University” and “Indonesia and the Leiden Law School.”

1.1.2 Visibility amongst politicians and policy makers

LUCIS regularly organises events at Campus The Hague in order to bring research on Islam and Muslim societies to the attention of policy makers and politicians. On 10 April, for example, LUCIS, in cooperation with the Morocco Institute and the African Studies Centre in Leiden, organised a panel discussion entitled “Al-Qaeda goes to Africa: the conflict in Mali in focus.”

In August LUCIS co-sponsored a well-attended one-day seminar hosted by the Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance, and Development (VVI) in Leiden, in which the research team of the “Access to Justice and Institutional Development in Libya” project launched their report *Searching for Justice in Post-Gaddafi Libya. A Socio-Legal Exploration of People’s Concerns and Institutional Responses at Home and From Abroad* (VVI 2013). This seminar was attended by staff from the UN Support Mission in Libya, Libyan and Dutch diplomats, and interested academic researchers and practitioners. Another significant event in this respect was the visit of Salah Marghani, minister of Justice of Libya, to Leiden University on 10 December 2013, where he delivered a lecture entitled “Libya: a Show Case of Human Rights Issues.” This was followed by a seminar with the minister on legal issues and honour crimes to which several LUCIS members contributed.

Early 2013 the Aga Khan University in London invited Léon Buskens and Jan Michiel Otto to closed workshops for a small group of international scholars about the future of governance in Muslim contexts, notably about the opportunities for a constructive role of sharia in bringing about good governance. The collaboration with the project’s initiator, Abdou Filali-Ansari will be continued in 2014.

Mid-2013 LUCIS has been invited by the Research and Documentation Centre of the Ministry of Justice and Security to carry out a research project about the ways in which the West is portrayed by Islamist parties in Egypt. On behalf of LUCIS, Maurits Berger submitted a comprehensive proposal. In the end, however, the project was granted to another party.

Recently, a joint research project between Leiden University and VU University Amsterdam on authority and leadership in Muslim communities in the Netherlands has started, in close cooperation with various societal partners (Muslim civil society institutions, municipalities, ministries). The research falls within the scope of the NWO programme “Religion in Modern Society,” which requires intensive cooperation with societal partners with regard to the set-up and the implementation of the research, and the dissemination of the results. The project leaders, Thijl Sunier (VU University Amsterdam) and Léon Buskens, expect that the results will contribute considerably to policy making.

1.1.3 Visibility in the media

Over the past year, LUCIS actively engaged in the public debate in the media on topics such as the war in Syria, current affairs in Egypt, demonstrations in Turkey, female circumcision, and the

training of imams in the Netherlands. For a complete overview of media contributions by LUCIS members, see appendix 2.4.

In addition, LUCIS members were invited by the media to present their research. When Umar Ryad was awarded an ERC starting grant for his project entitled “Neither visitors, nor colonial victims: Muslims in Interwar Europe and European Transcultural History,” he was invited to present his research project in a national radio programme entitled “Hoe?Zo! Radio” on 13 September.

On the occasion of the book presentation of Maurits Berger’s *Applying Shari‘a in the West. Facts, Fears and the Future of Islamic Rules on Family Relations in the West*, Michel Hoebink, a journalist working for Radio Netherlands Worldwide, published an article on the Arabic Egyptian news web portal *Masrawi News*, a frequently visited website in the Arab world.

2013 was the first year in which the Leiden Islam Blog, a platform where scholars can share their expertise and ideas with a wider audience, was operational during the whole year. In total, 35 articles were published in 2013. Topics addressed on the blog vary from current political developments in Turkey (Erik-Jan Zürcher), female circumcision in Muslim societies (Jan Michiel Otto), to Islamic burial practices in the Netherlands (Khadija Kadrouch-Outmany). Blog contributions generate an average of 3800 views, with a peak of almost 13000 views for Erik-Jan Zürcher’s blog on the protests in Turkey in May and June 2013. For an overview of Leiden Islam Blog articles in 2013, see appendix 2.5.

In addition, the Leiden Islam Blog presents short informative videos in Dutch about general topics, which might be used by instructors at secondary schools and other professionals. This video series, entitled “Islam and society,” includes contributions by Maurits Berger (“What is Sharia?,” October 2012), Mohammed Ghaly (“Islam and medical ethics,” October 2012), Petra Sijpesteijn (“The founding history of Islam,” February 2013), Luit Mols (“Objects from Islamic culture,” April 2013), as well as the recording of a lecture by Amina Wadud entitled “Islam, Feminism, and Humanism” in October 2013 at the invitation of LUCIS. These videos generate an average of 640 views, with a peak of 1354 views for Amina Wadud’s lecture.

1.1.4 Visibility amongst students

In order to engage a greater number of students in its activities, LUCIS has opted for involving students in a more structural way. It is compulsory for all students enrolled in the Middle Eastern Studies programme to attend a number of lectures from the lecture series. Moreover, we aim to link at least one event per semester with a master’s or research master’s course by means of compulsory attendance and the assignment of an essay.

For example, within the scope of the symposium “Contesting Identities: Islam and Culture in Contemporary Turkey” (13 December) Volkan Aytar gave a master class for MA students and advanced BA students on 12 December. Student evaluations and feedback show that they appreciated this approach. The master students found the workshop interesting and the bachelor students said that the lectures created a greater understanding of the area of study.

In addition, on 5 and 6 December, on the initiative of Tsolin Nalbantian, LUCIS organised a two-day panel entitled “After the Degree: How to work with the Middle East.” This panel brought together NGO consultants, activists, journalists, independent filmmakers, and museum curators to discuss the career opportunities for MA and advanced BA students of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies after graduation.

1.1.5 Supporting formal visits

Regularly LUCIS hosts delegations of universities and government institutions from the Middle East and Southeast Asia. In the autumn of 2013, two Indonesian delegations visited Leiden (for more details, see appendix 2.3.7). The director of LUCIS and/or some other colleagues usually welcome our foreign visitors with an introduction to the history of Islamic studies in Leiden and its present state. A visit to the University Library and to the national museums of Ethnology and Antiquities that Leiden houses is usually also part of the programme.

1.1.6 Activities relevant for societal debate or related to current events

In 2013 LUCIS continued to engage in current affairs related to Islam and Muslim societies by initiating panel discussions in a timely manner. Over the past year, panel discussions featured topics such as current affairs in Egypt (1 March and 4 December), the conflict in Mali (10 April), the political situation in Iraq (31 May), tensions in Kashmir (23 September), and current developments in Iran (2 December).

Against the background of the apparent progress made by the Turkish AKP government to settle the decennia long conflict with the Kurdish minority and the implication of the war in Syria on the Kurdish areas, LUCIS organised on 18 June a symposium entitled “The Kurdish Question in 2013: domestic and transnational developments,” in cooperation with the Turkey Institute and the Amsterdam Centre for Globalisation Studies. Next morning LUCIS hosted an informal Q&A meeting with Kerem Öktem, one of the speakers during the symposium, who had participated in the demonstrations in May and June 2013.

In order to complement scholarly knowledge with journalistic contributions, LUCIS invited *NRC Handelsblad* journalist Carolien Roelants as a visiting fellow in 2013 to share her knowledge on the rapidly changing Muslim societies. Roelants, with over thirty years of working experience on the Middle East, gave a series of lectures entitled “Revolution or Illusion: Did the Arab Citizens Come Off Worst Against the Establishment? A Journey through the Middle East in four Episodes.” In her lectures, she analysed the current political situation in, respectively, North Africa, Syria, the Gulf states, and the non-Arabic countries in the Middle East. Recently, she handed in the collection of her lectures which will be published in the LUCIS series “Current Debates on Islam and Society” at Leiden University Press in 2014.

1.2 Internal cohesion and cooperation within Islamic studies

In order to stimulate and strengthen cooperation among Leiden University faculty members, LUCIS took the initiative in 2013 to convene a general meeting with LUCIS members on a yearly basis, in order to reflect on past activities and to receive input for future events.

The Leiden University Institute of Religious Studies has been subject to a serious restructuring since the end of 2012. The director of LUCIS, Léon Buskens, has been involved in the process to safeguard the study of Islam and Muslim societies. Two former faculty members affiliated to LIRS who were very committed to LUCIS, Mohammed Ghaly and Umar Ryad, have meanwhile found positions outside Leiden University, which is a serious loss of Islam expertise for LUCIS. However, the recent transformation of LIRS into the Leiden University Centre for the Study of Religion (LUCSOR) offers ample opportunities to strengthen Leiden's long-standing tradition in the study of religion in all its manifestations. LUCIS is strongly committed to seize this new opportunity to advance education on Islam and Muslim societies.

1.2.1 Research

Over the past year, LUCIS has continued to stimulate research about Islam and Muslim societies and to encourage cooperation between Leiden researchers from different academic disciplines, including philology, history, religious studies, law and the social sciences.

The director of LUCIS, Léon Buskens, promoted national and international cooperation between academics working in the field of Islamic studies in several ways. In 2013, two workshops within the scope of "The Sharia Project: A UK-Netherlands Islamic Legal Studies Network," a cooperation between the universities of Exeter and Leiden funded by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) and the Arts and Humanities Research Council, and directed Robert Gleave (University of Exeter) and Buskens, were convened. Gleave organised the second workshop in Exeter in April 2013. The third workshop, in November 2013, was convened by Léon Buskens at Leiden University during which, Kecia Ali, associate professor of Religion at Boston University, was present as a visiting scholar.

In addition, Buskens, together with Thijl Sunier (VU University Amsterdam, chairman of NISIS), has been awarded a NWO grant in June 2013 for their joint research project "Making Islam Work in the Netherlands. Islamic Authority and Islamic Law in the Netherlands among Ordinary Muslims: Recent Trends and Developments." Their project falls within the scope of the NWO programme "Religion in Modern Society" and aims at analysing recent developments in the ways Islam takes shape in Dutch society.

1.2.2 Education

Enhancing internal cohesion and cooperation in education about Islam and Muslim societies at Leiden University is one of LUCIS' most important objectives. All courses on the study of Islam and Muslim societies are presented on the education portal on the LUCIS website.

The strong level of cooperation between LIRS and the Middle Eastern studies programme, which in 2011 led to the restructuring of the BA programme Islam Studies, has been continued on an individual level in 2013. However, the scheduled renewing of the master programme Islamic studies, initiated in 2012 and coordinated by LUCIS, came to a halt in 2013 due to the restructuring of LIRS.

1.3 PhD research

Over the past few years, LUCIS professors have succeeded in attracting a greater number of PhD candidates. In 2013, approximately 70 PhD candidates carried out research related to Islam and Muslim societies. Seven PhD defences took place at Leiden University under the supervision of LUCIS members:

- Khaled Mohamed Mahmoud Younes | *Joy and sorrow in early Muslim Egypt: Arabic papyrus letters, text and content* | supervised by Petra Sijpesteijn, together with Geoffrey Khan (Cambridge). PhD defense on 27 August 2013.
- Yanwar Pribadi (Training Indonesia's Young Leaders Programme) | *Islam and politics in Madura: Ulama and other local leaders in search of influence (1990-2010)* | supervised by Kees van Dijk and Nico Kaptein | PhD defense on 28 August 2013.
- Samir Kaddouri | *Le Livre Décisif sur les Religions et les Sectes d'Ibn Hazm Entre l'Histoire du Texte et la Critique Textuelle* | supervised by P.S. van Koningsveld. PhD defense on 16 September 2013.
- Esther van Eijk | *Family Law in Syria. A Plurality of Laws, Norms, and Legal Practices* | supervised by Léon Buskens. PhD defense on 19 September 2013.
- Yasrul Huda (Training Indonesia's Young Leaders Programme) | *Contesting Sharia: State Law, Decentralization and Minangkabau Custom* | supervised by Léon Buskens and Nico Kaptein. PhD defense on 4 December 2013.
- Marie Legendre | *Pouvoir et territoire: L'administration islamique en Moyenne-Égypte pré-tūlūnide (642-868)* | supervised by Petra Sijpesteijn, together with Jean-Pierre van Staëvel (Sorbonne) and Sylvie Denoix (IFAO, Cairo). PhD defense on 12 December 2013.
- Ken Setiawan | *Realising Rights: Indonesia's and Malaysia's Human Rights Institutions* | supervised by Jan Michiel Otto and Adriaan Bedner. PhD defense on 12 December 2013.

1.4 Publications

LUCIS publishes two peer-reviewed book series. With Leiden University Press (LUP), LUCIS publishes a series entitled "Debates on Islam and Society," which contributes to the public debate and informs a wider audience. In 2013, *Applying Shari'a in the West. Facts, Fears and the Future of Islamic Rules on Family Relations in the West*, edited by Maurits Berger, was published in this series. This volume explores the (im)possibilities of implementing Islamic rules in

Western societies, with a focus on rules pertaining to family relations. The publication is a result of the third LUCIS annual conference in 2011. Other publications that are currently in preparation within the “Debates on Islam and Society” series:

- Crawford, David & Bart Deseyn, *Nostalgia for the Present: Photography and Ethnography in Morocco’s High Atlas*, currently in production.
- Roelants, Carolien, *Revolutie of zinsbegoocheling? Delven de Arabische burgers het onderspit tegen de gevestigde orde? Een reis door het Midden-Oosten in vier afleveringen*, forthcoming 2014.
- Dijk, Kees van & Nico Kaptein (eds.), *Islam, Politics and Change. The Indonesian Experience 1998-2013*, forthcoming 2014.
- Zürcher, Erik-Jan (ed.), *Islam in World War I. Studies on the Ottoman Jihad at the centenary of Snouck Hurgronje’s ‘Holy War Made in Germany’*, forthcoming 2015.

Brill Publishers manages the second peer-reviewed series, entitled “Leiden Studies in Islam and Society,” aimed at an international academic audience. In 2013, the first book in this series was published, *Qur’ans of the Umayyads. A First Overview*, by François Déroche. This book is the result of the lectures that François Déroche delivered at Leiden University as LUCIS visiting fellow in the spring of 2010. For the first time, this book analyses and presents the dramatic changes the Quranic code underwent during the Umayyad period (660-750 C.E.), on the basis of a selection of material in good part unpublished. Other publications that are currently being prepared in the “Leiden Studies in Islam and Society” series:

- Buskens, Léon & Jan Just Witkam (eds.), *Scholarship in Action. Studies on the Life and Work of Christiaan Snouck Hurgronje (1857-1936)*.
- Six publications resulting from LUCIS visiting fellowships:
 - Gleave, Robert, *Power, Authority and Hermeneutics. Studies in the Development of Shi’i Jurisprudence*.
 - Hoyland, Robert, *The Rise of Islam. A Guide to the Sources*.
 - Rustow, Marina, *Fatimid State Documents from the Cairo Geniza. From Petition to Decree*.
 - Nielsen, Jørgen S., *Islam and Europe. A Challenge to Islam and Europe*.
 - Masud, Muhammad Khalid, *Islamic Law: A Social Construction*.
 - Schmidtke, Sabine, *Doctrinal History of Imāmī Shī’ism: Four Case Studies*.
- Feener, R. Michael, David Kloos & Annemarie Samuels (eds.), *Islam and the Limits of the State. Reconfigurations of Ritual, Doctrine, and Community in Contemporary Aceh, Indonesia*.
- Pouillon, François & Jean-Claude Vatin (eds.), *After Orientalism*.

- Buskens, Léon, François Pouillon & Mercedes Volait (eds.), *Collecting the Muslim World*. Publication after conference in spring 2016.
- Ryad, Umar (ed.), volume about conference “Europe and Hajj in the Age of Empires: Muslim Pilgrimage prior to the Influx of Muslim Migration in the West” (13-14 May 2013).

In addition to these publications in the two peer-reviewed LUCIS book series, LUCIS member Nathal Dessing co-edited, with Nadia Jeldtoft, Jørgen S. Nielsen and Linda Woodhead, a volume entitled *Everyday Lived Islam in Europe*, which was published at Ashgate, in the AHRC/ESRC Religion and Society series in 2013. This book offers a new direction for the study of contemporary Islam by focusing on what being Muslim means in people’s everyday lives. LUCIS contributed to this publication with the organisation and financial support of a workshop in December 2010, entitled “Forms and Elements of Muslim Religiosity in Europe.”

1.5 Grants

LUCIS provides grants to researchers to carry out their research in Leiden in order to strengthen existing expertise (see appendix 2.6). For example, LUCIS financed one day of the appointment of Luit Mols as curator at the National Museum of Ethnology in Leiden. Here expertise includes material cultural history of the Middle East and West Asia; Islamic metalwork; international collaboration, culture preservation and documentation of the Middle East and West Asia.

Merel Kahmann, who in April 2014 successfully defended her PhD dissertation entitled *Encounters between Moroccan Dutch citizens and the Moroccan government: an anthropological perspective*, received financial support in 2013 to finalise her PhD thesis. She also covered some of Léon Buskens’s teaching duties in 2013.

Finally, LUCIS supported the stay of its two visiting fellows in 2013, Sabine Schmidtke and Carolien Roelants, who both gave a series of public lectures, about the doctrinal history of Imami Shiism (spring 2013) and about current developments in the Middle East (autumn 2013). For more details about their lecture series in Leiden, see appendix 2.3.4.

1.6 Conclusion

This annual report shows that LUCIS in 2013 fully achieved its objectives. The external visibility of Leiden’s expertise on Islam and Muslim societies was increased by organising relevant activities and by sharing Leiden’s various expertises on Islam and Muslim societies with a broad audience on the Leiden Islam Blog. Furthermore, internal cohesion and cooperation within Islamic studies was enhanced through continual involvement in the development of course programmes on Islam and Muslim societies. LUCIS continued to invest in substantial editing capacity to expand the number of international publications, and supported the completion of PhD dissertations in the field of Islamic studies.

By critically self-assessing its events and by making improvements when needed, LUCIS increased the number of visitors and engaged a greater number of students, policy makers and politicians. Moreover, LUCIS further raised its profile and reputation in academic circles both in

the Netherlands and abroad through the organisation of international academic conferences. By organising panel discussions on current affairs in a timely manner and by anticipating on current debates on the Leiden Islam Blog, LUCIS continued to contribute to the public debate on Islam and Muslim societies.

1.7 Future prospects

LUCIS has succeeded in committing colleagues from the Middle Eastern Studies programme, LIRS, VVI, and the Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology (Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences). However, collaboration with some colleagues is more intensive than with others. Expanding the disciplinary scope of the LUCIS steering committee by involving a prominent social science scholar might be a solution.

In order to explore other possibilities to disseminate knowledge on Islam and Muslim societies, Maurits Berger recently initiated and set up the “Leiden Islam Programme 2014-2017,” which will be hosted by LUCIS and will start in September 2014. This programme has its own funding from the Islamic Theology programme that was ended in 2011, and that will have its final courses taught in 2014. It seeks to offer an alternative education and research programme consisting of consultancy activities and tailor-made courses, aimed at Dutch civil society institutions, specific professional groups (lawyers, diplomats, bankers, etc.), the Dutch Muslim community, and individually interested parties. In doing so, the programme aims at offering the existing expertise available at Leiden University beyond the scope of Leiden’s regular education programmes, for the benefit of society as a whole, and attuned to the needs of society. Topics to be included may be Islamic banking and finance, Islamic bio-ethics, halal certification, training of imams, Islamic education, Islamic family law, and political Islam.

LUCIS aims to contribute to improving the success rates of research applications. Since writing grant applications for NWO and EU research funding is highly competitive and time-consuming, LUCIS wants to coordinate the application process in order to realise more interdepartmental collaboration. In addition, LUCIS wants to allocate more funds to support individual researchers in their grant applications. To achieve this, LUCIS will start with coordinating and supporting grant writing well in advance, approximately two years before application deadlines. Two potential successful themes will be selected, on which preparatory workshops will be organised. During the writing process, LUCIS will support researchers with funding of student-assistance or teaching replacement. Before finalising the application another workshop will be organised.

LUCIS has experimented with several means to involve more students in its activities. These endeavours have been reasonably successful. LUCIS will continue this effort by implementing new plans. Possibilities to involve eminent visiting scholars in regular courses will be explored, as well ways to integrate attendance of students at LUCIS activities in the regular course curriculum.

2. Appendices

Appendix 2.1 LUCIS as a centre of excellence: aims

As a result of the objectives of LUCIS as they were outlined in its founding phase (March 2009), followed by the performance indicators which have been formulated subsequently, the following aims are stated on the LUCIS website:

- to join and strengthen research about Islam and Muslim societies at Leiden University.*
- to join and strengthen education about Islam and Muslim societies at Leiden University.
- to advance cooperation and the exchange of knowledge between Leiden scholars working on Islam and Muslim societies.
- to further the international profile of Leiden University's expertise in the field.
- to contribute to the public debate about Islam and Muslim societies.
- to contribute to policy making related to Islam and Muslim societies.

*The research areas in which scholars affiliated to LUCIS work require an interdisciplinary approach, involving religious studies, law, social sciences, area studies, philology, and history. The following central themes structure the research agenda of scholars affiliated to LUCIS:

- history of Islam
- history, theory, and methods of Islamic studies
- developments in contemporary Muslim thinking
- social and political developments in Muslim societies
- sharia and national law.

Appendix 2.2 Chronological overview of activities in 2013

Date	Organisator(s)	Type of activity	Subject, details	Location
7 February	LUCIS in collaboration with Middle Eastern Studies	lecture series	Maurits Berger “Sharia in the West”	Leiden
21 February	LUCIS i.s.m. studievereniging Sheherazade	workshop Thomas Milo	“Arabic or Eurabic?”	Leiden
28 February	LUCIS in collaboration with Middle Eastern Studies	lecture series	Christian Müller “The application of pre-modern Islamic Law: documentary evidence and systemic considerations”	Leiden
28 February	LUCIS in collaboration with LIAS	lecture	Marianne Kamp (University of Wyoming) “The Enemy Within: An Account from a Dekulakized Uzbek”	Leiden
1 March	LUCIS	panel discussion	“A Revolution in Progress: The Case of Egypt” speakers: Lina Attalah, Sharif Abdel Kouddous, Sherine Tadros and Tsolin Nalbantian	Leiden
7 March	LUCIS in collaboration with Middle Eastern Studies	lecture series	Yaacov Lev “The grain economy of medieval Cairo”	Leiden
21 March	LUCIS in collaboration with Middle Eastern Studies	lecture series	Rokus de Groot “Islam and music: a polyphony of opinions”	Leiden
8 April	LUCIS	lecture series visiting fellow Sabine Schmidtke (Freie Universität Berlin)	“Early Imāmī Theology up until the Minor Occultation”	Leiden
10 April	LUCIS in collaboration with the Morocco Institute and the African Studies Centre	panel discussion	“Al-Qaeda goes to Africa: The conflict in Mali in Focus” speakers: Jibrin Ibrahim, Mirjam de Bruijn, Benjamin Soares and Marijn Kruk	The Hague
11 April	LUCIS in collaboration with Middle Eastern Studies	lecture series	Karin Willemse “White veils, white lies: the white tobe and agency of female professionals in Sudan”	Leiden
15 April	LUCIS	lecture series visiting fellow Sabine Schmidtke (Freie Universität Berlin)	“Prominent Imāmī Theologians and their Writings”	Leiden
18 April	LUCIS in collaboration with Middle Eastern Studies	lecture series	Erik-Jan Zürcher “Atatürk and other Macedonians. The Refugee Leadership of the Republic of Turkey”	Leiden

18-19 April	LUCIS in collaboration with the University of Exeter	second workshop “The Sharia Project”	“The Sharia Project: A UK-Netherlands Islamic Legal Studies Network”	Exeter, UK
22 April	LUCIS	lecture series visiting fellow Sabine Schmidtke (Freie Universität Berlin)	“Sadīd ad-Dīn al-Ḥimmaṣī ar-Rāzī and the Imāmī turn towards Abū l-Ḥusain al-Baṣṭī”	Leiden
25 April	LUCIS in collaboration with Middle Eastern Studies	lecture series	Corinne Fortier “Monogamy, secret marriage, and women’s divorce (khul‘) in Mauritania and elsewhere. An anthropological study of comparative practices”	Leiden
2 May	LUCIS in collaboration with Middle Eastern Studies	lecture series	Faustina Doufikar-Aerts “Oh Susannah! Longing for the Virtuous Lady in Literature, Religion, Art and Music”	Leiden
3 May	LUCIS in collaboration with the Centre Jacques Berque	closed workshop	“Heritage of the Maghreb”	Leiden
6 May	LUCIS	lecture series visiting fellow Sabine Schmidtke (Freie Universität Berlin)	“Integrating philosophy and mysticism into theology: Ibn Abi Jumhur al-Ahsa’i”	Leiden
13-14 May	LUCIS in collaboration with the King Abdulaziz Foundation for Research Archives (Riyadh) and the National Museum of Ethnology	two-day conference	“Europe and Hajj in the Age of Empires: Muslim Pilgrimage prior to the Influx of Migration”	Leiden
31 May	LUCIS	panel discussion	“Iraq Ten Years On: From US Occupation to Systemized Sectarianism” speakers: Sinan Antoon, Haytham Bahooora, Zainab Saleh, Sebastian Walker and Tsolin Nalbantian	Leiden
4 June	LUCIS in collaboration with Leiden University Press	book presentation + debate	book title: <i>Applying Sharia in the West. Facts, Fears and the Future of Islamic Rules on Family Relations in the West</i> ed. Maurits Berger Debat entitled “Sharia in de Schilderswijk? Welke Sharia?” with Maurits Berger, Afshin Ellian and Jan Michiel Otto	Leiden

13 June	RIMO symposium in collaboration with LUCIS	symposium	RIMO = Vereniging tot bestudering van het Recht van de Islam en het Midden Oosten theme: “Nationaliteit en Staatloosheid in het Midden-Oosten & de Nederlandse Rechtspraak”	Leiden
18 June	LUCIS in collaboration with the Turkey Institute and the Amsterdam Centre for Globalisation Studies	symposium	“The Kurdish Question in 2013: domestic and transnational developments”	Leiden
19 June	LUCIS	informal meeting	informal Q&A session with Kerem Öktem on demonstrations in Turkey	Leiden
20 June	LUCIS in collaboration with the Knowledge Centre Religious Development and the Saudi-Spanish Centre for Islamic Economics and Finance	lecture by Celia Anca, director of Saudi-Spanish Center for Islamic Economics and Finance	“Islamic Finance: an Alternative Ethical Niche”	Leiden
4 July	LUCIS in collaboration with the Scaliger Institute and NWO	lecture by Ahmet T. Karamustafa (University of Maryland)	“Imagining ‘True’ Religion in the Mevlevi Sufi Order”	Leiden
30 August	Van Vollenhoven Institute in collaboration with the Benghazi Research and Consulting Centre (co-sponsored by LUCIS)	seminar	“Searching for Justice in Post-Gaddafi Libya: Problems and Prospects”	Leiden
19 September	LUCIS in collaboration with Middle Eastern Studies	lecture series	Annemarike Stremmelar “Turkish Antisemitism in the Netherlands”	Leiden
20 September	African Studies Centre in collaboration with LUCAS and LUCIS	workshop	“African studies and the epistemological reflections on ‘two Africas’”	Leiden
23 September	LUCIS in collaboration with Modern South Asia seminar Leiden University	panel discussion	Subject: Kashmir speakers: Uma Chakravarti, Mridu Rai, Marjan Lucas and Nitasha Kaul	Leiden
24 September	LUCIS	delegation visit	Visit of Indonesian delegation from Semarang Host: Léon Buskens	Leiden

24 September	LUCIS	lecture series visiting fellow Carolien Roelants: “Revolution or Illusion: Did the Arab Citizens Come Off Worst Against the Establishment? A Journey through the Middle East in four Episodes”	North Africa	Leiden
26-27 September	LUCIS in collaboration with the LIRS/LUCL research group “Arab and its Alternatives. Religious Minorities in the Formative Years of the Middle East (1920-1950)”	two-day LUCIS annual conference	“Common ground? Changing interpretations of public space in the Middle East among Jews, Christians and Muslims in the 19th and 20th Century”	Leiden
1 October	LUCIS	lecture series visiting fellow Carolien Roelants	Syria	Leiden
8 October	LUCIS	lecture series visiting fellow Carolien Roelants	Gulf states	Leiden
10 October	LUCIS in collaboration with Middle Eastern Studies	lecture series	Ahmad Al-Rawi “Islam online: Social Media in the Arab World”	Leiden
14 October	LUCIS	lecture Amina Wadud	“Islam, Feminism and Human Rights”	Leiden
15 October	LUCIS	lecture series visiting fellow Carolien Roelants	Non-Arabic Middle East countries	Leiden
17 October	LUCIS in collaboration with Middle Eastern Studies	lecture series	Houari Touati “At the Beginning of Islamic Education: The kuttâb at the first Century of Hegira”	Leiden
24 October	LUCIS in collaboration with Middle Eastern Studies	lecture series	Paul Aarts “Resilience and Revolt in the Arab Gulf States. The Case of Saudi Arabia”	Leiden

5-15 November	LUCIS	delegation visit	Visit of Indonesian delegation from Medan	Leiden
14 November	LUCIS in collaboration with Middle Eastern Studies	lecture series	Nathalie Bernard-Maugiron “Constitutional Reform in Egypt after the Fall of Mubarak”	Leiden
15-16 November	LUCIS in collaboration with the University of Exeter	third workshop “The Sharia Project”	“The Sharia Project: A UK-Netherlands Islamic Legal Studies Network”	Leiden
21 November	LUCIS in collaboration with Middle Eastern Studies	lecture series	Arshad Muradin “A Closer Look into the Sensitive Practice of Family Dispute Resolution according to Islamic Legal Principles in the West”	Leiden
27 November	Yunus Emre Institute, in collaboration with the <i>Stichting Literaire Activiteiten Amsterdam</i> , LUCIS & Turkish Studies	book review	Book review of Ahmet Hamdi Tanpınar’s <i>Sereen</i> , with a performance by the Levantijns Orkest	Amsterdam
28-29 November	National Museum of Ethnology in collaboration with LUCIS	two-day symposium	“Hajj: Global interactions through Pilgrimage”	Leiden
2 December	LUCIS in collaboration with study association Sheherazade	panel discussion	“The Islamic Republic of Iran: Victim or Renegade?” speakers: Arshin-Adib Moghaddam, Peyman Jafari and Shervin Nekuee	Leiden
4 December	Faculty of Humanities in cooperation with LUCIS	Celebration programme	“100 Years of Indonesian Scholarship at Leiden University.” Lectures on behalf of LUCIS by Léon Buskens and Jan Michiel Otto	Leiden
4 December	Leiden University Institute for Religious Studies in collaboration with LUCIS	panel discussion Samir Morcus	“In conversation with Samir Morcus, former Coptic advisor of the Egyptian former President Mohammed Morsi”	Leiden
5-6 December	LUCIS	two-day workshop	“After the Degree: How to work with the Middle East”	Leiden
12 December	LUCIS	masterclass with Volkan Aytar	“Islam and Culture in Contemporary Turkey”	Leiden
12 December	LUCIS in collaboration with Middle Eastern Studies	lecture series	Emmanuel Szurek “Jean Deny and Kemalist linguistics: The 3rd Turkish Language Congress and the Sun-Language Theory”	Leiden
13 December	LUCIS in collaboration with Turkish Studies	symposium	“Islam and Culture in Contemporary Turkey”	Leiden

Appendix 2.3 Report of activities in 2013

This appendix contains reports of activities in 2013 which have been organised by LUCIS or to which LUCIS has substantially contributed, either financially or in terms of organisation. The reports are both in English and in Dutch, depending on the target group of the activity concerned. They are categorised as follows:

- LUCIS annual conference (2.3.1)
- LUCIS/Middle Eastern Studies lecture series (2.3.2)
- Other lectures (2.3.3)
- LUCIS visiting fellows 2013 (2.3.4)
- Scholarly events (2.3.5)
- Activities relevant for societal debate or related to current events (2.3.6)
- Supporting formal visits (2.3.7)
- Cultural activities (2.3.8).

2.3.1 LUCIS annual conference

26-27 September | 4th annual LUCIS conference | “Common ground: Changing interpretations of public space in the Middle East among Jews, Christians and Muslims in the 19th and 20th Century” | in collaboration with the LIRS/LUCL research group “Arab and its Alternatives, Religious Minorities in the Formative Years of the Middle East (1920-1950)” | Leiden

In the nineteenth century the position of non-Muslims in the Middle East began to change fundamentally, in ways that until today cast their shadow over the debates about how the societies of the Middle East should be organized. These societies, generally considered heterogeneous with regard to religion, language and ethnicity, time and again have had to find ways to mediate these differences. Recent scholarship has emphasized the importance of ‘public space’ in these changes, the shared space of cities, towns and countryside. In this shared space, the relationships between the various groups become visible, among which most prominently, those between Muslims and non-Muslims. Both societal divisions and communalities are expressed in religious and secular buildings, in the layout of neighborhoods, in (street) signs, banners and billboards, as much as in the activities that take place in these public spaces, the mere walking, talking and shopping, as much as processions, meetings, demonstrations and fights. The study of these very concrete and visible expressions of religious differences, societal inequalities and the ways of addressing these differences and inequalities in the public realm, recently has generated a wealth of new theoretical and methodological approaches.

Such a study of the changing function of the public space runs parallel to, and thus provides a gateway to, a chronological study of the modernization trajectory of the Middle East, a trajectory that for all of its conceptual complexity includes a radical change of the position of Christians and Jews in these societies. This chronological approach sets out the plan of the conference, with a first session addressing the slow but fundamental changes that took place in Ottoman times, especially in the nineteenth century, a second session to address the battle over public space in the Mandate period, when France and Britain were the dominant powers, and, a final session in which these issues are revisited for the contemporary period, including the initial stages of the Arab national states as much as the perceived ‘re-Islamization’ of the public space in the last decades of the twentieth and the first decades of the twenty-first centuries.

One very concrete but not always sufficiently recognized aspect of the public space is that of language. For the public space to be ‘common ground’, not only shared spaces are needed, but also a shared language. Issues over language form and language usage, therefore, are as much a part of the discussion over public space as are those about buildings, neighborhoods and events. These debates could take the form of which ‘public’ languages can and should be used (Turkish, Arabic, English, French?), and which form these languages (especially in the case of Turkish, Arabic and Hebrew) should take, and, finally, what the role of communal languages could be in a future where the public language becomes more and more important.

‘Language’ as an element of the public space also directs us to a more general aspect of the discussion, that of the rhetoric about the public space, about the changes in society, about modernization, westernization, Arabization and Islamicization. As much as the debate about the

public space can and should be about the very tangible aspects of it, the ideology of modernity that accompanies these concrete changes, should not be ignored. Thus the last element to be addressed at the conference, in addition to the study of the concrete usages of public space and the changes of the modern period, is that of the ideologies that accompany it, between the groups that participate in the debate, as much as within the groups themselves.

The programme included keynote lectures by Heleen Murre-van den Berg (project leader “Arab and its Alternatives” research group) and Daniel J. Schroeter (University of Minnesota), and presentations by Karène Sanchez, Sasha Goldstein-Sabah and Tijmen Baarda, members of the “Arab and its Alternatives” research group.

2.3.2 LUCIS/Middle Eastern Studies lecture series

SPRING 2013

7 February | 1st lecture by Maurits Berger | “Sharia in the West”

Professor Maurits Berger is a lawyer and Arabist. He holds the chair of Islam in the contemporary West at the Institute for Religious Studies at Leiden University, and is a senior research associate with the Clingendael Institute for International Relations in The Hague. He has worked as a lawyer in Amsterdam, and as a researcher and journalist in Cairo and Damascus.

28 February | 2nd lecture by Christian Müller | “The application of pre-modern Islamic Law: Documentary Evidence and Systemic Considerations”

A comparative analysis of pre-modern Arabic legal documents illustrate that the jurists’ law (fiqh) was the normative reference for applied law at qadi-courts of law. Its procedural law, based on oral evidence, determined how witnesses and judges notarized legal documents until the 19th century. This bottom-up vision on legal documents illustrates Islamic law’s role to safeguard subjective rights. Since transmitted law-norms at large were contingent and diverse, a new understanding of their application within a “set of legal norms” that fulfilled the sociological requirements of “law” is needed. For this the analytical difference between legally “valid” and “practised” norms (J. Raz) provides the model of a predicable practised norm-set in a given historical situation on one hand, and the totality of valid, albeit contingent norms of Islamic law on the other. The pre-modern jurists’ law embedded practised norms into juridical casuistry that limited the reach of any fixed sacred norm by defining norms for slightly different cases. The – slow – evolution of Islamic law-norms was driven by juridical considerations that responded to changing legal requirements thereby adapting and reshaping valid fiqh-norms, without abolishing them. In order to fully understand history and norms of Islamic law, we need to consider its application on all levels, doctrinal, juridical and institutional.

Christian Müller is Directeur de recherche at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) in Paris. He read Islamic Studies, Arabic philology and History in Berlin and Damascus. He obtained his PhD from the Freie University of Berlin (1997), his Habilitation from the University of Halle-Wittenberg (2007). His research focuses on the historical development of Islamic law as applied law. He is currently principal investigator of the ERC project “Islamic

Law Materialized: Arabic legal documents (8th-15th centuries).” Among his publications on the practice of law are *Der Kadi und seine Zeugen. Studie der mamlukischen Haram-Dokumente aus Jerusalem (Abhandlungen für die Kunde des Morgenlandes, Bd. 85)* Harrassowitz Verlag, Wiesbaden 2013 (forthcoming) and *Gerichtspraxis im Stadtstaat Córdoba: zum Recht der Gesellschaft in einer mālikitisch islamischen Rechtstradition des 5./11. Jahrhunderts* (Brill, Leiden 1999).

7 March | 3rd lecture by Yaacov Lev | “The Grain Economy of Medieval Cairo”

Yaacov Lev is Professor of Middle Eastern History at Bar Ilan University (Ramat Gan, Israel) and visiting scholar at Leiden University. His area of expertise is the social, economic, and military history of the Middle East in the high Middle ages (especially Egypt and Syria in the 9th-12th centuries).

21 March | 4th lecture by Rokus de Groot | “Islam and Music: A Polyphony of Opinions”

Rokus de Groot, musicologist and composer, conducts research on music of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, especially about the systematics and aesthetics of composition, about the interaction between different cultural traditions, as well as about (re)conceptualisations in music of past and present religious and spiritual ideas. He has also published about musical concepts as a metaphor (polyphony, counterpoint). He holds the chair of musicology at the University of Amsterdam, after occupying a personal chair ‘Music in the Netherlands since 1600’ at the University of Utrecht (1994-2000). Recently he edited, together with Albert van der Schoot, *Redefining Musical Identities: Reorientations at the Waning of Modernism* (Zwolle 2007), and published “Perspectives of Polyphony in Edward Said’s writings,” in F. Ghazoul, ed., *Edward Said and Critical Decolonization* (Cairo 2007). He composes danced music theatre in which singers, musicians and dancers from different traditions cooperate, such as *Song of Songs: The Love of Mirabai* (New Delhi 2005), *Layla and Majnun: A Composition about the Night* (Amsterdam 2006), and *ShivaShakti* (Chennai, 2009). These are examples of mutual learning.

11 April | 5th lecture by Karin Willemse | “White Veils, White Lies: The White Tobe and Agency of Female Professionals in Sudan”

This paper will look into the meaning of the white veil, or “tobe” as it is referred to in Sudan. In general, the tobe is considered the national garment for Muslim women who enter the Sudanese public domain. Most of the tobés are very colourful and patterned. Even the trousseau (bride wealth) offered to the future bride by her prospective husband is supposed to contain a number of colourful and expensive tobés that should be still “in fashion.” However, the white tobe has a quite different meaning: it is the prerogative of female professionals working for the government. Rather than masking her private identity, it marks a female government employee as “the female face” of the government. The white tobe thereby constructs its wearer as part of the female “white veiled class” or “white tobe class” (parallel to a “white board class”) and is part and parcel of women working in and for, the Sudanese government, and who are thus belonging to the public domain. This means that notions about freedom of movement and engagements with “ajnabi,” unrelated men, are different for these “white tobe class” than for other female citizens in

the public domain. This special position has had its bearing on the choices these female professional make in the private domain, such as marriage, living arrangements etc.

Karin Willemse obtained her Ph.D. from Leiden University (Social Sciences, Cultural Anthropology) based on her dissertation entitled *One foot in heaven. Narratives on gender and Islam in Darfur, West-Sudan*, which has been published by Brill (2007). Currently she is Assistant Professor of History of Africa, and of Gender and Islam at the History department of the Erasmus University Rotterdam, specializing in an analytical methodology of narrative analysis, which she calls “con/text analysis against the grain.” She was chair of the Netherlands Association for Gender and Feminist Anthropology (1997-2003) and fellow-in-residence at NIAS (2005/6 & 2007/8) and currently she is member of the Academic Advisory Board of the Islam Research Project, a research-cooperation between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Leiden University. As co-applicant of the NWO project “Moving Frontiers: Islam and globalization in Africa,” she worked with scholars from South Africa, Senegal and the Netherlands. Based on this and earlier research, she writes on transformations in the relations between religion, ethnicity, gender, youth and citizenship, with respect to the war in Darfur, the revival of sufism in Khartoum, Sudan, and the construction of Muslim identities in South Africa.

18 April | 6th lecture by Erik-Jan Zürcher | “Atatürk and Other Macedonians. The Refugee Leadership of the Republic of Turkey”

Professor Erik-Jan Zürcher is primarily interested in the period of transition from the Ottoman Empire to the Republic of Turkey (roughly: 1880-1950) and in the role of the Young Turk generation/movement in this process. After a period in which he studied the political history of the period, he gradually became more interested in its social history as well. In his view the key to an understanding of the emergence of modern Turkey lies in linking the processes of forced migration, war, the imperial legacy and nation building. He defines himself primarily as a historian, who is informed by social science theory and able to access Turkish primary sources.

25 April | 7th lecture by Corinne Fortier | “Women and Men Put Islamic Law to Their One Use: Monogamy, Secret Marriage, and Women’s Divorce (khul’) in Mauritania and Elsewhere. An Anthropological Study of Comparative Practices”

In recent years, several Muslim countries have instituted significant legislative reforms, especially with respect to marriage and divorce. In Mauritania, the government introduced the first personal status code in 2001. This code recognizes women’s right to monogamy. But this personal status code has not brought about a sociojuridical revolution, because these rights have long been recognized and enforced in the Moorish society of Mauritania. They are juridically and religiously legitimized in the classic Maliki legal texts that govern Moorish juridical practice. The right to monogamy is found in the classical texts of Islamic law (sharī’â), which form the legal basis of this society.

Moorish women did not wait for the introduction of a personal status code that guaranteed their right to monogamy. Unlike women elsewhere in Africa and the Middle East, Moorish women in Mauritania have traditionally contracted monogamous marriages. However, their ostensibly

monogamous marriages have been undercut by the widespread practice of secret marriage engaged in by men.

The right to divorce available through women's own initiatives, or khul', although generally less known and less practiced by Muslim societies than repudiation, is clearly elaborated in Islamic jurisprudence. By khul', the wife can regain the freedom which she had surrendered to her husband's authority by reimbursing his marital compensation of gifts given to her and her family at the time of betrothal and wedding. This legal process for divorce testifies implicitly to the role of bridewealth as that which secures the man with social, legal and symbolic authority to possess the female body.

Women's divorce has been known and practiced for centuries in Moorish society of Mauritania which refers in its legal practice to treaties of ancient maliki jurisprudence and recently to the code of personal status of 2001. Therefore, women's divorce does not have the subversive connotation that it has recently acquired in Egypt since the new code of personal status of 2000 gave women the right to divorce without the agreement of her husband. This comparative research about women's divorce in Mauritania and in Egypt shows that each society makes differential usage of Islamic jurisprudence. This usage can be explained by many factors, especially, by the degree of knowledge of this Sunni legal corpus, as well as the specific kinship and gender relations of each society.

2 May | 8th lecture by Faustina Doufekar-Aerts | “Oh Susannah! Longing for the Virtuous Lady in Literature, Religion, Art and Music”

[*Speaker's biography available only in Dutch*]

Prof.dr. Doufekar-Aerts houdt zich bezig met de Arabische en islamitische wereld als de cultuurdrager van een eeuwenlange, wijdverbreide, vooraanstaande en beeldbepalende beschaving; deze manifesteert zich in uiteenlopende vormen van literatuur, architectuur, kalligrafische en decoratieve kunst, filosofie en wetenschappen. Deze pluriforme culturele erfenis is geworteld in- en onlosmakelijk verbonden met de islamitisch theologische context. Daarbij speelt ook de functie en reputatie van volkstradities, de volksepiek, volksgeloof en devotie een rol. Kennis van de Islamitische beschaving in den brede biedt het kader voor reflectie op religie als identiteitsbepalende factor.

In 2003 promoveerde zij in Leiden op een onderzoek naar de Arabische Alexandertraditie, dat resulteerde in de publicatie van het standaardwerk *Alexander Magnus Arabicus. A Survey of the Alexander Tradition through Seven Centuries. From Pseudo-Callisthenes to Sūrī* (2010). Zij verrichtte als postdoc onderzoeken in Leiden, Cairo en Cambridge. Zij doceerde Arabisch en islam in Utrecht en Leiden en was, voor haar aanstelling bij het Centrum voor Islamitische Theologie aan de VU in 2011, vervangend hoogleraar Islamwetenschappen aan de Gutenberg Universiteit van Mainz.

AUTUMN 2013

Thursday 19 September | 1st lecture by Annemarike Stremmelaar | “Turkish Antisemitism in the Netherlands”

Annemarike Stremmelaar studied Turkish Languages and Cultures at Leiden University, where she defended her PhD dissertation *Justice and Revenge in the Ottoman Rebellion of 1703* in 2007. From 2007 to 2009, she worked at the Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM) as editor of ISIM Review. From 2008 to 2010 she was also Lecturer in History of the Middle East in the Department of Arabic and Islam at Radboud University Nijmegen.

She is currently employed as researcher on the project “The Dynamics of Contemporary Antisemitism in a Globalising Context” at the NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies in Amsterdam. She is board member of the Dutch Association for Middle Eastern Studies (MOI) and editor-in-chief of *ZemZem*, a Dutch-language journal on the Middle East, North Africa, and Islam.

In February this year, a fierce public debate was sparked by a television program featuring four Turkish-Dutch youngsters who expressed their appreciation for Hitler and their aversion to Jews. Politicians and officials expressed their alarm at this manifestation of Antisemitism and stakeholders called for action, while publicists and analysts gave their opinions as to causes and solutions. With much of the debate evolving around the Turkish and Islamic roots of Antisemitism, the long history of Antisemitism in the Netherlands seemed to have been forgotten. This history has been shaped by the global movement of people and ideas, just like Antisemitism in Turkey has evolved as a result of such transnational interactions. The lecture will focus on the changing shapes of antisemitism in Turkey and their traces in the Netherlands.

Thursday 10 October | 2nd lecture by Ahmed Al-Rawi | “Islam online: Social Media in the Arab World”

Dr. Ahmed K. Al-Rawi served as a communication officer and spokesperson for the International Committee of the Red Cross in Iraq from 2002 to 2005. He also worked as a radio correspondent for the US-based Pacifica Radio Network and Free Speech Radio News and as a freelance journalist for a number of magazines. Furthermore, he served as a Consultant for the International Committee of the Red Cross in Amman, Jordan.

Al-Rawi obtained his M.A. degree in 1999 and his first Ph.D. in English literature from Baghdad University, Iraq in 2004. He studied for a second Ph.D. degree in media and mass communication studies from 2008 to 2011 at Leicester University, UK. The research was focused on the way TV news channels covered the general elections in Iraq in 2010.

Al-Rawi taught journalism and communication, intercultural communication, and English language and literature courses for over five years in the Middle East, mostly in Oman. He also worked as a post-doctoral researcher during which he produced his book on Omani women’s folktales. He authored another book that is entitled *Media Practice in Iraq* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012). Al-Rawi is commissioned by ABC-CLIO publishing house to write a

voluminous publication which is the Encyclopedia of Arabian Mythology to be finalised in 2015. Al-Rawi's research interests include Arab media, international communication, popular culture, folklore, and mythology. He published many book chapters and research papers in a variety of journals such as Arab Studies Quarterly, the International Journal of Contemporary Iraqi Studies, Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History, Journal of Arab & Muslim Media Research, and Folklore.

17 October | 3rd lecture by Houari Touati | “At the Beginning of Islamic Education: The Kuttâb at the First Century of Hegira”

Houari Touati is Director of Studies at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) in Paris, and the editor of *Studia Islamica*. He has edited a number of volumes and authored *Entre Dieu et les hommes, Lettrés, saints et sociers au Maghreb (17e siècle)* (Paris, 2000), *Islam et voyage au Moyen Âge. Histoire et anthropologie d'une pratique lettrée* (Paris, 2000; translated by Lydia Cochrane, *Islam and Travel in Medieval Age*, 2010), and *L'armoire à sagesse. Bibliothèques et collections en Islam* (Paris, 2003).

24 October | 4th lecture by Paul Aarts | Resilience and Revolt in the Arab Gulf States. The Case of Saudi Arabia

Paul Aarts (1949) is a senior lecturer in International Relations at the Department of Political Science (University of Amsterdam). He was co-founder of *ZemZem*, a Dutch magazine on the Middle East, North Africa and Islam. He developed the “Zeytun Academic Exchange” program with academic institutes in several Middle Eastern countries. He has undertaken consultancy work on the Middle East for the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Security and Justice, the European Commission and other institutions. Aarts regularly contributes to public debates on matters related to the Middle East. Together with Carolien Roelants he has recently published a book entitled *Saoedi-Arabië. De revolutie die nog moet komen* (Nieuw Amsterdam 2013).

14 November | 5th lecture by Nathalie Bernard-Maugiron | “Constitutional Reform in Egypt After the Fall of Mubarak”

Nathalie Bernard-Maugiron is a senior researcher and the representative of the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement in Cairo. She holds her PhD in public law from Paris X University.

21 November | 6th lecture by Arshad Muradin | “A Closer Look into the Sensitive Practice of Family Dispute Resolution According to Islamic Legal Principles in the West”

Arshad Muradin is a PhD student at Leiden University (Faculty of Law). Research project: Law and Religion in Contemporary Society. Muradin holds a double masters degree in Law and Islamic Theology. His fields of interest are: Islamic (Family) Law, Religious Arbitration and Mediation.

12 December | 7th lecture by Emmanuel Szurek | “Jean Deny and Kemalist Linguistics: The 3rd Turkish Language Congress and the Sun-Language Theory

Emmanuel Szurek is a TRI post-doctoral fellow and is working on revising his doctoral dissertation (EHESS, Paris 2013) into a published book. Entitled *Governing with Words: a Linguistic History of Nationalist Turkey*, Szurek shows how the Turkish language is a political artifact that owes much of its alphabetical, lexical and grammatical shape to the comprehensive undertaking conducted during the Kemalist period under the label of “language revolution.” The particular issues Szurek is interested in are the intellectual elaboration of this standardized and nationalized language by Turkish linguists and its imposition, through political means, on the citizens of the Republic of Turkey.

2.3.3 Other lectures

28 February | Lecture by Marianne Kamp | “The Enemy Within: An Account from a Dekulakized Uzbek” | organised in collaboration with LIAS | Leiden

Collectivization became a reality in Uzbekistan by means of processes designed to attract the agricultural population to kolkhozes and sovkhozes, and processes for removing all who objected. As was the case everywhere in the USSR, those who seemed to be obstacles to collectivization were sorted into categories of opposition: the worst offenders were arrested and executed or exiled outside of Uzbekistan; those judged somewhat less dangerous were arrested and exiled to other provinces within Uzbekistan; and the least dangerous were dispossessed and sent to undeveloped lands on the borders of their own communities. Palvon B. fell into the middle category. His father, a wealthy landowner from Andijon district was arrested, and the whole family removed to Dalvarzin, a new grain sovkhoz on newly irrigated lands in Syr Darya province. In a 2003 oral history interview, Palvon B. told of his experience as a “special resettler,” deprived of rights, on a collective farm that received extraordinary support and became a showplace. His story highlights both the dispossession of kulaks and the favorable conditions that a showplace state farm provided for its members. This lecture is based on a paper presented by Dr. Marianne Kamp at the CESS conference in October, and is part of her forthcoming book on collectivization in Uzbekistan.

Marianne Kamp joined the History department of the University of Wyoming in 2000. She received her PhD from the University of Chicago’s Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations in 1998. Her primary research interests concern Central Asia in the Soviet period. Her book, *The New Woman in Uzbekistan: Islam, Modernity, and Unveiling under Communism* (University of Washington Press, 2006) is based on archival and oral history research conducted in Uzbekistan. She has published numerous articles and book chapters concerning gender, oral history, and collectivization of agriculture in Central Asia. Kamp holds adjunct appointments in Gender and Women’s Studies, International Studies, and Religious Studies, and has served as the director of the Gender and Women’s Studies Program at University of Wyoming. She is the president-elect of the Central Eurasian Studies Society (2010-2013).

4 July | Lecture by Ahmet T. Karamustafa | “Imagining ‘True’ Religion in the Mevlevi Sufi Order” | in collaboration with the Scaliger Institute and NWO

Ahmet T. Karamustafa is Professor of History at the University of Maryland, and the Academic Development Officer at the Roshan Center for Persian Studies. His expertise is in social and intellectual history of medieval and early modern Islam in the Middle East and Southwest Asia as well as in theory and method in the study of religion. His monographs include *God’s Unruly Friends* (Univ. of Utah Press, 1994) a book on ascetic movements in medieval Islam and *Sufism: The Formative Period* a comprehensive historical overview of early Islamic mysticism published simultaneously by Edinburgh Univ. Press & Univ. of California Press, 2007. He served as an editor for, and wrote several articles in, *Cartography in the Traditional Islamic and South Asian Societies* (Univ. of Chicago Press, 1992). His current book projects include *The Flowering of Sufism* as well as *Vernacular Islam: Everyday Religious Life in Medieval Iran and Anatolia (11th-15th Centuries)*. Professor Karamustafa has held several administrative positions including the directorship of the Religious Studies Program at Washington University in St. Louis. He was the co-chair of the Study of Islam Section at the American Academy of Religion, 2008 -2011.

14 October | Lecture by Amina Wadud | “Islam, Feminism and Human Rights” | Leiden

On Monday 14 October, Amina Wadud gave a lecture entitled “Islam, Feminism and Human Rights”.

Amina Wadud is Professor Emeritus in Islamic Studies, and one of the most prominent figures in the field of Islamic feminism. According to her interpretation of the Qur’an men and women are equal, and she was the first woman to lead a gender-mixed congregation in prayer. Her publications include *Inside the Gender Jihad: Reform in Islam* (2006), and *Qur’an and Woman: Rereading the Sacred Text from a Woman’s Perspective* (1991).

2.3.4 LUCIS visiting fellows 2013

LUCIS Spring Fellow lecture series 2013: Professor Sabine Schmidtke

Series title: “The Doctrinal History of Imami Shiism: Four Case Studies”

1) 8 April | 1st lecture

Session one focused on the evolution of rational theology among the Twelver Šī‘ites that started during the period of the presence of the imams, and particularly since the time of the Imām Ġā‘far aṣ-Šādiq (d.148/765). The Šī‘ī mutakallimūn of the period by and large derived their doctrinal notions from the teachings of the imāms whom they considered as the ultimate source of knowledge while relegating reason to the role of a means in dialectic. With the beginning of the so-called “Minor Occultation,” Šī‘ī mutakallimūn increasingly turned towards Mu‘tazilite thought.

2) 15 April | 2nd lecture

Session two focussed on the peak of the Imāmīs' reception of Mu'tazilism that was reached during the early 5th/11th century. The two most prominent representatives of Twelver Šī'ī kalām during this period are aš-Šaiḥ al-Mufīd (d. 413/1022) and aš-Šarīf al-Murtaḍā (b. 355/967, d. 436/1044). While most of their writings are extant, only few works of their respective students have been preserved and the development of Imāmī theology during most of the 5th/11th and 6th/12th centuries can only partly be reconstructed.

3) 22 April | 3rd lecture

Section three addressed the slow "return" towards the early doctrines of the imāms after the heyday of Mu'tazilism. The earliest representative of this "return" was Saḍīd ad-Dīn al-Ḥimmaṣī ar-Rāzī (d. after 600/1204) who for this purpose adopted the teachings of Abū l-Ḥusain al-Baṣrī (d. 436/1044), the founder of a rival school to the Bahšamiyya.

4) 6 May | 4th lecture

Section four focussed on a new trend in Imāmī doctrinal thought when theological notions were increasingly enriched by ideas culled from (Avicennan and Illuminationist) philosophy and Sufism. Ibn Abī Ġumhūr al-Aḥsā'ī was the first Imāmī thinker who not only continued the theological trend initiated by al-Ḥimmaṣī ar-Rāzī, but also integrated a specific Imāmī understanding of philosophical mysticism and philosophy into his thought.

About Sabine Schmidtke

Sabine Schmidtke is Professor of Islamic Studies and Director of the Research Unit Intellectual History of the Islamicate World at Freie Universität Berlin. She has a BA (summa cum laude) from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1986), an MA from the School of Oriental and African Studies in London (1987), and a PhD from the University of Oxford (1990). She did her Habilitation at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität in Bonn (1990).

From 1991 to 1999 she was a diplomat at the German Foreign Office. After teaching Islamic Studies in Bonn (1997-1999) and Berlin (1999-2001), she was offered the Chair in Islamic Studies at the University of Vienna (2002), which she declined in favour of a professorship in Berlin. She held fellowships at the Institutes of Advanced Study in Princeton (2008-2009), Jerusalem (2002, 2003; 2005-2006) and Tel Aviv (2011), the Center for Advanced Judaic Studies in Philadelphia (2010) and the Scaliger Institute in Leiden (together with C. Adang, 2007) and is the recipient of an 1.86 million Euro Advanced Grant from the European Research Council (2008-2013), as well as various other grants from the Henkel Foundation (2006-2007, 2008), the Fritz Thyssen Foundation (2005-2007, 2010-2011), the Einstein Foundation Berlin (2011-2015), the DFG together with the NEH (2010-2013), the German Foreign Office (2010) and others. She has been coordinating a number of international research groups and convened a number of international conferences in Berlin, Jerusalem, Istanbul and Madrid.

Series title: “Revolution or Illusion: Did the Arab Citizens Come Off Worst Against the Establishment? A Journey through the Middle East in four Episodes” [*“Revolutie of zinsbegoocheling? Delven de Arabische burgers het onderspit tegen de gevestigde orde? Een reis door het Midden-Oosten in vier afleveringen”*].

Carolien Roelants has been working as a reporter on the Middle East at *NRC Handelsblad* for over thirty years.

[Abstracts in Dutch since this was a Dutch-language lecture series]

24 September | 1st lecture | “North Africa”

In Tunesië, Egypte, en, met hulp van buitenaf, Libië slaagden oppositie-activisten en gewone burgers erin hun vastgeroeste, corrupte leiders ten val te brengen. Maar twee- tot tweeënehalf jaar later is er van de aanvankelijke vreugde weinig over. Is er sprake van een tijdelijke pas op de plaats of hadden de revoluties in Noord-Afrika eigenlijk nooit een kans?

1 October | 2nd lecture | “Syria”

De opstand in Syrië werd een oorlog die de hele regio bedreigt en die al meer dan 100.000 levens heeft geëist. Een derde van de Syrische bevolking is naar het buitenland gevlucht of in eigen land ontheemd geraakt. De buitenwereld kijkt machteloos toe. Is er nog hoop voor deze regio of gaan ook Irak, Libanon en Jordanië straks in vlammen op?

8 October | 3rd lecture | “Gulf states”

Met miljardensubsidies voor werkgelegenheid en huisvesting, repressie en de hulp van een ultraconservatieve geestelijkheid slaagden de vorsten in het Golfgebied, op die in Bahrein na, de Arabische lente buiten de deur te houden. Toch hebben Saoedi-Arabië en de andere Golfstaten, ondanks hun olierijkdom, ook veel van de problemen die de eerste opstanden losmaakten: een jeugdige bevolking, grote jeugdwerkloosheid, corruptie. Hoe sterk staat de gevestigde orde?

15 October | 4th lecture | “Non-Arabic Countries in the Middle East”

De niet-Arabische Midden-Oosterse landen - Turkije, Iran, Israël - spelen ook een belangrijke rol in de opstanden dan wel de pogingen tot bedwinging daarvan. Iran bijvoorbeeld is een doorslaggevende bondgenoot van het Syrische regime. Turkije heeft juist de kant van de Syrische oppositie gekozen. Welke gevolgen heeft hun politiek voor de machtsverdeling in de regio?

2.3.5 Scholarly events

18 and 19 April | 2nd workshop “The Shari’a Project: A UK-Netherlands Islamic Legal Studies Network” | University of Exeter

On Thursday 18 and Friday 19 April 2013, the University of Exeter, together with LUCIS, organised its second workshop within the framework of “The Shari’a Project: A UK-Netherlands Islamic Legal Studies Network”, a joint enterprise between the universities of Exeter and Leiden funded by NWO (Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research) and AHRC (Arts and Humanities Research Council). The project is co-directed by Robert Gleave (Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter) and Léon Buskens. Over a two-year period, four workshops will be held during which the emerging research questions in the field will be discussed through a series of presentations by researchers based in the UK and the Netherlands. This will be combined with a special session dedicated to discussing the work of leading international scholar of Islamic law.

3 May | Workshop “Heritage of the Maghreb” | conveners: Léon Buskens and Baudouin Dupret | co-organised with the Centre Jacques Berque | Leiden

During the last decade the concept of heritage has received considerable attention, both from policymakers and from scholars. Initiatives for the protection of various kinds of heritage abound, and the body of scholarly literature is growing rapidly. This workshop focused on the scholarly analysis of heritage politics, policies, and studies in the Maghreb, critically questioning these trends in order to better understand them. It aimed at bringing together scholars working on the Maghreb, with an emphasis on Morocco, for formal and informal exchanges in order to explore possibilities for a more structured programme in this field under the aegis of the Centre Jacques Berque in Rabat (CJB) and Leiden University Centre for the Study of Islam and Society (LUCIS).

13-14 May | Conference “Europe and Hajj in the Age of Empires: Muslim Pilgrimage prior to the Influx of Muslim Migration in the West” | convener: Umar Ryad | organised in cooperation with the King Abdulaziz Foundation for Research and Archives in Riyadh, and the National Museum of Ethnology in Leiden | Leiden

European connections to the Hajj have a lengthy history of centuries before the flux of Muslim migration to the West in 1950-1960. During the colonial age in particular, European and Ottoman empires had brought the Hajj under surveillance primarily for political reasons and interests in the control of steamships and the fear for the growth of pan-Islamic networks. Another important motive for their scrutiny of Hajj was their anxiety for the spread of epidemic diseases in their colonies after the pilgrims’ return.

On the other hand, indigenous Muslims in Central and Eastern Europe, Muslim emigrants (especially in Great Britain, France and somehow in Germany) and European converts to Islam in other parts of Europe, were making their way to the Hajj and had left behind interesting accounts, such as diaries, published and unpublished travelogues, press items in European newspapers, etc. European and non-European national and private archives enlist fascinating political, medical, religious and social reports of such narratives.

Having this background in mind, we invited a group of scholars in order to investigate these European connections with the Hajj on various levels. The focus was on new research methods and results on the basis of national and personal archives and contemporary writings that, till now have widely been ignored in the study of Hajj as part of European history. Among the questions addressed were: What do first-hand primary sources (especially archives) tell us about the European political perception of the Hajj? How did the international character of the Hajj as a Muslim sacred ritual influence European policies in their struggle for supremacy on the Muslim world? How did Muslims in Europe experience the logistic, economic, religious and spiritual aspects of the Hajj? Speakers analysed such themes as: 1) the Hajj-related documents and written works in European states; 2) Hajj travelogues, routes, means of transport, logistic situations and hygienic problems; 3) habits, festivities, social status and traditions observed upon preparing for the Hajj journey; 4) the socio-political, cultural and economic effects of Hajj on the pilgrims and their European homelands.

30 August | Seminar “Searching for Justice in Post-Gaddafi Libya: Problems and Prospects” | Leiden University

On Friday 30 August 2013, the Van Vollenhoven Institute (VVI), together with the Benghazi Research and Consulting Centre (Benghazi University), organised a well-attended one-day seminar entitled “Searching for Justice in Post-Gaddafi Libya: Problems and Prospects.” This seminar was co-sponsored by LUCIS.

The research team of the “Access to Justice and Institutional Development in Libya” (AJIDIL) project launched their report *Searching for Justice in Post-Gaddafi Libya* during a seminar hosted by the VVI in Leiden. The report had been previously presented to the Libyan Minister of Justice, Salah Al-Marghani, on 28 August in The Hague during events to mark the centennial of the Peace Palace. The research presented in the report is the result of collaboration between the VVI and the Benghazi Research and Consulting Centre (BRCC).

Searching for Justice in Post-Gaddafi Libya explores people’s access to justice and the working of law and legal institutions in post-Gaddafi, post-conflict, democratic Libya. The report focuses on several specific concerns, such as doubts about home ownership, the practice of “people’s lawyers,” and judicial interpretation of Sharia. These case studies are placed in the wider context of law, governance, insecurity, and the role of international rule of law promoters in Libya.

Following an introduction to the project and its findings by Professor Jan Michiel Otto (VVI), Dr. Suliman Ibrahim (Benghazi University, BU) and Dr. Fathi Ali (BRCC, BU), the case studies were individually presented by members of the AJIDIL research team: Dr. Amal Obeidi (BU), Professor Mohammed El-Tobuli (BU), Khalifa Shakreen (University of Tripoli), Nasser Algheitta (University of Azzaytuna) and Dr. Jessica Carlisle (VVI). These findings were well-received by attendees, provoking lively discussion amongst an audience including staff from the UN Support Mission in Libya, Professor Dirk Vandewalle (author of *A History of Modern Libya*, Dartmouth College, USA), Libyan and Dutch diplomats, and interested academic researchers and practitioners.

This first phase of the AJIDIL project has been commissioned by The Hague Institute for Global Justice and is part of a larger research project on achieving sustainable peacebuilding, funded by the City of The Hague. Representatives of both the City and The Hague Institute attended the launch.

20 September | Workshop “African studies and the epistemological reflections on ‘two Africas’” | African Studies Centre in collaboration with LUCAS and LUCIS

Daniela Merolla (Leiden University Centre for the Arts in Society) and Mirjam de Bruijn (Leiden University Institute for History and African Studies Centre) organised a workshop about Africa with the participation of distinguished guests: Shamil Jeppie (University of Cape Town) and Ziad Bentahar (University of Rabat).

Historically, research on North Africa and African Studies have developed on relatively parallel tracks. Studies on North Africa have usually been included within the scope of research on the Arab world and on the Middle Eastern world, while “the rest” of Africa has been approached and studied as a relatively homogeneous world different from the Northern African one and labelled sub-Saharan or ‘black’ Africa.

The epistemological force that moulds the separation of the “two Africa’s” is still at work, for example, in the preponderance of papers that privilege ‘black’ Africa at the conferences organised by AEGIS (Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies), or in the aid and development policy relationships with Africa.

15-16 November | 3rd workshop “The Shari’a Project: A UK-Netherlands Islamic Legal Studies Network” | Leiden

On Friday 15 and Saturday 16 November 2013, LUCIS, together with the University of Exeter, organised its third workshop within the framework of “The Shari’a Project: A UK-Netherlands Islamic Legal Studies Network”, a joint enterprise between the universities of Exeter and Leiden funded by NWO (Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research) and AHRC (Arts and Humanities Research Council). The project is co-directed by Robert Gleave (Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter) and Léon Buskens. Over a two-year period, four workshops will be held during which the emerging research questions in the field will be discussed through a series of presentations by researchers based in the UK and the Netherlands. This will be combined with a special session dedicated to discussing the work of leading international scholar of Islamic law.

This workshop in Leiden was the third of the project. Kecia Ali, Associate Professor of Religion at Boston University, was this workshop’s visiting scholar. Professor Ali’s interests cover a range of issues relating to the development of Islamic law, the relationship between Islamic law and ethics, and sexuality and Islamic law. Her work on sexual ethics, feminism and marriage in Islamic law has been internationally recognized since her ground-breaking works *Sexual Ethics and Islam: Feminist Reflections on Qur’an, Hadith and Jurisprudence* (Oneworld, 2006) and *Marriage and Slavery in Early Islam* (Harvard University Press, 2010).

28 and 29 November | Symposium “Hajj: Global interactions through Pilgrimage” | in cooperation with the National Museum of Ethnology, the Fund for Ethnology Leiden (FEL), the Leiden Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology (CAOS) and NISIS | Leiden

Conveners: Dr. Luit Mols (curator National Museum of Ethnology) and Dr. Marjo Buitelaar (Faculty Theology & Religious Studies, University of Groningen + NISIS).

The symposium was organised on the occasion of the exhibition “Longing for Mecca: the Pilgrim’s Journey” (10 September 2013 - 9 March 2014) on the Hajj to Mecca in the National Museum of Ethnology, which was developed in cooperation with the British Museum in London. The symposium started with a reflection on the theory and practice of the pilgrimage to Mecca from religious, anthropological, and material culture perspectives.

This introductory session contextualized two subsequent sessions: one involving case-studies concerning global interchange and interactions in material culture spurred by the Hajj, like the production of the *kiswa* (the textile covering the Ka’ba), pilgrims’ certificates and Hajj wall-paintings. Another session was dedicated to case studies concerning transnational & local, social & political dimensions of the Hajj as well as issues concerning the meanings of pilgrimage for the religious lives and identity politics for individuals. The symposium was concluded by an in-depth on-stage interview with two Dutch Hajjis and the 3rd Adrian Gerbrands lecture by Finbarr Barry Flood (New York University).

4 December | Celebration of “100 years of Indonesian Scholarship at Leiden University” | Faculty of Humanities in cooperation with LUCIS | Academy Building, Leiden

On the occasion of the celebration of “100 Years of Indonesian Scholarship at Leiden University” Wim van den Doel, dean of the Faculty of Humanities, organised on 4 December a programme including several ceremonial addresses and academic lectures about scholarship in Indonesia, both in the past and in the present. On behalf of LUCIS Léon Buskens and Jan Michiel Otto delivered lectures, entitled “Snouck Hurgronje, Hoesein Djajadiningrat and First Indonesian Students at Leiden University” and “Indonesia and the Leiden Law School.”

12 December | Master Class “Islam and Culture in Contemporary Turkey” by Volkan Aytar

On Thursday 12 December Dr. Volkan Aytar gave a master class on the topic “Islam and Culture in Contemporary Turkey”. BA students in their final year and MA students were invited to attend this master class.

Volkan Aytar is currently the Deputy Director of Bahçeşehir University Creative Industries Center (BAUCIC) and teaches at the Faculty of Communication, Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul. In 2010 he was a guest researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Ethnic and Religious Diversity in Goettingen, Germany. He formerly was the Outreach and Advocacy Officer of the European Media and Cultural Studies (EMCS) MA Program established by Bahçeşehir University, Potsdam University and Potsdam Technology University (Germany) and funded by the European

Commission, Civil Society Dialogue (CSD) project, Secretariat General of EU Affairs of the Republic of Turkey and the Central Contracts and Finance Unit. EMCS involve the promotion and research of the effects of Turkey's accession to EU, especially in media and culture sectors, following the stipulations of the thematic area of "Institutions and Policies of European Union, EU Enlargement and Effects of Turkey's Accession to EU."

Between January 2004 and April 2009, Volkan Aytar was the Program Administrator of the leading and well-respected think-tank organization, the Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation (TESEV), Istanbul-Turkey. There, his duties included coordinating research and advocacy activities for the "Democratization Program". He administered numerous projects including: "Democratic Oversight of the Security Sector / Security Sector Reform," "Reinstitution of Citizenship Rights after Internal Displacement," "Perceptions and Mentalities Hampering Democratization," and "Turkish-Armenian Mutual Dialogue" projects. He directed four EU-funded projects at TESEV where project partners included numerous European NGOs, Research Centers and Foundations such as CEPS, CIDOB, DCAF and others.

He formerly worked as an Editorial Staff Member for the Political Handbook of the World. Binghamton: CSA Publications. Gathered, updated and evaluated electoral, socio-political and demographic information for over 80 countries. He worked successively as the Contributing Editor, 1998-2000, Consulting Editor, 2001-2002, and Assistant Editor, 2002-2003. He received his BA in Political Science from Bilkent University, Ankara, MA in Sociology from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

His book, *Entertainment and Leisure Consumption in Istanbul* based on his PhD thesis at the University of Amsterdam (UvA) will be published in 2015. Some of his English publications include: (ed.) *Selling Ethnic Neighborhoods: Rise of Neighborhoods as Places of Leisure and Consumption* (New York and London: Routledge, 2012), "Ethnicized, Tourism and Entertainment Laborscapes in Istanbul", in Jan Rath Tourism, *Ethnic Diversity and the City* (New York and London: Routledge, 2006).

13 December | Symposium "Contesting Identities: Islam and Culture in Contemporary Turkey" | in cooperation with Turkish Studies at Leiden University | conveners: Hans Theunissen and Petra de Bruijn | Leiden

The central question underlying the symposium was: how does modern Turkish culture relate to the re-emergence of Islam in Turkish society?

Over the last thirty years Islam gained new importance in Turkish culture. It manifests itself in politics and in social structures. However, it is particularly visible in the cultural domain. The presence of religious outings combined with a modern lifestyle manifests itself in literature, films and television series about a proper Islamic way of living. Related to this, interest in the Ottoman past redefines the past in a modern context. Interestingly, this phenomenon is not restricted to the religious segments of society, but it is much wider. Religious people seek idealized pious Sunni Muslim morals and behavior in it and for them it serves as an alternative to secular European and American orientated culture. Secularist intellectuals see it as a forgotten part of their multicultural past. Old multi-ethnic neighborhoods are transformed into new-build Neo-Ottoman quarters.

Television series about the Ottoman Sultans steer up a lot of discussion. This symposium provides, next to a general overview of the re-emergence of Islam on the political and social level insights in specific art forms, such as architecture, literature, film and television drama with respect to these developments.

The three main themes of the lectures were:

1. Architecture/social geography/city and heritage
2. Literature
3. Media (film, television, social media).

Speakers:

- Prof. Ayse Öncü (Sabanci University, Istanbul), architecture and society
- Dr. Amy Mills (University of South Carolina, Columbia SC), architecture and society
- Dr. Volkan Aytar (Bahcesehir University, Istanbul), architecture and society
- Dr. Petra de Bruijn (Leiden University, Leiden), television and society
- Dr. Kenan Cayir (Bilgi University, Istanbul), literature and society
- Dr. Murat Akser (Kadir Has University, Istanbul), film and society

2.3.6 Activities relevant for societal debate or related to current events

1 March | Panel discussion “A Revolution in Progress: The Case of Egypt” | Leiden University

On Friday 1 March LUCIS organised a special event about the current political situation in Egypt. A panel consisting of academics, journalists, and analysts discussed the recent past and potential future of Egypt.

Egypt’s countrywide presidential elections resulted in the victory of Islamic parties and the defeat of secular ones in the summer 2012. Yet even before their success at the polls, an abundant amount of commentary circulated that sought to analyze and understand, lament, and most notably--warn--the Egyptian population against their rising popularity. This panel brings together academics, activists, and journalists to discuss the recent political happenings in Egypt and their repercussions within the cultural, economic, historic, religious, and social realms. Through the panelists’ presentations and their ensuing discussion with audience members, we can together examine how these recent and ongoing experiences influence our understandings of Egypt post-February 2011 and the region at large.

Panel members:

- Lina Attalah: is the chief editor of *Egypt Independent*, an English-language news media based in Cairo and a sister publication of *Al-Masry Al-Youm*, Egypt’s flagship independent daily. She is active in several collectives and initiatives, including the Access to Knowledge for Development Centre of the American University in Cairo and Arab Techies, a loose network

of journalists, programmers and digital activists. She also co-founder of Take to the Sea, a research and art collective concerned with issues of migration and mobility.

- Sharif Abdel Kouddous: is an independent journalist based in Cairo. He is a fellow at the Nation Institute and a correspondent for the independent TV/radio news hour *Democracy Now!*. In addition to reporting from across Egypt, Sharif has reported from Iraq, Syria, Gaza and Bahrain. He is a board member of the independent media collective “Mosireen” in Egypt. Sharif is the 2012 recipient of the Izzy Award for “outstanding achievement in independent media” for his coverage of the Egyptian revolution.
- Sherine Tadros: is a Middle East correspondent for Al Jazeera English. An award-winning correspondent, she is currently based in Cairo and covering events of the Middle East and North Africa. Most recently she has been reporting on the uprisings in Egypt, Yemen and Libya. Other assignments include her coverage of the Hariri indictments in Lebanon and the conflict in Sudan. The highlight of her career was being one of only two foreign journalists covering the Gaza war in 2008-09, from inside Gaza. In 2009, she was nominated for an Emmy Award and a Monte Carlo Award for her outstanding work. Sherine holds two degrees in Middle East politics and previously taught undergraduate politics at SOAS, University of London.
- Tsolin Nalbantian, Assistant Professor of Contemporary Middle East History at Leiden, was the moderator of the discussion. Nalbantian is a historian who focuses on state and society in Syria and Lebanon in the 20th century. Her research interests include examining the roles minorities have played in the construction of the nation-state and nationalism; the interactions of diasporic populations with other populations and the state in the Middle East; and the politicization of identity.

10 April | Panel discussion “Al-Qaeda goes to Africa: the conflict in Mali in focus” | in cooperation with the Marokko Institute and the African Studies Centre | Campus The Hague

Since 2012, Mali has faced a series of crises – armed rebellion in the north, a military coup, the Islamist takeover of the north, the French military intervention – and ongoing political wrangling. Outside military intervention may have forced various groups of Islamists, including Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), to leave the northern towns they had held but such Islamists may have gained a foothold in the region. In this panel discussion, which is a follow up to a panel discussion in October 2012, panelists will discuss the ongoing conflict in Mali and its broader implications.

Panel members:

- Professor Jibrin Ibrahim, director of the Centre for Democracy and Development in Abuja (Nigeria). Jibrin Ibrahim is the Director of the Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD). He is a scholar-activist with an international reputation. Dr. Ibrahim received degrees in Political Science from the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria and a doctorate in Politics from the University of Bordeaux in France. An Associate Professor

in Political Science at the Ahmadu Bello University and Research Professor at the Institute of Federalism in Fribourg, Switzerland among several other academic accomplishments, Dr. Ibrahim has lectured, published and consulted extensively on democratisation and governance in Africa.

- Professor Mirjam de Bruijn is an anthropologist whose work has a clearly interdisciplinary character. She has done fieldwork in Cameroon, Chad and Mali and an important theme throughout is how people manage risk (drought, war, etc.) in both rural and urban areas. She focuses on the interrelationship between agency, marginality and mobility. Mirjam de Bruijn has been appointed Professor of Contemporary History and Anthropology of West and Central Africa at the Faculty of Arts at Leiden University as of 15 June 2007. She pronounced her inaugural lecture “De telefoon heeft benen gekregen; Mobile communicatie en sociale veranderingen in de marges van Afrika” op 5 september 2008.
- Dr. Benjamin Soares, an anthropologist, is a senior researcher and the chair of the Researchers’ Assembly at the African Studies Centre in Leiden. He has taught at Northwestern University, the University of Chicago, and the University of Sussex and held fellowships at the University of Chicago and the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales in Paris. His publications include *Islam and the Prayer Economy* (University of Michigan Press & Edinburgh University Press, 2005) and the edited collections *Muslim-Christian Encounters in Africa* (Brill, 2006); *Islam, Politics, Anthropology* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2010), with Filippo Osella; *Islam, Etat et société en Afrique* (Karthala, 2008) and *Islam and Muslim Politics in Africa* (Palgrave, 2007) with René Otayek, which has just appeared in Arabic translation (*al-Maktabah al-Akādīmīyah*, 2012).
- Marijn Kruk is currently Northern Africa correspondent for Trouw and *De Groene Amsterdammer*. Marijn Kruk (Leiden, 1971) read history at the University of Utrecht and political philosophy at the Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales in Paris. In 2004 he started writing for *De Groene Amsterdammer*, a Dutch weekly. In 2005 he became correspondent in France for *Trouw*, a Dutch daily. From 2010 onwards, he began reporting from Northern Africa and he covered the revolution in Tunisia and the war in Libya. Marijn Kruk is the author of *Parijs denkt, een republiek tegen de wereld* (2009), a book about Parisian intellectual life and the public debate in France, and (with Stefan de Vries), of *Onder mijn zolen!* (2011), an account of the Arab Spring. Most recently, he covered the events in northern Mali and visited the city of Timbuctu.

31 May | Panel discussion “Iraq Ten Years On: From US Occupation to Systemized Sectarianism” | Leiden University

On Friday 31 May LUCIS organised a special event about the current political situation in Iraq and its repercussions within the cultural, economic, historic, religious, and social realm. The panel consisted of academics, journalists, and analysts and discussed the recent past and potential future of Iraq.

It has been 10 years since the US led invasion of Iraq that legitimized pre-emptive war as a “diplomatic” solution. While the war increased morale in the States, its madness unleashed still untold effects of death and destruction in Iraq. In between the popularized terms of “troop surge”, “Shi’i-Sunni split”, and “growing Iranian influence” the world became desensitized to the continuous bombings in places of business, living, and worship in Iraq. Memories of Abu Ghraib and Falluja became more distant as the new composition of the Iraqi government was celebrated as a national triumph. Still, war and occupation and their continued legacies manifest today in the appearance of walled clusters that pervade Iraq. These are evidenced by the security zones that literally divide the capital city and the rest of the country preventing Iraqis with the freedom of movement, as well as the codification of sectarianism that categorizes Iraq’s inhabitants and regulates their access to power.

Through the panelists’ presentations and their ensuing discussion with audience members, we were able to examine how these recent and ongoing experiences influence our understandings of Iraq since 2003 as well as offer texture to the recent political unrest in the country.

Panel members:

- Sinan Antoon is an Associate Professor at the Gallatin School of New York University and a fellow of the university’s Hagob Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies. His teaching and research interests lie in pre-modern Arabic literature and contemporary Arab culture and politics. His scholarly works include *The Poetics of the Obscene: Ibn al-Hajjaj and Sukhf* (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2013) and numerous essays on the poetry of Mahmoud Darwish, Sargon Boulus and on contemporary Iraqi culture. His essays and creative writings in Arabic have appeared in major journals and publications including the *New York Times*, *Aljazeera.net*, *The Nation*, *Middle East Report*, *Journal of Palestine Studies*, and the *Journal of Arabic Literature*. He has published two collections of poetry in Arabic and one collection in English, and three novels: *I’jaam: An Iraqi Rhapsody* (City Lights, 2007) which has appeared in German, Portuguese, Norwegian and Italian editions, *The Pomegranate Alone* (2010) forthcoming from Yale University Press in 2013, and *Ya Maryam* (Beirut: Dar al-Jamal, 2012). His translations from the Arabic include Mahmoud Darwish’s *In the Presence of Absence* (Archipelago, 2011) and a selection of Iraqi poet Saadi Youssef’s late work, *Nostalgia; My Enemy* (Graywolf, 2012). His translation of Toni Morrison’s *Home* is forthcoming in Arabic in 2013. Antoon returned to his native Baghdad in 2003 as a member of InCounter Productions to co-direct a documentary, “About Baghdad”, about the lives of Iraqis in a post-Saddam-occupied Iraq. He is a member of the Editorial Review Board of the *Arab Studies Journal* and co-founder and co-editor of the cultural page of *Jadaliyya*. This spring he has been a fellow of the American Academy in Berlin.
- Haytham Bahooora is an Assistant Professor of Arabic Literature and Director of the Program in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies at the University of Colorado, Boulder. He received a BA in English Language and Literature from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and an MA and PhD in Comparative Literature from New York University. Before joining the Department of Asian Languages and Civilizations at CU-Boulder, he was a postdoctoral fellow at the research program “Europe in the Middle East: The Middle East in Europe” at the Institute for Advanced Study in Berlin. His research

interests include modern Arabic literature and culture, aesthetic modernisms, architecture and urban studies, postcolonial studies, questions of political modernity, and the relationship between material and discursive culture. He has published articles in the *International Journal of Middle East Studies* and *Jadaliyya* and is currently working on a book manuscript entitled *Politics and Aesthetics in Arabic Literature: Modernism and Nation Building in 20th Century Iraq* which links the production of modernism in Arabic literature to a particular moment of uneven social and economic development in 1950s urban Baghdad.

- Zainab Saleh is the 2011-2013 Mellon Post-Doc Fellow at the John B. Hurford Center for the Arts and Humanities and a Visiting Assistant Professor in Anthropology at Haverford College. She received a Ph.D. in Anthropology from Columbia University in 2011. Zainab's research examines the politicization of sectarian and ethnic identities among Iraqis in the UK, and the reconfiguration of the past after the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime. Zainab's publications include "Iraq and Its Tahrir Square" in *The Dawn of the Arab Uprisings*, "On Iraqi Nationality: Law, Citizenship, and Exclusion" in *Arab Studies Journal*, and "Beating the Drums of Orientalism" in *Sightings*. Currently, Zainab is working on a book manuscript entitled *Vanished Returns: Memory, Sectarianism & Exile among Iraqis in the UK*.
- Sebastian Walker is a correspondent for Al Jazeera's current affairs show "Fault Lines". For Fault Lines, Sebastian has covered the Afghanistan surge, the "Arab spring" uprisings in Libya and Bahrain, the famine in Somalia, the US withdrawal from Iraq and the 2012 US elections. Before joining the show, Sebastian was Al Jazeera's Haiti correspondent. He arrived in Port-au-Prince less than 24 hours after the January 12 earthquake, staying on to chart the course of the reconstruction effort and Haiti's subsequent struggles with hurricanes, cholera, and political chaos. Sebastian was previously based in Washington DC, arriving in 2008 to cover that year's US presidential election. He joined Al Jazeera in 2005, helping to found the English-language channel at the network's Middle East headquarters. Before Al Jazeera, Sebastian was based in Iraq for Reuters and AFP. He arrived in Baghdad in July 2003 to set up the country's first English-language newspaper in the aftermath of the US-led invasion.
- Tsolin Nalbantian is an Assistant Professor of Contemporary Middle East History at Leiden, and was the moderator of the discussion. Tsolin is a historian who focuses on state and society in Syria and Lebanon in the 20th century. Her research interests include examining the roles minorities have played in the construction of the nation-state and nationalism; the interactions of diasporic populations with other populations and the state in the Middle East; and the politicization of identity.

4 June | Debate Maurits Berger and Afshin Ellian after book presentation of *Applying Shari'a in the West. Facts, Fears and the Future of Islamic Rules on Family Relations in the West* | moderator: Jan Michiel Otto (VVI) | organised in cooperation with Leiden University Press | Leiden University

On Tuesday 4 June LUCIS, in cooperation with Leiden University Press (LUP), organised a book presentation about the recently published volume *Applying Shari'a in the West: Facts, Fears and the Future of Islamic Rules on Family Relations in the West*, edited by Maurits Berger and published by LUP. This book is published in the “Debates on Islam and Society” series. After the launch and presentation of the book, a debate between Afshin Ellian, Professor of Social Cohesion, Citizenship and Multiculturalism at the Leiden Institute for the Interdisciplinary Study of the Law, and Maurits Berger. Jan Michiel Otto acted as a moderator.

Applying Shari'a in the West provides new insights in the concept of sharia in the West, and sets out a framework of how sharia in the West can be studied. The premise of this volume is that one needs to focus on the question “what do Muslims do in terms of sharia?” rather than on “What is sharia?”. This perspective shows that the practice of sharia is restricted to a limited set of rules that mainly relate to religious rituals, family law and social interaction. The framework of this volume then continues to explore two more interactions: the Western responses to these practices of sharia and, in turn, the Muslim legal reaction to these responses.

18 June | Symposium “The Kurdish Question in 2013: domestic and transnational developments” | in cooperation with the Turkey Institute and the Amsterdam Centre for Globalisation Studies (ACGS) of the University of Amsterdam | moderator: Lily Sprangers | Leiden University

Speakers:

- 1) Michiel Leezenberg (University of Amsterdam), on the Kurdish question in general.
- 2) Kerem Öktem (Oxford University), on developments in Turkey.
- 3) Ugur Üngör (tbc) (Utrecht University), on developments in Syria.
- 4) Mariwan Kanie (University of Amsterdam), on developments in Iraq.

19 June | Meeting with Kerem Öktem | Leiden University

On 19 June, LUCIS hosted an informal Q&A session with Kerem Öktem, students and other participants on the current (May and June 2013) demonstrations in Turkey.

20 June | Lecture by Celia de Anca | “Islamic Finance: an Alternative Ethical Niche” | in cooperation with the Knowledge Centre Religion and Development and the Saudi-Spanish Center for Islamic Economics and Finance | Leiden

On Thursday 20 June, Celia de Anca, director of Saudi-Spanish Center for Islamic Economics and Finance, gave a guest lecture entitled “Islamic Finance: an Alternative Ethical Niche”. In her lecture Celia de Anca addressed the following issues:

- basics of Islamic finance: principles as derived from Islam, ethical underpinnings (theory);
- its emergence as a niche sector (practice);
- comparison with conventional finance and other ethical finance niches;
- trends and debates about Islamic finance.

Islamic Finance is a niche of the global financial markets. It is theory put to practice. Its key financial centers are based in Malaysia and the Gulf regions, Muslim majority countries, but major centers also exist in the non-Muslim world, in Singapore, London, Paris and New York. Influential financial institutions, such as the World Bank, IMF are actively participating in developing this field. The financial crisis sparked a search for viable, more stable and ethical alternatives. Debates about the future of finance are ongoing worldwide. This also resulted in a wider interest in Islamic finance. Islamic Finance is based on:

- a prohibition of interest, speculation and avoidable risk taking;
- a requirement to confine financial exchange to real products and services (asset based);
- a requirement for investments to comply with the ethical guidelines laid out by Islam;
- a preference for participative finance based on profit and loss sharing.

On 28 June, the *Volkskrant* published an interview with Celia de Anca, by Pieter Smit.

About Celia de Anca

Dr. Celia de Anca is currently the director of the Centre for Diversity in Global Management at IE Business School, where she also directs the Saudi-Spanish Centre for Islamic Economics and Finance. She was previously the Director of Corporate Programmes at the Euro-Arab Management School (EAMS), Granada. She has also worked for the Fundación Cooperación Internacional y Promoción Ibero-América Europa. (CIPIE) and at the International Division of Banco de Santander. She has a master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (Boston), and from the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid. She holds a degree and PhD from the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, with a comparative thesis on Islamic, ethical/ecological investment funds and on the London market.

She is the Author of *Beyond Tribalism*, Palgrave MacMillan 2012, and co-author of the *Managing Diversity in the Global Organization*, Macmillan 2007. She had articles published in specialised journals, in addition to regular articles in the press. She was an external advisor of the Merrill Lynch's Diversity & Inclusion Council up to 2009. She is a member of the Ethics Committee of InverCaixa's Ethics Fund, Spain and a member of the International Scientific Committee of the University Euromed in Marseille, France. She is also member of the Executive Committee at IE Business School. She has received the award of the women executive of the year 2008 by the Business Women Association of Madrid (ASEME). Ms. de Anca is fluent in Spanish, English, French and Arabic.

The Leiden Kashmir panel was broadly aimed at raising awareness on the Kashmir conflict. Kashmir houses the highest concentration of military troops anywhere in the world and is the oldest unresolved problem pending in the United Nations. Despite that it has never received the attention it so justifiably deserves. In fact it is often projected and perceived as an Islamic upsurge against the Indian State and its Hindu people or at best a bilateral dispute between the two neighbouring states of India and Pakistan. In the process it loses its essential salience as a political struggle of an oppressed Kashmiri people for their legitimate rights, only because the oppressed in this case happen to be Muslims.

The political struggle of the Kashmiri people has an older history to it that goes back to the colonial period. Based on the United Nations resolutions, the Kashmiri Muslims who make the majority of the population of the region, claim that they have a legitimate right to self determine their political future. However, the Indian state which has controlled the region since 1947 has used all means possible to suppress the popular struggle. The Indian army in Kashmir which numbers around 500,000 — 700,000, operating under complete impunity has paralysed any semblance of normal life in the region. In the last twenty five years the massive human rights violence has resulted in thousands of disappearances and around a hundred thousand deaths. Despite this continuing hostility the conflict is nowhere close to a meaningful solution.

So what are the future prospects of this long standing dispute that many political commentators now claim has the potential to involve India and Pakistan in a nuclear war? Of course the threat is motivation enough to seek a lasting solution to the conflict but should that be the only reason to resolve it? Should the Kashmiri people not be allowed their genuine right to exercise their own political choices? Is there any scope left for a UN intervention, and what is the expected role of the international community? Recently the Norwegian Parliament concluded a debate on Kashmir that urged India and Pakistan governments to resolve the dispute. But do such debates and political gatherings provide any way forward or are they mere rhetorical exercises that have very little operational scope in contemporary politics where human rights have multiple meanings depending upon which side of the globe you reside? Having said that, can we ignore the human aspects of this conflict? The continuing violence has taken a heavy toll in Kashmir and people it seems have given up any expectation of normal life for a while to come. Or may we say that people have accepted the conflict situation as a normal course of their otherwise troubled existence?

Speakers:

- 1) Dr. Uma Chakravarti (Delhi University, India)
- 2) Dr. Mridu Rai (Department of History, Trinity College, Dublin)
- 3) Drs. Marjan Lucas (Human Rights activist, Nijmegen, the Netherlands)
- 4) Dr. Nitasha Kaul (University of Westminster, England).

2 December | Panel discussion “The Islamic Republic of Iran: Victim or Renegade?” | in cooperation with Sheherazade | moderator: Asghar Seyed-Gohrab | Leiden

In the recent past, the West has profited much from Iranian oil wealth and Iran’s strategic position. It has mingled in Iran’s internal political affairs to serve its own interest, and has directly contributed to the overthrow of the democratically elected premier Mohammad Mosaddeq in 1953. The West had a hand in Ayatollah Khomeini’s exile and, even after Saddam’s chemical attacks on Iranian civilians, it stayed on Iraqi side in the eight year-long Iran-Iraq War. What does it mean to look at the current political developments in Iran from the perspective of this recent history? Will the relatively moderate and pragmatic leaders Obama and Rouhani be able to overcome this troubled past?

Speakers:

- Arshin Adib-Moghaddam: 'Iran under Rouhani: Old wine in new bottles?' (SOAS, University of London)
- Peyman Jafari (Leiden University)
- Shervin Nekuee.

4 December | “In conversation with Samir Morcus, former Coptic advisor of the Egyptian former president Mohammed Morsi” | in cooperation with the Leiden University Institute for Religious Studies | Leiden

On Wednesday 4 December, the Leiden Institute for Religious Studies, in cooperation with LUCIS, organised a panel with Samir Morcus, former Coptic advisor of the Egyptian former president Mohammed Morsi on the political situation in Egypt. Moderator: Dr. Umar Ryad.

Samir Morcus is a well-known Egyptian political writer and activist. He was one of the drafters of Al-Azhar document, and a former deputy prime minister and member of the Norwegian Academy of Literature and Freedom of Expression. His main interest of research and activism focuses on the Coptic laity, citizenship and civil life in Egypt. He was also a co-founder of the Coptic Center of Social Studies (established in 1994). Ousted Egyptian president Morsi appointed Morcus as one of his assistants during the drafting of the “Democratic Transformation”, being the first Christian Egyptian appointed in this position. Morcus resigned (November 2012) in protest against the Constitution, which he considered as “undemocratic.” During the discussion, Morcus gave an insiders’ view on the Arab Spring and the situation in Egypt, particularly as a former member of Morsi’s advisory team.

5-6 December | Two-day workshop: “After the Degree: How to work with the Middle East” | Leiden

On Thursday 5 and Friday 6 December, Lucis organized a two-day panel entitled “After the Degree: How to work with the Middle East.” This panel brought together NGO consultants, activists, journalists, independent filmmakers, and museum curators to discuss the career opportunities for MA and advanced BA students of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies after graduation.

On the first day, each panelist talked about their own trajectory, what led them to choose or create their professions and how they engage with the Middle East region. After the presentations, students signed up for groups so that the following day they could speak with each individual presenter more intimately in a smaller group session, to ask them about their own career aspirations and receive valuable career advice from the professional. It is the hope that such a panel/workshop will ease students' anxieties about their ambitions post-graduation while demonstrating the inspiring and diverse opportunities that exist with such a major and its associate expertise.

Speakers:

- Ramla Al-Khalidi is the Chief of the Strategic Directions and Partnerships Section at the UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), where she is responsible for forging the organization's partnership and resource mobilization strategy and for promoting inter-disciplinary initiatives. Prior to that Ramla was the Chief of the Technical Cooperation Section at ESCWA where she managed the advisory and capacity building services and field projects in ESCWA member countries. She also worked as a First Social Affairs Officer at ESCWA from 2007 – 2010, working on research and programmes related to social policy and development. Ramla has been working with the United Nations since 1996 when she joined the UN Development Programme's Regional Bureau for Arab States in New York as an Associate Expert working on Poverty issues in the region. She then moved to the UNDP Regional Office in Beirut where she was involved in providing support to UNDP's Country Offices in Arab Region on programme design, monitoring, and evaluation. Before joining the UN, Ramla spent over three years working as a research assistant in Amnesty International's headquarters in London, and has several years of experience working as a journalist in Lebanon. Ramla holds a Master's degree in Arab Studies from Georgetown University and a BA in International Relations and History from Tufts University.
- Sonya Knox is a social development expert with over ten years' professional experience in the Arab region. In 2010 she co-founded Ibtikar Research & Consulting, a Beirut-based development firm that promotes a participatory approach to community building and human development. Ibtikar supports and works with organizations that promote positive social agendas and advocate for equitable empowerment. Sonya has worked with UN agencies, international and local NGOs and community-based organizations in a number of Arab countries, primarily focusing on issues of poverty and injustice, as well as crisis and community-led recovery. She has a MS in Public Health from the American University of Beirut, and has also worked as a journalist and editor, as well as a volunteer activist in civil society and political rights campaigns.
- Nat Muller is an independent curator and critic based in Rotterdam. Her main interests include: the intersections of aesthetics, media and politics; media art and contemporary art in and from the Middle East. She is a regular contributor to Springerin, MetropolisM. Her writing has been published in *Bidoun*, *Art Asia Pacific*, *Art Papers*, *Canvas*, *X-tra Majalla*, *ARTPulse*, *Daily Star*, *De Gids*, *De Volkskrant*, *Art Margins* and *Harper's Bazaar Arabia*. She has also written numerous catalogue and monographic essays on artists from the

Middle East. With Alessandro Ludovico she edited the *Reader2: Between Paper and Pixel* (2007), and *Reader3: Processual Publishing, Actual Gestures* (2009), based on a series of debates organized at Documenta XII. She has taught at universities and academies in The Netherlands and the Middle East, and has curated video and film screenings for projects and festivals internationally, including for Rotterdam's International Film Festival, Norwegian Short Film Festival and Video D.U.M.B.O. She is a board member of the IMPAKT Media Festival, and sits on the advisory board of Artterritories (Ramallah), the arts organization TENT (Rotterdam), and is a member of selection committee of the Mondriaan Fund (NL), Netherlands' largest fund for arts and culture, and the Fund for Creative Industries and e-Culture (NL). She was a nominator for the prestigious 2013 Jameel Art Prize organized by the V&A. In 2012 she curated Spectral Imprints for the Abraaj Group Capital Art Prize 2012. Nat Muller is editorial correspondent for *Ibraaz* and most recently was a speaker on BBC World's award-winning program *The Doha Debates*.

- Suzy Salamy has been working on documentaries and on TV news programs for the last fifteen years. Her documentary work concentrates on the Middle East, specifically covering conflicts/wars in Iraq, Palestine and Lebanon. Her current documentary explores the lives of Queer, Lebanese activists in Beirut. She also works as a social worker at The New York City Anti-Violence Project where she incorporates the use of video and photography as a therapeutic technique.
- Liam Stack is the editor of *Watching Syria's War*, a New York Times multimedia project that tracks the conflict in Syria through reporting, social media and citizen video. He covered the Egyptian revolution and the revolutions in Syria and Libya for The New York Times, and is a former correspondent for *The Christian Science Monitor* and *The Daily News Egypt*. You can follow Liam on Twitter at @liamstack.
- Tsolin Nalbantian (moderator) is an Assistant Professor of Contemporary Middle East History at Leiden, and is the convener of this workshop. Tsolin is a historian who focuses on state and society in Syria and Lebanon in the 20th century. Her research interests include examining the roles minorities have played in the construction of the nation-state and nationalism; the interactions of diasporic populations with other populations and the state in the Middle East; and the politicization of identity.

2.3.7 Supporting formal visits

24 September | Visit of Indonesian delegation from Semarang | Faculty Club, Leiden

On 24 September, LUCIS hosted the visit of an Indonesian delegation from Semarang. The afternoon programme included a presentation by Léon Buskens about LUCIS, NISIS and the history of Islamic studies at Leiden University.

5-15 November | Visit of Indonesian delegation from Medan | Leiden

In November 2013, LUCIS organised a complete programme for an Indonesian delegation from Medan, including research meetings, a guided tour in the national museum of Ethnology and in the Leiden University Library, a guided walking tour through “Islamic Leiden,” and lectures by Nico Kaptein and Léon Buskens. In this way, the long tradition of cooperation between institutes for Islamic learning in Indonesia and Leiden University is carefully continued.

2.3.8 Cultural activities

27 November | Ahmet Hamdi Tanpinar: *Sereen* | in cooperation with Turkish Studies, het Yunus Emre Instituut en Stichting Literaire Activiteiten Amsterdam | De Balie, Amsterdam

[*Report in Dutch since this was a Dutch-language event*]

Op woensdagavond 27 november stond in De Balie in Amsterdam de Turkse schrijver Ahmet Hamdi Tanpinar centraal. Aan de hand van zijn roman *Sereen* werd besproken wat Tanpinar tot één van de grondleggers van de moderne Turkse roman maakt. Daarnaast werd een aantal sleutelcomposities uit de roman opgevoerd en besproken.

Ahmet Hamdi Tanpinar (1901-1962) is een van de grondleggers van de moderne Turkse roman en een grote inspiratiebron voor auteurs als Orhan Pamuk. Met zijn grote kennis van de westerse en de Osmaanse cultuur was hij een van de eersten die begreep dat Turkije alleen tot een moderne natie kan uitgroeien als ook de Osmaanse erfenis een plaats krijgt. Zijn stellingname voor zo'n synthese werd hem lang niet in dank afgenomen. Nu vinden zijn romans, ook buiten Turkije, steeds meer lezers. Vertaler Hanneke van der Heijden en Petra de Bruijn, docente aan de Universiteit van Leiden, vertelden deze avond wat hem tot één van de grondleggers van de moderne Turkse roman maakt.

Het Levantijns Orkest belichtte de muzikale kant van *Sereen*. Tijdens de avond liet het orkest een aantal sleutelcomposities uit de roman horen, waaronder composities van Dede Efendi (1778-1846). De muzikanten gingen ook in op de achtergrond van deze muziek.

Appendix 2.4

LUCIS in the media 2013

Research conducted by scholars affiliated to LUCIS has attracted attention both inside and outside academia in 2013. Also, Leiden scholars have been consulted regularly to comment on current affairs related to Islam and the Muslim world. Please find below a selection of various media coverages related to research of LUCIS affiliated scholars.

Printed media			
Date	Subject/title	Details of persons involved	Medium
10 January	“Het leven van Mohammed verstript”	Article by Jan Just Witkam about	NRC Handelsblad
24 January	“Stilstaan bij de geboorte van de profeet”	Interview with Mohammed Ghaly	Leidsch Dagblad
25 January	“Onlusten over teleurstelling revolutie in Egypte”	Interview with Umar Ryad	De Gelderlander
7 February	“Vrouwenbesnijdenis geen uitwas van islam”	Interview with Maurits Berger and Mohammed Ghaly	Leidsch Dagblad and other regional newspapers
28 March	“Tegendraadse memoires in het Egypte van Morsi”	Article by Jan Just Witkam	NRC Handelsblad
28 March	“Bijna alles is poëzie. Hoe Iraanse regisseurs zich in allerlei bochten wringen”	Volume edited by Asghar Seyed-Gohrab about Iranian film	Mare
30 March	“Opleiden imams mislukt”	Interview with Maurits Berger	Noordhollands Dagblad
5 June	“Breken met traditie van onrust” “Honderden visies, één omroep”	Interview with Maurits Berger about Muslim broadcasting companies	Leidsch Dagblad en andere regionale dagbladen
28 June	“Banken kunnen leren van de islam”	Interview with Celia de Anca by Pieter Smit, about her LUCIS lecture in Leiden entitled “Islamic Finance: an Alternative Ethical Niche” (20 June)	De Volkskrant
13 July	“Wat een democratie is, ontgaat de meeste Egyptenaren”	Article by Jan Just Witkam	NRC Handelsblad
3 September	“De Arabische wereld moet zelf iets doen” / “Syrië is onze zaak niet, laat Arabische Liga reageren”	Op-ed article by Maurits Berger	nrc.next NRC Handelsblad
4 September	“Juristen uit Leiden schieten Libië te hulp”	Interview with Jan Michiel Otto	Leidsch Dagblad

8 September	About impending attack of the US on Syria	Maurits Berger as a guest in television programme “Jinek”	KRO
26 September	“Gemarteld vanwege de achternaam. Gewelddadige milities verstoren Libische staatsbestel”	Interview with Jan Michiel Otto	Mare
4 October	“Assads vijanden zijn misschien ook de onze”	Op-ed article by Maurits Berger	NRC Handelsblad
Radio			
16 June	Unrest in Turkey	Interview with Erik-Jan Zürcher	OVT, VPRO (radio 1)
13 September	Research on Muslim intellectuals in Europe during the interbellum	Interview with Amr Ryad about his ERC project	Hoe?Zo! Radio, Radio 5
23 October	Development of the constitutional state in Libya	Interview with Jan Michiel Otto about	BNR Nieuwsradio
Television			
3 September	Controversial Muslim flag on soccer field in The Hague	Reading of events by Maurits Berger	Omroep West GeenStijl
19 October	Social media in the Arab world	Interview with Ahmed Al-Rawi after his LUCIS/MES lecture “Islam Online: Social Media in the Arab World” (10 October)	MO Actueel, Moslim Omroep
Online			
27 May	Hajj conference	Online Arabic articles about conference “Europe and Hajj in the Age of Empires: Muslim Pilgrimage prior to the Influx of Muslim Migration in the West” (13-14 May)	Al Jazirah Aljazeera
6 June	“Angst voor sharia in Europa”	Article by Michel Hoebink about book presentation <i>Applying Sharia in the West</i> and debate between Afshin Ellian and Maurits Berger on 4 June 2013	Hunasotak.com Hespress Masrawy.com

Appendix 2.5 Leiden Islam Blog articles in 2013

In December 2012 LUCIS launched the Leiden Islam Blog, a platform where scholars as well as advanced students and specialists outside academia can share their expertise and ideas with a wider audience. The Leiden Islam Blog stands out by reacting to current affairs related to Islam and Muslim societies while at the same time touching on the research being performed by scholars engaged in Islamic studies.

The blog contains contributions of about 600-800 words, usually in Dutch. If necessary, the articles are edited by an editor before publishing. Readers are invited to leave a comment on the published blogs in the comment section, which is monitored by an editor to avoid content which is not in line with our principles concerning dialogue, debate and integrity.

2013 was the first year in which the Leiden Islam Blog was operational during the whole year. Please find below a list of articles published on the blog in 2013.

Date	Title	Author
7 January	Tariq Ramadan versus Rotterdam	Annemarie van Sandwijk
16 January	Het leven van Mohammed verstript	Jan Just Witkam
21 January	Afbeeldingen van de profeet Mohammed is soms juist eerbetoon	Umar Ryad
1 February	Vierhonderd jaar leerstoel Arabisch in Leiden	Dorrit van Dalen
7 February	‘Sereen’: Tanpinars antwoord op de Turkse seculiere politiek	Petra de Bruijn
11 February	Gemiste kans voor imamopleidingen in Nederland	Maurits Berger
13 February	Moslams ziek van carnaval? Dat maken zij zelf wel uit	Marietje Beemsterboer
21 February	Rituele slacht: compromis tussen recht en ethiek	Mohammed Ghaly
28 February	Het Arabisch: taal van de leemten	Ahmad al-Jallad
7 March	Wilders is met moskeeangst terug in het verleden	Umar Ryad
11 March	Islamitisch begraven in Nederland en België vereist zorgvuldig beleid	Khadija Kadrouch-Outmany
18 March	Het Iraanse staatsbestel en ‘maslaha(t)’: islam of eigenbelang?	Johan ter Haar
25 March	Pleidooi voor een belangeloze interesse in de Arabische wetenschap	Remke Kruk
11 April	Topless Jihad	Esther van Eijk
18 April	De strijd voor een rechtsstaat in Libië	Jan Michiel Otto
24 April	Balling Nasr Abu Zayd wilde helemaal geen dissident zijn	Jan Just Witkam
26 April	Turkse pianist veroordeeld wegens blasfemie. Waar gaat dat heen?	Petra de Bruijn
2 May	Turks, klassiek en dansbare jazz: de muziek van Karsu Dönmez	Aya Johanna Daniëlle Dürst Britt
7 May	Bekeren door kleineren: islam en schaamte	Dorrit van Dalen
24 May	Turkije: zichtbare islam symboliseert politieke machtsstrijd	Lily Sprangers

10 June	A week in the shadow of Taksim	Erik-Jan Zürcher
24 June	Koerdische Kwestie anno 2013: ‘dé Koerdische identiteit bestaat niet’	Ruud Schapenk
5 July	Egypte: islam en democratie revisited	Maurits Berger
15 July	Democratie uit de loop van een geweer	Jan Just Witkam
25 July	Optische illusie als brug naar oneindigheid: Escher meets Islamic art	Aya Johanna Daniëlle Dürst Britt
5 August	Van voordeursleutel tot vrij Palestina: de muzikale intifada van Doc Jazz	Aya Johanna Daniëlle Dürst Britt
3 September	Westen moet probleem laten waar het hoort: de Arabische wereld	Maurits Berger
5 September	Islam en democratie?	Lily Sprangers
17 September	The interplay between ethics and economics in the work of Imam al-Ghazali	Sami Al-Daghistani
1 October	Dialoog tussen alevieten en soennieten in Turkije wordt van bovenaf geregisseerd	Heleen van der Linden
17 October	De christelijke Allah in Maleisië	Maurits Berger
29 October	Iran en de Arabische wereld: geboren of gezworen vijanden?	Maaïke Warnaar
7 November	Magische fusie van Coke Studio verbreedert	Aya Johanna Daniëlle Dürst Britt
12 November	Aliens ontdekt in dertiende eeuws Arabisch geschrift?	Remke Kruk
2 December	Muslim female superheroes	Remke Kruk

In addition to regular articles, the Leiden Islam Blog has also launched a video series entitled “Islam and Society.” Scholars are invited to record informative videos about general topics related to their various expertises, which may be used by instructors at secondary schools and other professionals. LUCIS produces these videos with Roel Zaadnoordijk of DailyChannelTV. Until now, the following videos have been uploaded on the Leiden Islam Blog:

Instructor/lecturer	Topic	Date
Maurits Berger	What is Sharia?	October 2012
Mohammed Ghaly	Islam and medical ethics	October 2012
Petra Sijpesteijn	The founding history of Islam	February 2013
Luit Mols	Objects from Islamic culture	April 2013
Amina Wadud	“Islam, Feminism, and Humanism”	October 2013

2013 | grant Luit Mols

Financial contribution of LUCIS to the appointment of Luit Mols, curator Middle East, West and Central Asia at the National Museum of Ethnology.

2013 | grant Merel Kahmann

Financial contribution of LUCIS to Merel Kahmann to finish her PhD dissertation, and to cover some of Lon Buskens' teaching duties.

2013 | grants LUCIS visiting fellows 2013

Funding of travel and accommodation expenses for LUCIS visiting fellows Sabine Schmidtke (spring 2013) and Carolien Roelants (autumn 2013).

Appendix 2.7 Organisation

In its capacity as an expertise and networking centre, LUCIS offers a framework for collaboration between academics who are affiliated to the faculties of Humanities, Law, and Social and Behavioural Sciences. The faculty of Humanities acts as the coordinating faculty; the Leiden University Institute for Area Studies as administrator.

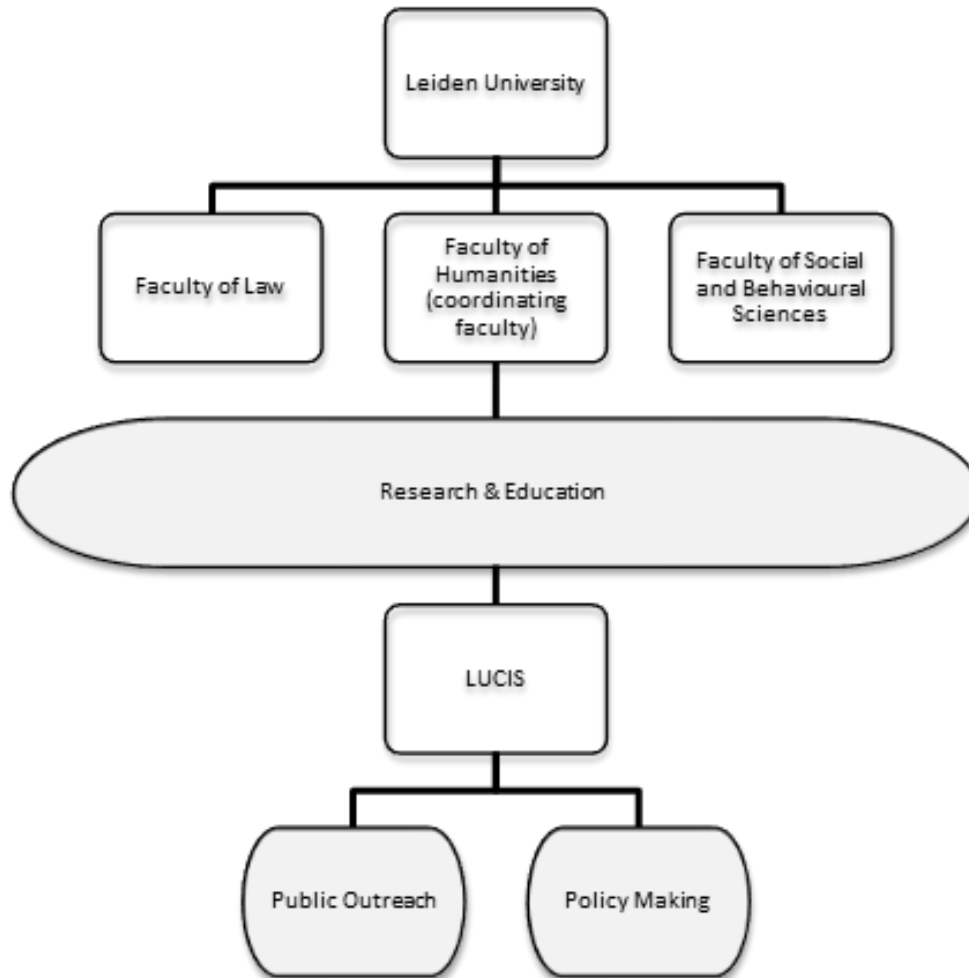


Chart 1. LUCIS as an interfaculty knowledge and networking centre

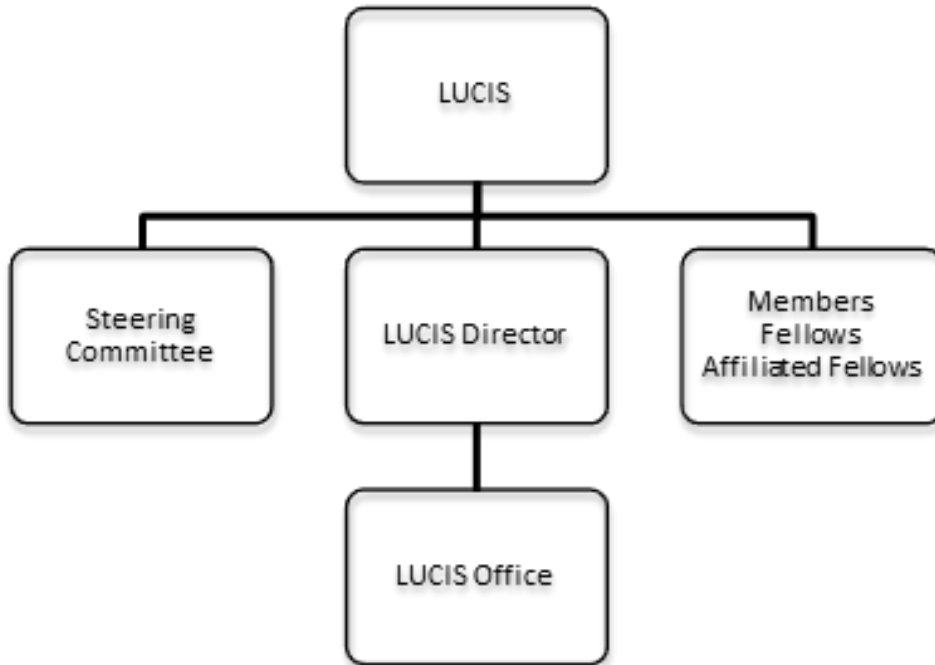


Chart 2. Organisation of LUCIS

The LUCIS steering committee advises on the policy of LUCIS, initiates its activities, and supervises its budget. It currently consists of Léon Buskens (director), Maurits Berger, Jan Michiel Otto, Petra Sijpesteijn and Nico Kaptein.

2.7.1 LUCIS network of affiliated researchers

LUCIS does not employ research staff or PhD candidates itself. Since the founding of LUCIS the centre has brought together a pool of affiliated researchers who are categorised as follows:

- LUCIS members are employees (either faculty or PhD candidates) of Leiden University whose research primarily deals with Islam and Muslim societies.
- LUCIS fellows are employees (either faculty or PhD candidates) of Leiden University whose research does not primarily deal with Islam and Muslim societies, but who still do work related to LUCIS concerns to a certain extent.

LUCIS members and fellows are *not* appointed by LUCIS; they are employees at their respective research institutes (LIAS, LIRS, VVI, Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology) and their respective faculties.

The executive tasks of the LUCIS steering committee are performed by the director of LUCIS, Léon Buskens. He is assisted by an executive secretary, Petra de Bruijn (as of 1 June 2010), and an office, consisting of a secretary, several assistants and editors. In 2013 the office was staffed by Annemarie van Sandwijk (as of 15 June 2010), Arshad Muradin (as of 15 June 2010), Heleen van der Linden (as of 1 March 2011), Farah Bazzi (as of 1 September 2011), Laura Prak (as of 1 February 2013) and Femke Groeneveld (as of 1 March 2013).

In addition, LUCIS has incorporated visiting fellows and affiliated fellows from outside Leiden University:

- LUCIS visiting fellows are invited to deliver a series of lectures on a state-of-the-art topic in the area of Islam and/or Muslim societies.
- LUCIS affiliated fellows are external researchers whose work primarily focuses on Islam and Muslim societies. They are not based at Leiden University, but LUCIS highly values this affiliation with prestigious institutions and other universities (Brill, African Studies Centre, National Museum of Ethnology, VU University Amsterdam). This collaboration considerably benefits both parties.

2.7.2 Overview of LUCIS members, fellows and affiliated fellows

LUCIS members (faculty)		
Name	Affiliation	Expertise
Dr. G.R. (Gabrielle) van den Berg	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Oral traditions of the Ismailis of Tajik Badakhshan; ‘heterodox’ literature in the Safavid Empire and the rise of Shiism as a state religion in Iran; Persian epic poetry and manuscripts; cultural encounters in Central Asia
Prof. M.S. (Maurits) Berger <i>Steering committee member</i>	Hum /LIRS	Islamic law; political Islam; freedom of religion; relation between law and religion; the role and influence of Sharia in Western countries; the dialectic between ‘Islam’ and ‘the West’
Prof. L.P.H.M. (Léon) Buskens <i>Director of LUCIS</i> <i>Steering committee member</i>	Hum/LIAS/SMES Law/VVI	Culture, law and Islam in contemporary Middle Eastern societies especially Morocco; anthropology of Muslim societies; Islamic law; history of orientalism
Dr. P. (Petra) de Bruijn	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Turkish literature and performing arts; modern Turkish Islam.
Dr. N.M. (Nathal) Dessing	Hum/LIRS	Anthropology of Islam; Islam in Europe; ritual studies
Prof. C. (Kees) van Dijk (emeritus)	LIAS	Political and religious developments in Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, South Thailand, and the Southern Philippines
Dr. M.M.M.I. (Mohammed) Ghaly	Hum/LIRS	Islamic law; Islamic theology; Islamic bioethics; training of imams in the West
Dr. N.J.G. (Nico) Kaptein <i>Steering committee member</i>	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Relationship between Islam and local culture; relations between the Middle East and Southeast Asia in the religious domain; Dutch Islam policy in the Netherlands East Indies, focusing on the

		life and work of Sayyid ‘Uthmân (1822-1914) of Batavia (monograph in preparation); Islam in Indonesia
Dr. T. (Tsolin) Nalbantian	Hum/LIAS/SMES	State and society in Syria and Lebanon in the 20th century; roles minorities play in the construction of the nation-state and nationalism; interactions of diasporic populations with other populations and the state in the Middle East; politicization and utilization of identity.
Prof. P.S. (Pieter Sjoerd) van Koningsveld	Hum/LIRS	Islam in the West; Muslim-Christian relations; slavery
Prof. J.M. (Jan Michiel) Otto <i>Steering committee member</i>	Law/VVI	Law, governance and development; Sharia and national law; local government; environment and land tenure
Dr. U. (Umar) Ryad	Hum/LIRS	Dynamics of the networks of Islamic reformist movements; Muslim polemics on Christianity; the history of Christian missions in the modern Muslim world; transnational Islam in interwar Europe
Dr. A.A. (Asghar) Seyed- Gohrab	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Persian language and literature; Islamic mysticism
Prof. P.M. (Petra) Sijpesteijn <i>Steering committee member</i>	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Islamic history; Arabic papyrology; historiography
Prof. J.J. (Jan Just) Witkam (emeritus)	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Islamic book culture; Islamic bibliography; codicology and palaeography of the Islamic world; history of orientalism
LUCIS members (PhD candidates)		
J. (Jelle) Bruning	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Title PhD diss.: <i>The rise of a capital: on the development of al-Fuṣṭāt’s relationship with its hinterland, 18/639-132/750</i>
D.A.M.E. (Dorrit) van Dalen	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Title PhD project: “The Integration of Central Sudanic Africa into the Muslim World”

E. (Esther) van Eijk	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Title PhD diss.: <i>Family Law in Syria. A Plurality of Laws, Norms, and Legal Practices</i>
A. (Ahmad) Nuril Huda	FSBS/CA-DS	Title PhD project: <i>Projecting Islam on Screen: A Study of Islamic Film Culture in Indonesia</i>
Y. (Yasrul) Huda	LIAS	Title PhD diss.: <i>Contesting Sharia. State Law, Decentralization and Minangkabau Custom</i>
S.C. (Stijn) van Huis	Law/VVI	Title PhD project: "Access to Justice for Women in Divorce Cases in Indonesia: Islamic Court Reasoning under Global, National and Local Influences"
K. (Khadija) Kadrouch-Outmany	FSBS/CA-DS	Title PhD project: Islamic Burials in Belgium and the Netherlands. Legal, Religious and Social Aspects
M.J. (Merel) Kahmann	LIRS	Title PhD project: "Ontmoetingen tussen Marokkaanse Nederlanders en de Marokkaanse overheid: een antropologisch perspectief"
M.A.L. (Marie) Legendre	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Title PhD diss.: <i>Pouvoir et territoire: L'administration islamique en Moyenne-Égypte pré-tūlūnide (642-868)</i>
Rehanna Nurmohamed	Law/VVI	Title PhD project: "Sharia and National Law in the United Arab Emirates. An Analysis of its Legal System and Historical and Social Background"
Anne Marieke Schwencke	Hum /LIRS	Title PhD project: "Religion and Sustainability"
K. (Khaled) Mohamed Mahmoud Younes	Hum /LIAS/SMES	Title PhD diss.: <i>Joy and sorrow in early Muslim Egypt: Arabic papyrus letters, text and content</i>
LUCIS fellows (faculty)		
Dr. B. (Bart) Barendregt	FSBS/CA-DS	Southeast Asia, digital anthropology, Islam, popular culture
Dr. A. (Adriaan) Bedner	Law/VVI	Law, governance and development, courts and dispute resolution, Adat law, environmental law, constitutional law,

		Indonesian law general
Prof. W.B. (Wim) Drees	Hum /LIRS	Philosophy of religion, theology and natural sciences
Prof. J. (Judith) Frishman	LIRS	Jews and Judaism in modernity; effects of Enlightenment and modernity on Jewish identity
Dr. J.J.L. (Jos) Gommans	Hum/Institute for History	South Asian history; colonial history; world history
Prof. R.B. (Bas) ter Haar Romeny	Hum/LIRS	Old Testament and Eastern Christian traditions
Dr. M. (Mat) Immerzeel	Hum/LIAS	Middle East; early Christian culture.
Dr. K.C. (Karel) Innemée	Faculty of Archaeology	Art history; Christian culture of the Near East
Dr. M.G. (Maarten) Kossmann	LIAS/LUCL	Arabic dialects and Berber languages in the Maghrib; historical morphology of Berber
B. (Birte) Kristiansen	Leiden University Library	Librarian Middle East and the Islamic world
Prof. H.L. (Heleen) Murre-van den Berg	Hum/LIRS	History of World Christianity; 'non-western' forms of Christianity in Africa, Asia and Latin America
Dr. N.A.N.M. van Os	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Turkish studies; late-Ottoman women's movement
Dr. W.T. van Peursen	Hum /LIRS	Old Testament; Hebrew and Syrian literature
Dr. J. (José) van Santen	FSBS/CA-DS	Islam/Islamization; globalization; gender; ethnic and religious identity; processes of migration and access to land; relation between sedentary and nomadic groups in West Africa
Dr. G. (Gesa) Schenke	LIAS	Greek and Coptic papyrology; archaeology of Egypt; monastic communities
Dr. H.W. (Rico) Sneller	Hum/LIRS	Continental philosophy; Derrida; mysticism and spirituality
Prof. H.J. (Harry) Stroomer	Hum/LIAS	Berber; South Semitic; linguistic diversity in North Africa and the Middle East; linguistic anthropology.
Dr. H.P.A. (Hans) Theunissen	Hum/LIAS	Turkish culture; Islamic art

Prof. J.K. (Jürgen) Zangenberg	Hum/LIRS	Early Christianity; gospel; ancient Judaism; Samaritans; archaeology of ancient Israel and Samaria
Prof. E.J. (Erik-Jan) Zürcher	Hum/LIAS	Turkish languages and cultures; social history; Turkish politics
LUCIS fellows (PhD candidates)		
M.I. (Idrees) Kanth	Hum/LIAS	Modern history of Kashmir and South Asia and Islam
K. (Ken) Setiawan	Law/VVI	Indonesian and Malaysian national human rights discourses
H. (Herlambang) Wiratraman	Law/VVI	Indonesia; constitutional law; human rights; legislation law and governance
LUCIS affiliated fellows		
Dr. M.H. (Maurits) van den Boogert	Acquisitions editor at Brill Academic Publishers. Subject area: Middle East and Islamic Studies	Arabic studies; Ottoman history; travelers' literature
Dr. Luit Mols	Curator at the National Museum of Ethnology, Leiden	Material cultural history of the Middle East and West Asia; Islamic metalwork; international collaboration, culture preservation and documentation of the Middle East and West Asia
Dr. B. (Benjamin) Soares	Senior researcher, Africa Studies Centre	Islam and Muslim societies in Africa, especially Mali, Mauritania, Nigeria, and Senegal
Prof. J.T. (Thijl) Sunier	Professor of anthropology at VU University Amsterdam; chair Islam in European societies	Anthropology of religion (Islam, politics and Islam, leadership, young people and islam); migration; ethnicity, nation-building and European history; Turkey.

Appendix 2.8 Individual annual reports of LUCIS members 2013

2.8.1 Faculty

Dr. G.R. (Gabrielle) van den Berg (LIAS)

Publications

- “Alexander in het Perzische Boek der Koningen. ” In: Burgersdijk, Diederik, Wouter Henkelman & Willemijn Waal (eds.), *Alexander en Darius. De Macedoniër in de spiegel van het Nabije Oosten*. Hilversum: Verloren, 2013, 195-208.
- “A Persian Manuscript in the Library of Huis Bergh Castle, ’s-Heerenberg, The Netherlands,” *Journal of Islamic Manuscripts* 4 (2013): 249-261.
- “Rumi. Nieuwe (vertaalde) poëzie”, vertalingen poëzie, in *Nieuwe Liefde. Magazine voor cultuur, religie en politiek* 2, no. 1 (2013), 70-71.
- “The Borzunama in the Persian Manuscript Tradition.” In: Yahaghi, Mohammad Jafar (ed.), *Proceedings of the Millennium of the Shahnameh*. Tehran: The Academy of Persian Language and Literature 2013, 1-10.
- “An Epic for Shah Abbas.” In: Hillenbrand R., A.C.S. Peacock, F. Abdullaeva (eds.), *Ferdowsi, the Mongols and the History of Iran. Art, Literature and Culture from Early Islam to Qajar Persia* (Studies in honour of Charles Melville). London & New York: I.B. Tauris 2013, 261-266.
- With R. Rahmoni, *The Story of Barzu as Told By Two Storytellers from Boysun Uzbekistan*. Leiden: Leiden University Press 2013.
- “A Special Case: The Kashmir Manuscript of the Persian poet Hafiz.” In: Korteweg, A.S. (ed.), *Catalogue of medieval manuscripts and incunabula at Huis Bergh Castle in 's Heerenberg*. 's Heerenberg: Stichting Huis Bergh, 2013, 39-47.

Current research projects and grant applications

- AMT research profile grant | follow-up workshop “Cultural Encounters Across Central Asia” (September 2012) | grant awarded in 2013; 2nd workshop will take place in 2014, in cooperation with the British Institute for Persian Studies.
- AMT research profile grant | research project “Russia’s ‘First Own Orient’ and Cultural Diversity of Central Asia”
- LGI research profile grant | research project “Guiding Travelers. On Changing Routes in the Middle Ages” | research project in cooperation with, amongst others, Petra Sijpesteijn and Maria Riep. Funded by the Leiden Global Interactions research profile (€ 5000) (see <http://www.research.leiden.edu/research-profiles/global/guiding-travelers>).

Lectures

- 5 March 2013 | “Adam en Eva in de Perzische miniatuurschilderkunst” | lecture for Studium generale, Leiden University in the series “Overall Adam en Eva” (Mineke Schippers).

- 25 May 2013 | Poetry festival in *De Nieuwe Liefde*, “De poëzie van Rumi,” lecture with new translations and mini course, see <http://denieuweliefde.com/programmas/de-po--zie-van-rumi.137.html>
- 1-6 September 2013 | paper presentation (3 September) “The ‘performability’ of poems: on the metre rajaz in Persian poetry” | Sixth Biennial Convention of the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies, Sarajevo.
- 5 November 2013 | “From the Caspian to the Pamirs: tracing the travels of a Persian religious epic poem” | work in progress seminar “Religion and Philosophy Research Network.”

PhD candidates

- Christina Anonby | “Kumzari of Oman” | promotor Prof. Harry Stroomer (Leiden University Centre for Linguistics).
- Wendelmoet Hamelink | “The dynamics of Kurdish folk music and its performers: expressions of identity in Eastern Turkey” | promotor Prof. Patricia Spyer (Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology).
- Wu Jinhua | “Education and poetic identity in contemporary Chinese poetry” | promotor Prof. Maghiel van Crevel (LIAS).
- Katherine Williams | “Word-duelling in Kalila and Dimna” (LIAS).

Prof. M.S. (Maurits) Berger (LIRS) – steering committee member

Publications

- Book review *Silence. How Apostasy and Blasphemy Codes are Choking Freedom Worldwide* (Paul Marshall & Nina Shea, Oxford University Press, 2011) in *Journal of Church and State* 55, no. 1 (2013).
- “Tien jaar later: kritische beschouwingen bij de visie van het Europees Hof op de sharia,” in *Tijdschrift voor Religie, Recht en Beleid* 4, no. 3 (2013).
- “Lastering blijft lastig,” in *Tijdschrift voor Religie, Recht en Beleid* 4, no. 2 (2013).
- “Islam and Islamic Law in Contemporary International Relations.” In Frick, Marie-Luisa & Andreas Muller (eds.), *Islam and International Law*. Leiden/Boston: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2013, 393-413.
- “Nederlandse revolte, Arabische lente.” In *Voortschrijdend Inzicht. Omdat wetenschap niet stilstaat*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2013, 67-69.
- “Gemiste kans voor imamopleidingen in Nederland”, *Leiden Islam Blog*, 11 February 2013.
- “Westen moet het probleem laten waar het hoort: de Arabische wereld”, *NRC Handelsblad*, 3 September 2013.
- “Egypte: islam en democratie revisited,” *Leiden Islam Blog*, 5 July 2013.

- “Wantrouwen naar Assad is terecht”, *NRC Handelsblad*, 10 October 2013.
- “De christelijke Allah in Maleisie,” *Leiden Islam Blog*, 17 October 2013.

Current research projects and grant applications

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Guest courses

- “Islamic Law” | University of Amsterdam.
- “Islam in Europa” (L. Lucassen) | Campus The Hague.
- “Politieke islam” (training of diplomats, Ministry of Foreign Affairs) | Campus The Hague.
- Course “Arabische Lente” for UNTSO military | Leiden/Clingendael.
- Masterclass “Politieke Islam” (2x) | Verenigde VWO/Gymnasia in Den Haag.
- “Islam in het Westen” | Stedelijk Gymnasium Leiden.

Lectures

- “Sharia in the West” | Oxford University Lecture Series.
- “Islam and Democracy” | Cleveringa lecture | Cairo.
- “Images are stronger than knowledge: how to re-invent dialogue” | conference “The Orient in the Eyes of the West in Koeweit.”

Consultancy

- Advice to composer and libretto writer regarding an opera about Ottoman sultan.
- Various advices to *Landelijk Expertise Centrum Eergerelateerd Geweld* (Dutch national centre of expertise on honour based violence).

PhD candidates

- Marietje Beemsterboer | “Identity of Islamic Primary Schools in the Netherlands.”
- Merel Kahmann | PhD dissertation: *Ontmoetingen tussen Marokkaanse Nederlanders en de Marokkaanse overheid: een antropologisch perspectief* | with Prof. Léon Buskens. PhD defense on 16 April 2014.
- Marija Šerić.

Dr. P. (Petra) de Bruijn (LIAS)

Publications

- “Serene spleen aan de oevers van de Bosporus. Modernisering met behoud van identiteit,” *De Gids* 176, no. 5 (2013): 39-41.
- “Sereen: Tanpınars antwoord op de Turkse seculiere politiek,” *Leiden Islam Blog*, 7 February 2013.
- “Turkse pianist veroordeeld wegens blasfemie. Waar gaat dat heen?,” *Leiden Islam Blog*, 26 April 2013.
- Anonymous, *Turska* [Metzler Lexicon Avantgarde] (translation: P. de Bruijn). In: Berg, Hubert van den & Valter Fenders (eds.), *Mecler LEKSIKON avantgarde*. Beograd: Службени гласник, 2013, 318.

PhD candidates

- Özgün Basmaz | “American cultural infiltration in Turkey through visual medium of Hollywood movies and advertisement from the end of World War II through 1950s” | promotor Prof. Erik-Jan Zürcher.
- Buket Çengiz | “‘Non-Istanbulites’ of Istanbul: Quest for a Place in a Multicultural Istanbul in Contemporary Turkish Fiction, 1978-2000” | promotor Prof. Erik-Jan Zürcher.
- Cem Coşkun | “Die alevitisch-bektaschitische Poesie in Deutschland” | promotor Prof. Yavuz Köse, University of Hamburg.
- Neslihan Güler Uğur | “Turkish Culture and Traumatized People in Elif Safak’s Novels” | promotor Prof. E.J. van Alphen.
- Güldeniz Kıbrıs | “‘Everyday Nationalism’ in comics and films about folk heroes” | promotor Prof. Erik-Jan Zürcher.
- Engin Kılıç | “The Balkan War and the Future Projections in Turkish Literature” | promotor Prof. Erik-Jan Zürcher.
- Müge Özoğlu | “Worthless Treasure of Ottoman Literature: Erotic Writing in the Second Constitutional Era” | promotor Prof. E.J. van Alphen.

Prof. L.P.H.M. (Léon) Buskens (LIAS/VVI) – *director; steering committee member*

Publications

- With Baudouin Dupret, “Qui a inventé le droit musulman? Une histoire des études occidentales de la normativité islamique et leur diffusion en Orient,” in: *Maghreb et sciences sociales* 2012, pp. 51-61 (published in 2013).

- “Morocco.” In: Brown, Jonathan (ed.), *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Law*. New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming (in press).
- With Baudouin Dupret, “The Invention of Islamic Law. A History of Western Studies on Islamic Normativity and Their Spread in the Orient.” In: François Pouillon & Jean-Claude Vatin (eds.), *What comes after Orientalism? Mediations, Appropriations, Controversies*, forthcoming (submitted and accepted).
- “Paper Worlds. A Nesrani Ethnographer Entering the Manuscript Trade in Morocco.” In: Pouillon, François & Mohammed Almoubaker (eds.), *Pratiquer les sciences sociales au Maghreb. Pour Driss Mansouri*. Casablanca: Fondation du Roi Abdelaziz Al Saoud, forthcoming (submitted and accepted).
- “Sharia and the Colonial State.” In: Bearman, Peri & Rudolph Peters (eds.), *The Ashgate Research Companion to Islamic Law*. Farnham: Ashgate, forthcoming (submitted and accepted).

Current research projects and grant applications

- 2012-2014 | with Robert Gleave (University of Exeter): “The Shari’a Project: A UK-Netherlands Islamic Legal Studies Network” | AHRC-NWO Humanities Research Networking and Exchange Scheme 2011 | awarded February 2012.
- 2013-2017 | with Thijl Sunier (VU University Amsterdam) | NWO programme “Religion in Modern Society” | “Making Islam Work in the Netherlands. Islamic Authority and Islamic Law in the Netherlands among Ordinary Muslims: Recent Trends and Developments” | awarded June 2013.
- Islam Research Project Indonesia (IRP – Jakarta II project) | at the request of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Netherlands Embassy in Jakarta | leader of project “Sharia-Based Laws and Regulations” (completed March 2013).
- Islam Research Project Morocco (IRP – Rabat Project) | at the request of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Netherlands Embassy in Rabat, project leader with Maurits Berger (until spring 2013).
- HERA Joint Research Programme “Cultural Encounters” | project leader Sharon Macdonald, University of York; Buskens one of the principal investigators | project: “Don’t Panic, I’m Islamic: Perceptions and Realisations of Islam in Museums” | assessed as eligible for funding, but just outside of the maximum number of proposals that could be funded in the round in question.
- Spring 2013 | Internal competition NWO programme PhD in Humanities | application for Elke Spiessens in cooperation with Prof. Frank Pieke | not awarded.

Organisation of conferences

- Hammamet, Tunisia, 18-22 March 2013 | organisation NISIS Spring School “The State in the Muslim World” (Buskens not present in person due to illness) | in cooperation with the Institut d’études de l’Islam et des Sociétés du Monde Musulman (IISMM), the Institut de recherche pour le développement (IRD) and local partners.

- Exeter, 17-19 April 2013 | second workshop “The Shari’a Project: A UK-Netherlands Islamic Legal Studies Network” | University of Exeter.
- Leiden, 3 May 2013 | workshop “Heritage of the Maghreb” | conveners: Léon Buskens and Baudouin Dupret | co-organised with the Centre Jacques Berque | Leiden.
- Leiden, 15-16 November 2013 | third workshop “The Shari’a Project: A UK-Netherlands Islamic Legal Studies Network” | Leiden University | visiting scholar: Kecia Ali.

Lectures

- Genève, 18 January 2013 | Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations, Aga Khan University | Participation as expert on closed workshop “Legal and Constitutional Aspects of Governance in Muslim Contexts.”
- Fez, 15-17 March 2013 | with Baudouin Dupret (Buskens not present in person due to illness) | lecture based on paper co-authored with Baudouin Dupret: “L’invention du droit coutumier: Comment les normativités locales ont été élevées au rang de systèmes de droit” | Colloque Humboldt “Coutumes et droit positif à l’ère de la mondialisation” | Faculté des Lettres, Dhar el Mahraz, Fez.
- Paris, 28 May 2013 | Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) | Lecture “Des sciences sociales dans l’Encyclopédie de l’Islam.”
- The Hague, 10 June 2013 | Lecture “The Background of the Islam Research Project” | Jakarta Seminar “Reformasi, Democracy and Islam. The Case of Indonesia” | Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Nijmegen, 19-21 June 2013 | Forward Looking Session: Integrating Approaches to Islamic Family law (21 June 2013) | Conference “Islamic Family Law in Modern Europe and the Muslim World. Normative, Legal and Empirical Approaches beyond the Women’s Rights Issue.”
- Leiden, 25- 26 August 2013 | Roundtable Religion and Area Studies:
 - Lecture “Transformations and Continuities in the Study of Islam and the Middle East”
 - Discussant for Prof. Michael Kemper
 - Chair of session 4 “East Asia.”
- Utrecht, 24 October 2013 | lecture “Changes and Continuities in Islamic Studies in the Netherlands in an International Perspective” (and workshop on 25 October 2014) | NISIS Autumn School, 22-25 October 2013.
- Leiden, 28 November 2013 | Lecture “Useful knowledge made in Holland: Christiaan Snouck Hurgronje and the Dutch Tradition of Hajj Research and Policy Making” | symposium “Hajj: Global Interactions through Pilgrimage,” National Museum of Ethnology.
- Leiden, 4 December 2013 | lecture “Christiaan Snouck Hurgronje, Hoesein Djajadiningrat, and the First Indonesian Students at Leiden University” | Celebration of “100 Years of Indonesian Scholarship at Leiden University.”
- Rabat, Centre Jacques Berque, 18-19 December 2013 | Rapporteur général & Conclusions at colloque “Tourisme et patrimoine naturel au Maghreb, XIXe-XXIe siècles.”

PhD candidates

Completed PhD projects in 2013(/2014)

- Esther van Eijk (Leiden University) | *Family Law in Syria. A Plurality of Laws, Norms, and Legal Practices* | PhD defense on 19 September 2013.
- Friso Kulk (Radboud University Nijmegen/NWO) | *Laverend langs grenzen. Transnationale gezinnen en Nederlands en islamitisch familie- en nationaliteitsrecht* | promotor together with Prof. Ashley Terlouw and Prof. Betty de Hart (Radboud University Nijmegen); PhD defense on 7 October 2013.
- Yasrul Huda (Training Indonesia's Young Leaders Programme) | *Contesting Sharia: State Law, Decentralization and Minangkabau Custom* | co-promotor Dr. N.J.G. Kaptein (Leiden University) | PhD defense on 4 December 2013.
- Merel Kahmann (Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Leiden University) | *Ontmoetingen tussen Marokkaanse Nederlanders en de Marokkaanse overheid: een antropologisch perspectief* | supervisor together with Prof. Maurits Berger | PhD defense scheduled for 16 April 2014.

PhD projects in progress

- Rehanna Nurmohamed (external PhD candidate, private funding) | "Sharia and National Law in the United Arab Emirates. An Analysis of its Legal System and Historical and Social Background" | registered at the Law Faculty, Leiden University | PhD defense planned for December 2016.
- Arfiansyah (external PhD candidate, funding from Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education [LPDP] scholarship) | "Ulama and the State in Modern Aceh" | registered at the Faculty of Humanities/LIAS, Leiden University, from autumn 2013 | PhD defense planned for autumn 2017.
- Arshad Muradin (NWO project "Making Islam Work in the Netherlands," with Prof. Thijl Sunier, VU University) | "The Creation and Application of Islamic Law in the Context of Counseling and Mediation" | Leiden University, from 1 November 2013; PhD defense planned for autumn 2017.
- Mayuka Tanabe (external PhD candidate, private funding) | "Work, Communities and Identities among the Mineral and Fossil Artisans in the Tafilalet Region of Southern Morocco" | registered at the Faculty of Humanities/LIAS, Leiden University, from summer 2013. PhD defense planned for autumn 2015.

Dr. N.M. (Nathal) Dessing (LIRS)

Publications

- With N. Jeldtoft, J.S. Nielsen & L. Woodhead, "Introduction." In: Dessing N.M., N. Jeldtoft, J.S. Nielsen & L. Woodhead (eds.), *Everyday Lived Islam in Europe*. Farnham: Ashgate AHRC/ESRC Religion and Society series, 2013, 1-5.
- "How to Study Everyday Islam." In: Dessing et al., *Everyday Lived Islam in Europe*. Farnham: Ashgate, 2013, 39-52.

Emeritus Prof. C. (Kees) van Dijk (LIAS/KITLV)

Publications

- With Jajat Burhanudin (eds.), *Islam in Indonesia: Contrasting Images and Interpretations*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2013.
- With Jajat Burhanudin, "Introduction." In: Jajat Burhanudin and Kees van Dijk (eds.), *Islam in Indonesia: Contrasting Images and Interpretations*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2013, 7-14.
- "Comparing different streams of Islam: Wrestling with words and definitions." In: Jajat Burhanudin and Kees van Dijk (eds.), *Islam in Indonesia: Contrasting Images and Interpretations*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2013, 15-24.
- With Heleen van der Linden (eds.), *Regime change, democracy and Islam. The case of Indonesia. Final Report Islam Research Programme Jakarta*, Leiden University 2013.
- Introductions to *Regime change, democracy and Islam. The case of Indonesia. Final Report Islam Research Programme Jakarta*, Leiden University 2013 (pp. 1-6, 7-10, 133-136, 237-240).
- *Hindia Belanda dan Perang Dunia I 1914-1918*. Jakarta: Banana & KITLV-Jakarta, 723 & xii pp.
- "Politicians who like to sing and politicians who detest singing." In: B. Barendregt, *Sonic Modernities in the Malay World. A History of Popular Music, Social Distinction, and Novel Lifestyles (1930-200s)*. Leiden: Brill/KITLV, 291-319.

Lectures

- The Hague, 10 June 2013 | "Islam and recent socio-political developments in Indonesia" | Jakarta Seminar "Reformasi, Democracy and Islam. The Case of Indonesia" | Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Oxford, 13 November 2013 | "Muslims in Southeast Asia and the symbols of the national state" | Oxford, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies.

PhD candidates

Completed PhD projects in 2013

- Yanwar Pribadi | *Islam and politics in Madura: ulama and other local leaders in search of influence (1990-2010)* | co-promotor Dr. Nico Kaptein. PhD defense on 28 August 2013.

PhD projects in progress

- Sujadi | “Persatuan Pemuda Muslim se-Eropa (PPME): identity formation, solidarity building and networks (1971-2000)” | co-promotor Dr. Nico Kaptein.
- Mushlihin Amali | “Negotiating national citizenship: state’s educational responses to Islamist schools in post-authoritarian Indonesia” | co-promotor Dr. Nico Kaptein.
- M. Stokhof | “Transnational identities: Muslims of Javanese descent in Vietnam” | co-promotor Dr. Nico Kaptein.

Dr. M.M.M.I. (Mohammed) Ghaly (LIRS)

Current research projects

- NWO-Veni project | “The Interplay of Islam and the West: the Unexplored Dimensions in Islamic Bioethics ” (awarded October 2011).

Publications

- “Apostasy in Islam: Public or Private: the Discussions of Classical and Modern Muslim scholars and their Relevance to Muslims in the West.” In: *Religion Beyond its Private Role in Society*. Leiden: Brill, 2013, 83-114.
- “Collective Religio-scientific Discussions on Islam and HIV/AIDS: I. Biomedical Scientists, ” *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science* 48 no. 3 (2013): 671-708.
- “Islamic Bioethics in the Twenty-First Century,” *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science* 47 (2013): 592-599.
- With Janneke T. Gitsels-van der Wal et al., “The Role of Religion in Decision-Making on Antenatal Screening of Congenital Anomalies: A Qualitative Study amongst Muslim Turkish Origin Immigrants,” *Midwifery*, 2013.
- “Islamitische jurisprudentie en embryologie: Heilige Schriften versus Joodse en Griekse artsen [Islamic Jurisprudence and Embryology: Holy Scriptures versus Jewish and Greek Physicians],” *Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Theologie* 67, no. 2 (2013): 117-134.

PhD candidates

- Janneke Gitsels | “Islam and client decision making on prenatal screening. Practice and theory in the Netherlands” | together with Prof. J.S. Reinder and Dr. Ir. J. Manniën (VU University Amsterdam).

- Ömer Faruk Gürlesin | “Islamic Environmentalism” | promotor Prof. M. ter Borg (Universiteit Leiden).
- Ahmed Yilmaz | “Islam and Drugs” | promotor Prof. P.S. van Koningsveld (Universiteit Leiden).

Active participation

- MA Islamic biomedical Ethics, part of the European Master of Bioethics (Erasmus Mundus Master of Bioethics), University of Padova, Italy, June, 2013.

Dr. N.J.G. (Nico) Kaptein (LIAS) – steering committee member

Due to serious health issues, Nico Kaptein was not able to work during 2013. He however supervised the following PhD candidates, of which two defended their theses in 2013.

PhD candidates

PhD projects in progress

- Mushlihin Amali | “Negotiating national citizenship: state’s educational responses to Islamist schools in post-authoritarian Indonesia” | co-promoter, together with Prof. C. van Dijk.
- Chaeder Bamaalim | “The rise of radical Islam in Jakarta” | co-promoter, together with Prof. Buskens and Prof. Ricklefs (National University of Singapore).
- Iis Istiqomah (University of Groningen) | “The Hadrami Arabs of Ambon: An ethnographic study of diasporic identity construction in everyday life practices” | together with Dr. Buitelaar (University of Groningen).
- Kusmana | “The ideology of contemporary Indonesian Muslim intellectuals on woman’s rights issues: an interdisciplinary approach” | co-promotor, together with Prof. D. Douwes (Erasmus University Rotterdam).
- Sujadi | “Persatuan Pemuda Muslim se-Eropa (PPME): identity formation, solidarity building and networks (1971-2000)” | together with Prof. C. van Dijk.

Completed PhD projects in 2013

- Yanwar Pribadi (Training Indonesia’s Young Leaders Programme) | *Islam and politics in Madura: Ulama and other local leaders in search of influence (1990-2010)* | together with Prof. C. van Dijk | PhD defense on 28 August 2013.
- Yasrul Huda (Training Indonesia’s Young Leaders Programme) | *Contesting Sharia: State Law, Decentralization and Minangkabau Custom* | co-promotor, together with Prof. Buskens | PhD defense on 4 December 2013.

Emeritus Prof. P.S. (Pieter Sjoerd) van Koningsveld (LIRS)

Publications

- “The Tomb of the Prophet. Attitudes and Discussions Around A Major Religious Symbol in Islam,” *Journal of Islamic Research* 5 (2012, published February 2013): 109-125.

PhD candidates

Completed PhD projects in 2013

- Samir Kaddouri | *Le Livre Décisif sur les Religions et les Sectes d’Ibn Hazm Entre l’Histoire du Texte et la Critique Textuelle* | PhD defense on 16 September 2013.

PhD projects in progress

- Mohsen Haredy (Cairo, Egypte) | “Female Transmission of Ḥadīth in the Mamluk Period: An Annotated Edition and Study of Ibn Ḥajar’s Mu’jam al-Shaykhah Maryam” | PhD defense planned on 29 April 2014.
- Abd al-Samad El-Amrani | “Taqi al-Din al-Hilali (1893-1987): polemist en mufti van de Salafiyya.”
- Darid Al-Zawawi | “De fatwa’s van Ibn Ṭarkât al-Gharnâtî (9de/15de eeuw): Studie en Editie.”
- Mohammad Anwar Sharafuddin | “The Development of the Sufi Hermeneutics of the Qur’ān from Muhammad b. al-Husayn al-Sulamī (315/927 – 412/1021) to ‘Abd al-Karīm al-Qushayrī (376/986 –465/1072).”
- Khadija Kadrouch | “Islamic Burials in the Netherlands and Belgium. Religious, Social and Legal Aspects” | Co-promotor. Promotor: Prof. W.A.R. Shadid.

Dr. T. (Tsolin) Nalbantian (LIAS)

Publications

- “Housing Archives: When Buildings Become Part of the Record,” *Ibraaz: Contemporary Visual Culture in North Africa and the Middle East*.
- “In Serving Created Culture,” *Ibraaz: Contemporary Visual Culture in North Africa and the Middle East*.
- “Going Beyond Overlooked Populations in Lebanese Historiography: The Armenian Case,” *History Compass* 11, no. 10 (2013): 821–832.
- “Articulating Power through the Parochial: The 1956 Armenian Church Election in Lebanon,” *Mashriq & Mahjar* 1, no. 2 (2013): 41-72.

Current research projects and grant applications

- Marie Curie Career Integrations Grant (CIG), European Commission | “Centering the Margins: The Peripheral Towns of Zahle and Qamishle 1943-1958” | 2012-2016 (awarded in 2012).
- Application for NWO-Veni grant | not awarded.

Lectures and panels

- Invited speaker: “The Armenian Olympiad in the Mashriq: Nation Building Within the Syrian and Lebanese Mandates” | “The Mashriq in the Age of Late Imperialism: The Mandates in Global Perspective” | Princeton University, September 2013.
- Panel convener:
 - “Unrest in the Sham: Reflecting on Authoritarianism and Resistance in Syria” (Leiden University, May 2012)
 - “A Revolution in Progress: The Case of Egypt” (LUCIS, 1 March 2013)
 - “Iraq Ten Years On: From US Occupation to Systematized Sectarianism” (LUCIS, 31 May 2013)
 - “After the Degree: How to Work with the Middle East” (LUCIS, 5-6 December 2013).

Media publications or interviews in/at/with media

- Contributor, *Historisch nieuwsblad*, The Netherlands.
- Contributor, Al-Jazeera America.

PhD candidates

- Eftychia Mylona | “Greeks in Egypt: Their Final Departure 1952-1970” | co-promotor; promotor Prof. Petra Sijpesteijn.

Prof. J.M. (Jan Michiel) Otto (VVI) – steering committee member

Publications

- “In memoriam rechtsantropoloog Franz von Benda-Beckmann,” *Novum* 35, no. 3 (2013), p. 23.
- “Policy Suggestions.” In: Otto J.M., J. Carlisle & S. Ibrahim (eds.), *Searching for Justice in Post-Gaddafi Libya. A Socio-Legal Exploration of People’s Concerns and Institutional Responses at Home and From Abroad*. Leiden: Van Vollenhoven Institute, Leiden University, pp. 201-204.
- Vel J.A.C., D. Simandjuntak, L.W. van Rooijen, H. Wisjaja, S. Afiff, G. van Klinken, J. Tjeuw, M. Slingerland, P. Semedi, H. Schulte Nordholt, Gunawan, G.A. Persoon, J.M. Otto, S. Suharsono, D. Snelder, R.P. Orij, M. Dieleman M., A.W. Bedner & J. McCarthy J., “Jatropha: From an iconic biofuel crop to a green-policy parasite,” *IIAS newsletter* 66 (2013), p. 15.
- With S. Ibrahim, “Conclusions.” In: Otto J.M., J. Carlisle & S. Ibrahim (eds.), *Searching for Justice in Post-Gaddafi Libya. A Socio-Legal Exploration of People’s Concerns and*

Institutional Responses at Home and From Abroad. Leiden: Van Vollenhoven Institute, Leiden University, pp. 173-182.

- “From Problem of Knowledge to Responsibility to Learn.” In: Otto J.M., J. Carlisle & S. Ibrahim (eds.), *Searching for Justice in Post-Gaddafi Libya. A Socio-Legal Exploration of People’s Concerns and Institutional Responses at Home and From Abroad*. Leiden: Van Vollenhoven Institute, Leiden University, pp. 165-172.
- “Introduction.” In: Otto J.M., J. Carlisle & S. Ibrahim (eds.), *Searching for Justice in Post-Gaddafi Libya. A Socio-Legal Exploration of People’s Concerns and Institutional Responses at Home and From Abroad*. Leiden: Van Vollenhoven Institute, Leiden University, pp. 3-13.
- “Opportunities, Constraints and Dilemmas in Libya’s Search for Justice.” In: Otto J.M., J. Carlisle & S. Ibrahim (eds.), *Searching for Justice in Post-Gaddafi Libya. A Socio-Legal Exploration of People’s Concerns and Institutional Responses at Home and From Abroad*. Leiden: Van Vollenhoven Institute, Leiden University, pp. 14-32.
- With J. Carlisle, “People’s Problems, Practices and Patterns of Justice Seeking: Towards a National Knowledge Base.” In: Otto J.M., J. Carlisle & S. Ibrahim (eds.), *Searching for Justice in Post-Gaddafi Libya. A Socio-Legal Exploration of People’s Concerns and Institutional Responses at Home and From Abroad*. Leiden: Van Vollenhoven Institute, Leiden University, pp. 153-164.
- With J. Carlisle & S.M.K. Ibrahim (eds.), *Searching for Justice in Post-Gaddafi Libya. A Socio-Legal Exploration of People’s Concerns and Institutional Responses at Home and From Abroad*. Leiden: Van Vollenhoven Institute, Leiden University.
- “De strijd voor een rechtsstaat in Libië,” *Leiden Islam Blog*, 18 April 2013.

Current research projects and grant applications (VVI)

- KNAW-SPIN, with the Royal Netherlands Institute for Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV) | “From Clients to Citizens? Emerging Citizenship in Democratizing Indonesia” | PhD candidate Willem van der Muur.
- With The Hague Institute for Global Justice (THIGJ) | “Access to Justice and Institutional Development in Libya”
- Leiden-DIKTI, Leiden University PhD scholarship | awarded 2013 | PhD candidate Fachrizal Afanda (with Prof. J.H. Crijns)
- Grant by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs | research about the performance of regional offices of the Indonesian ombudsman (in cooperation with the National Ombudsman, The Hague) | awarded 2013.

Lectures

- 17 January 2013 | Paper presentation VSR annual meeting (Vereniging voor de Sociaal-wetenschappelijke bestudering van het Recht) | “Rule of law in Libya: Where to start after a nightmare of 42 years? Researching access to justice and institutional development in post-Gaddafi Libya.”

- Probus, Amstelveen, 13 February 2013 | “Rechtsvorming en rechtshandhaving in het Libië van na Gadaffi.”
- The Hague, 28 August 2013 | Presentation Libya research at the conference “100 years Peace Palace.”
- Leiden, 30 August 2013 | Seminar “Searching for Justice in Post-Gaddafi Libya.”
- Tripoli, Libya, 23 October 2013 | Presentation and seminar “Searching for Justice in Post-Gaddafi Libya.”
- Leiden, 4 December 2013 | Speech “Indonesia and the Leiden Law School” during conference “100 years of Indonesian Scholarship at Leiden University.”

PhD candidates

Completed PhD projects in 2013

- Ken Setiawan | *Realising Rights: Indonesia’s and Malaysia’s Human Rights Institutions* | promotor: Prof. J.M. Otto; daily supervisor: Dr. A.W. Bedner. PhD defense on 12 December 2013.

PhD projects in progress

- Elizabeth Alividza | “Judicial Performance in Uganda” | promotor: Prof. J.M. Otto; daily supervisor: Dr. Ronald Janse.
- Bernardo Almeida | “Land Tenure Security – The Road to Development in Post-Conflict Countries” | promotor: Prof. J.M. Otto; daily supervisor: Dr. A.W. Bedner.
- Joseph Boakye | “Environmental Law and Sustainable Forest Tenure Management” | promotor: Prof. J.M. Otto.
- Anton Cahyadi | “Legal Identity of Religious Minorities in Indonesia” | promotor: Prof. J.M. Otto; daily supervisor: Dr. A.W. Bedner.
- Laure d’Hondt | “Addressing Industrial Water Pollution in Indonesia: How Government and Citizens can Change Industries’ Behaviour” | promotor: Prof. J.M. Otto; daily supervisor: Dr. A.W. Bedner.
- Stijn van Huis | “Access to Justice for Women in Divorce Cases in Indonesia: Islamic Court Reasoning under Global, National and Local Influences” | promotor: Prof. J.M. Otto; daily supervisor: Dr. A.W. Bedner.
- Santy Kouwagam | “Litigation Strategies in Individual Land Disputes about Certified Land in Indonesia” | promotor: Prof. J.M. Otto; daily supervisor: Dr. A.W. Bedner.
- Willem van der Muur | “Securing Land Rights: Land Conflicts in Democratizing Indonesia” | promotor: Prof. J.M. Otto; daily supervisor: Dr. A.W. Bedner.
- Loes van Rooijen | “Claims and Facts on Land, Water and Environment: Socio-legal Issues on Jatropha Cultivation in Indonesia” | promotor: Prof. J.M. Otto; daily supervisor: Dr. J.A.C. Vel.

- Ahmed Tawfik | “Women in the Judiciary in Egypt” | promotor: Prof. J.M. Otto.
- Jacob Tobing | “Constitutional Democracy and the Rule of Law. The Essence of 1999 – 2002 Constitutional Reform in Indonesia” | promotor: Prof. J.M. Otto.
- Herlambang Wiratraman | “Freedom of Expression: Law and Practise in Indonesia” | promotor: Prof. J.M. Otto; daily supervisor: Dr. A.W. Bedner.

Dr. U. (Umar) Ryad (LIRS)

Current research projects and grant applications

- European Research Council Starting Grant | “In Search of the Missing Link in Islamic and European History” (awarded August 2013).

Publications

- “Te gast in Den Haag - discussies moskeebouw in Nederland vóór de Tweede Wereldoorlog,” *Tijdschrift voor Religie, Recht en Beleid* 4, no. 2 (2013): 59-78.

Lectures

- 17 May 2013, Orient-Institut Beirut | “Arabic, Orientalism and Western diplomacy: Early Orientalist contributions to the Royal Academy of the Arabic Language in Cairo.”
- 13 May 2013, National Museum of Ethnology | “On his donkey to the mountain of Arafah: Dr. Van der Hoog and his Hajj Journey to Mecca.”

Conferences convened

- Leiden, National Museum of Ethnology, 13-14 May 2013 | conference “Europe and Hajj in the Age of Empires: Muslim Pilgrimage prior to the Influx of Muslim Migration in the West” | in cooperation with the King Abdulaziz Foundation for Research and Archives in Riyadh.

Dr. A.A. (Asghar) Seyed-Gohrab

Current research projects and grant applications

- NWO-Vidi | “Of Poetry and Politics: Classical Poetic Concepts in New Politics of Twentieth Century Iran” (2009-2014).

Publications

- “The Rose and the Wine: Dispute as a Literary Device in Classical Persian Literature, Iranian Studies,” *Journal of the International Society for Iranian Studies* 47, no. 1 (2013): 69-85.
- Review of: Papin-Matin F. (2010), *Beyond Death: The Mystical Teachings of ‘Ayn al-Qudāt al-Hamadhānī*, Islamic History and Civilization Series, *Journal of American Oriental Society* 63, no 4.

- With K. Talattof (eds.), *Conflict and Development in Iranian Film Iranian Studies Series*. Leiden: Leiden University Press.
- With K. Talattof (eds.), “Politics and Persistence: The Development of Iranian Film.” In: Seyed-Gohrab A.A. & K. Talattof (eds.), *Conflict and Development in Iranian Film*. Leiden: Leiden University Press, pp. 9-18.
- “Marzieh Meshkini’s The Day I Became a Woman.” In: Seyed-Gohrab A.A. & K. Talattof (eds.), *Conflict and Development in Iranian Film*. Leiden: Leiden University Press.

PhD candidates

- Diede Farhosh-van Loon | “Of Poetry and Politics: Classical Poetic Concepts in New Politics of Twentieth Century Iran; Mystical Concepts in Khomeini’s Collection of Poetry” | first supervisor; second supervisor Prof. Petra Sijpesteijn.
- Behrouz Karoubi | “Evaluator-Centered Translation Quality Assessment: A Theoretical Model and a Case Study of VOA in Persian” | first supervisor; second supervisor Prof. Petra Sijpesteijn.
- Saeedeh Shahnahpour | “Wail and Word: The Emergence of War Fiction in Persian Post-Revolutionary Literature” | first supervisor; second supervisor Prof. Ivo Smits.
- Mohammed al-Sulami | “Iranian Orientalism: Notions of the Other in Modern Iranian Thought” | first supervisor; second supervisor Prof. Petra Sijpesteijn. PhD defense on 5 February 2014.
- Mahnia Nematollahi Mahani | “‘Do Not Say They Are Dead’: The Political Use of Mystical and Religious Concepts in the Persian Poetry of the Iran-Iraq War” | first supervisor; second supervisor Prof. Petra Sijpesteijn.

Prof. P.M. (Petra) Sijpesteijn (LIAS) – steering committee member

Publications

- Nicholson, O. and M. Humphries (eds.), *The Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity*, Oxford University Press; 25 entries on late antique and early Islamic Egypt, Islamic administration and historiography.
- *Shaping a Muslim State: The World of a Mid-Eighth-Century Egyptian Official*, Oxford Studies in Byzantium. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013.
- “Introductie / Introduction”, in *Wandelgids door islamitisch Leiden / Walking Guide to Islamic Leiden*, Brill 2013.

Current research projects and grant applications

- ERC starting Independent Researcher Grant 2009-2014 | *The Formation of Islam: The View from Below* (<http://foi.leidenuniv.nl>).
- NWO Free Competition in Humanities | “Fitting In/Standing Out: Comparing Majority and Minority Dress Codes among Egyptian Muslims and Christians” | with Bas ter Haar Romeny (main applicant; LIRS) and Maurits Berger (LIRS) | awarded December 2011.

- LGI research profile grant | research project “Guiding Travelers. On Changing Routes in the Middle Ages” | with Gabrielle van de Berg and others (<http://www.research.leiden.edu/research-profiles/global/guiding-travelers/people/>)
- Ismael Egyptian Ministry of Education | Joint Supervision Scholarship
- Internal competition NWO programme PhD in Humanities | Ahlihi, Kramer, Mylona (not granted).

Other activities

- Project leader “400 years of Arabic in Leiden” programme with several partners including LUCIS, LIAS, Leiden museums (National Museum of Ethnology, National Museum of Antiquities, National Museum for the History of Science and Medicine), Saudi Aramco and its The Hague subsidiary Aramco Overseas Company BV.

PhD candidates

Completed PhD projects in 2013(/2014)

- Khaled Mohamed Mahmoud Younes | *Joy and sorrow in early Muslim Egypt: Arabic papyrus letters, text and content* | supervised together with Geoffrey Khan (Cambridge). PhD defense on 27 August 2013.
- Marie Legendre | *Pouvoir et territoire: L'administration islamique en Moyenne-Égypte pré-ṭūlūnide (642-868)* | supervised together with Jean-Pierre van Staëvel (Sorbonne) and Sylvie Denoix (IFAO, Cairo). PhD defense on 12 December 2013.
- Mohammed Alsulami | *Iranian orientalism: notions of the other in modern Iranian thought* | supervised together with Dr. Asghar Seyed Gohrab. PhD defense on 5 February 2014.
- Jelle Bruning | *The rise of a capital: on the development of al-Fuṣṭāṭ's relationship with its hinterland, 18/639-132/750* | supervised together with Dr. Maaïke van Berkel (University of Amsterdam) | PhD defense 2 April 2014.

PhD projects in progress

- Hayat Ahlihi | “Faithful Protection: The Use of Scripture in Egyptian Amulets (7th – 12th Century CE)” | together with Prof. Jacques van der Vliet.
- Dorrit van Dalen | “The Integration of Central Sudanic Africa into the Muslim World” | supervised together with Prof. Robert Ross (Leiden University, history department).
- Diede Farhosh-van Loon | “Of Poetry and Politics: Classical Poetic Concepts in New Politics of Twentieth Century Iran; Mystical Concepts in Khomeini's Collection of Poetry” | together with Dr. Asghar Seyed Gohrab.
- Judith Kindinger | “Dress under Stress? Dress and Identity among Egyptian Muslims and Christians from the Sixteenth to the Twentieth Century” | together with Bas ter Haar Romeny (LIRS).

- Mahnia Nematollahi Mahani | “‘Do Not Say They Are Dead’: The Political Use of Mystical and Religious Concepts in the Persian Poetry of the Iran-Iraq War” | together with Dr. Asghar Seyed Gohrab.
- Eftychia Mylona | “Greeks in Egypt: Their Final Departure 1952-1970” | together with Dr. Tsolin Nalbantian.
- Maria Riep | “Frontiers, conquest and mobility in Central Asia between the seventh and tenth century” | supervised together with Etienne de la Vaissière (EPHE).

Visiting scholar

- Hanan Saleh Abdel-Raof Ismael | Tourist and Archaeological Sites in Egypt during the period of President Gamel Abdel-Nasser (1954-1970): Historical and Touristic Study | Home Insitution: Faculty of Tourism and Hotels, Fayoum University, Egypt | Host at Leiden University (1 March 2012 – 1 March 2013): Petra Sijpesteijn.

Emeritus Prof. J.J. (Jan Just) Witkam (LIAS)

Publications

- “Het leven van Mohammed verstript,” *NRC Handelsblad*, 10 January 2013; republished on *Leiden Islam Blog*, 16 January 2013.
- “Balling Nasr Abu Zayd wilde helemaal geen dissident zijn,” *NRC Handelsblad*, 28 March 2013, republished on *Leiden Islam Blog*, 24 April 2013.
- “Democratie uit de loop van een geweer,” *NRC Handelsblad*, 13 July 2013, republished on *Leiden Islam Blog*, 15 July 2013.
- “The Islamic Pilgrimage in the Manuscript Literatures of Southeast Asia,” in Venetia Porter and Liana Saif (eds.), *The Hajj: Collected Essays*. London (The British Museum) 2013, pp. 214-223.
- “Edward Granville Browne amongst the Qalandars,” in: Robert Hillenbrand, A.C.S. Peacock and Firuza Abdullaeva, (eds.), *Ferdowsi, the Mongols and the History of Iran. Art, Literature and Culture from Early Islam to Qajar Persia. Studies in Honour of Charles Melville*. London, etc. (I.B. Tauris) 2013, pp. 218-230. (pdf)
- “Achievement. An End and a New Beginning. In praise of Renato Traini’s Catalogue of the Arabic Manuscripts of the Biblioteca Ambrosiana,” in: *Orientalia Ambrosiana* 2 (2013), pp. 17-21. Text of the Laudatio pronounced on November 7, 2011, in the Academia Ambrosiana.
- “The human element between text and reader. The Ijaza in Arabic manuscripts,” in: Geoffrey Roper (ed.), *The History of the Book in the Middle East*. Farnham (Ashgate Publishing) 2013, pp. 89-112. Photographic reprint of the article published in Yasin Dutton (ed.), *The codicology of Islamic manuscripts*. London 1995, pp. 123-136.
- “The Philologist’s Stone. The Continuing Search for the Stemma,” in: *Comparative Oriental Manuscript Studies Newsletter* 6 (July 2013), pp. 34-38.

- Review of: Tobias Heinzelmann & Henning Sievert (eds.), *Buchkultur im Nahen Osten des 17. und 18. Jahrhunderts*. Bern (Peter Lang) 2010; *Welt des Islam*, Bd. 3, in: *Orientalistische Literaturzeitung* 108, no. 3 (2013), pp. 200-202.
- “Wood, Horses and Friendship. The Arabic Letters from Muscat to the Dutch in Kochi (1779) and Batavia (1798-1806),” in: Michaela Hoffmann-Ruf & Abdulrahman Al Salimi (eds.), *Oman and Overseas*. Hildesheim, etc. (Georg Olms Verlag) 2013, pp. 265-297. *Studies on Ibadism and Oman*, vol. 2.
- “Daneshgah-i Leiden, Kitabkhana,” in: *Dayerat al-Ma'aref-i Eslami / Encyclopedia Islamica*, vol. 17 (Tehran, 1392 Shamsi/2013), pp. 191-193.
- Review of: Alastair Hamilton, *The Arcadian Library. Western Appreciation of Arab and Islamic Civilization* (Studies in the Arcadian Library). London (The Arcadian Library) / Oxford (Oxford University Press) 2011, in: *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 76, no. 1 (February 2013), pp 134-136.

PhD candidates

- Amiq Ahyad | “The history of writing Islamic manuscript tradition in Javanese pondok pesantren in XIX and XX centuries in Indonesia”
- Tefik Büyükaşık | “The discourse of knowledge. The terminology of traditional Muslim Education.”
- Bahia Shehab | “Floriated Fatimid Kufic in the Mediterranean Basin and Beyond.”
- Huda Smitshuijzen-AbiFarès | “Modernity and Arabic Book Design”
- Karim Eshragh | “Meer Izzat-Oollah’s travelogue.”
- Asim Zubčević | “Book Ownership in Ottoman Sarajevo 1707 – 1828.”

2.8.2 PhD candidates

J. (Jelle) Bruning (LIAS)

Title dissertation: *The rise of a capital: on the development of al-Fuṣṭāṭ’s relationship with its hinterland, 18/639-132/750*. Successfully defended on 2 April 2014.

Supervisors: Prof. Petra Sijpesteijn (Leiden University) and Dr. Maaïke van Berkel (University of Amsterdam).

Presentations

- Cairo, 10 April 2013 | “Al-Fuṣṭāṭ and Alexandria, A.D. 640-750: aspects of al-Fuṣṭāṭ’s long-distance control,” *Fustat: contrôle des territoires et réseaux d’autorité (milieu VIIe-milieu Xe s.)*. Conference at the Institut français d’archéologie orientale in Cairo, Egypt.

D.A.M.E. (Dorrit) van Dalen (LIAS)

Title research: “The Integration of Central Sudanic Africa into the Muslim World”

Supervisors: Prof. Petra Sijpesteijn and Prof. Robert Ross

Publications

- “The making of a man of letters.” In: Géraud Magrin, Sergio Baldi, Olivier Langlois, Christine Raimond (eds.), *Les échanges et la communication dans le bassin du lac Tchad. Actes du colloque de Naples du réseau Megatchad, Université de Naples, l’Orientale, 13-15 septembre 2012*. Rüdiger Koppe Verlag, 2013.
- “Vierhonderd jaar leerstoel Arabisch in Leiden”, *Leiden Islam Blog*, 1 February 2013.
- “Bekeren door kleineren: islam en schaamte,” *Leiden Islam Blog*, 7 May 2013.

Lectures

- Leiden, 20 September 2013 | “A mobile man of letters” | Lecture during symposium “African studies and the epistemological reflections on ‘two Africas’”, organised by the African Studies Centre, in cooperation with LUCIS and LUCAS.

E. (Esther) van Eijk (LIAS)

Title dissertation: *Family Law in Syria. A Plurality of Laws, Norms, and Legal Practices*. Successfully defended 19 September 2013

Supervisor: Prof. Léon Buskens

Publications

- *Family Law in Syria: A Plurality of Laws, Norms, and Legal Practices* (dissertation), Leiden University, 2013.
- “Unity in Multiplicity: Shared Cultural Understandings on Marital Life in a Damascus Catholic and Muslim Court” (forthcoming) in: *Erasmus Law Review* 6, no. 3, special issue on Legal Pluralism.
- “Topless Jihad,” *Leiden Islam Blog*, 7 April 2013.

Lectures

- Zutphen, 7-8 March 2013 | Guest lectures “Islamic Law” and “Islamic Family Law” | Training and Study Center for the Judiciary (in Dutch: Studiecentrum Rechtspleging/SSR).

Conferences

- 13 June 2013 | Annual Symposium of the Dutch Association for the Study of the Law of Islam and the Middle East (RIMO) | theme “Nationality and Statelessness in the Middle East & Dutch Legal Practice” (conference organisation).
- Nijmegen, 19-21 June 2013 | International conference “Islamic Family Law in Modern Europe And The Muslim World. Normative, Legal And Empirical Analyses Beyond The Women’s Rights Issue” | Paper presentation “Pluralistic Family Law in Syria: Bane or Blessing?” (participation funded by the Juynboll Stichting).

A. (Ahmad) Nuril Huda (FSBS)

Title research: “Projecting Islam on Screen: a Study of Islamic Film Culture in Indonesia”

Supervisors: Prof. Patricia Spyer and Dr. Bart Barendregt (Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences).

S.C. (Stijn) van Huis (VVI)

Title research: “Access to Justice for Women in Divorce Cases in Indonesia: Islamic Court Reasoning under Global, National and Local Influences”

Supervisors: Prof. J.M. Otto and Dr. A.W. Bedner (VVI).

Y. (Yasrul) Huda

Title dissertation: *Contesting Sharia: State Law, Decentralization and Minangkabau Custom.* Successfully defended on 4 December 2013.

Supervisors: Prof. Léon Buskens and Dr. Nico Kaptein (both Leiden University).

K. (Khadija) Kadrouch-Outmany (FSBS)

Title research: “Islamic Burials in Belgium and the Netherlands. Legal, Religious and Social Aspects”

Supervisors: Prof. P.S. van Koningsveld (Leiden University) and Prof. W.A.R. Shadid (Leiden University, Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences)

Publications

- “Islamitisch begraven in Nederland en België vereist zorgvuldig beleid,” *Leiden Islam Blog*, 11 March 2013.

M.L. (Merel) Kahmann (LIRS)

Title dissertation: *Ontmoetingen tussen Marokkaanse Nederlanders en de Marokkaanse overheid: een antropologisch perspectief.* PhD defense on 16 April 2014.

Supervisors: Prof. Maurits Berger and Prof. Léon Buskens

M.A.L. (Marie) Legendre (LIAS)

Title research: “Pouvoir et territoire: L’administration islamique en Moyenne-Égypte pré-tūlūnide (642-868)” | PhD defense on 12 December 2013.

Supervisors: Petra Sijpesteijn (Leiden University), Jean-Pierre van Staëvel (Sorbonne) and Sylvie Denoix (IFAO, Cairo).

M.A. (Arshad) Muradin LLM, MA (VVI)

Title research : “Making Islam work in the Netherlands. Islamic authority and Islamic law in the Netherlands among ordinary Muslims: recent trends and developments.”

Supervisors: Prof. Léon Buskens (Leiden University) and Prof. Thijl Sunier (VU University Amsterdam)

K. (Khaled) Mohamed Mahmoud Younes (LIAS)

Title dissertation: *Joy and sorrow in early Muslim Egypt: Arabic papyrus letters, text and content.* Successfully defended on 27 August 2013.

Supervisors: Prof. Petra Sijpesteijn (LIAS) and Geoffrey Khan (University of Cambridge).



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