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## List of abbreviations

**AMT**

Asian Modernities & Traditions  
(research profile Leiden University)

**ASCL**

African Studies Centre Leiden

**CA-DS**

Institute of Cultural Anthropology  
& Development Sociology

**FSBS**

Faculty of Social & Behavioural  
Sciences

**GLASS**

Global Asia Scholar Series

**GI**

Global Interactions  
(research profile Leiden University)

**IIAS**

International Institute  
of Asian Studies

**KITLV**

Royal Netherlands Institute of  
Southeast Asian & Caribbean Studies

**LIAS**

Leiden University Institute  
for Area Studies

**LUCAS**

Leiden University Centre  
for the Arts in Society

**LUCIS**

Leiden University Centre  
for the Study of Islam & Society

**LUF**

Leiden University Fund

**LUP**

Leiden University Press

**LURIS**

Leiden University Research  
& Innovation Services

**LUCSoR**

Leiden University Centre  
for the Study of Religion

**LUCL**

Leiden University Centre for Linguistics

**MOS**

Middle Eastern Studies  
(Midden-Oostenstudies)

**NIMAR**

Netherlands Institute in Morocco

**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 & Development  
(Faculty of Law)

## Foreword

This report is structured according to the aims which are the guiding principles for the policy of LUCIS:

- to increase national and international visibility of LUCIS (1);
- to enhance internal cohesion and cooperation within Islamic studies in the broadest sense at Leiden University (2);
- to strengthen and join research on Islam and Muslim societies in the broadest sense at Leiden University (3).

These aims are made explicit in the following performance indicators (2015-2017):

- strengthening of interfaculty cooperation through research activities and expert meetings in the field of Islamic studies, defined broadly;
- support of individual and collaborative research applications at national and international grant bodies;
- the creation of a research environment that attracts and supports international scholarship in the form of PhD positions and scholarly exchange in the field of Islamic studies;
- dissemination of Leiden expertise in the field via public debates, media and the like.

The appendices to this annual report include:

- mission statement and aims of LUCIS (A1)
- prioritised research themes 2015-2017 (A2)
- a chronological overview and report of the activities organised by LUCIS in 2015 (A3, A4)
- an overview of media appearances by LUCIS members in 2015 (A5)
- an overview of articles published on the Leiden Islam Blog in 2015 (A6)
- an overview of the organisational structure of LUCIS (A7)
- a financial overview of 2015 (A8)
- individual annual reports of LUCIS board members 2015 (A9).



## Introduction by the director

This report provides an overview and analysis of activities pursued by the Leiden University Centre for the Study of Islam and Society (LUCIS) in 2015. With the Muslim world the focus of global attention and concern, this has been another critical year for LUCIS and its mission. Migration from the Middle East and North Africa and its political repercussions in the Netherlands and elsewhere have given rise to new questions and an urgency amongst students, scholars, government officials, journalists and the wider public to understand what motivates Muslims and how Muslims build religious landscapes and transnational life-worlds.

We are grateful to the Executive Board for its ongoing support, which enables LUCIS to continue to strengthen and extend Leiden's historical commitment to research on Islam and Muslim societies. The high quality of scholarship, team-building and outreach that the centre stimulates has provided the base for an exceptionally productive year, with a diverse array of academic and public activities, as reflected in this annual report.

Our scholarly and public outreach activities would not have been possible without the engagement of the continuously growing LUCIS community: it has helped LUCIS to be at the forefront of the study of Islam and Muslim societies and to provide research-driven information and knowledge to a wide and varied audience. Our regular and competitive funding scheme strengthens the engagement of our members in the LUCIS programme through collaborative and interdisciplinary activities. It also supports successful grant applications of LUCIS members.

This year new venues for academic cooperation across the university were developed, while proven effective and popular elements of the programme were maintained. A new academic training programme for Indonesian scholars has brought together experts in the university strengthening internal cooperation and extending our network in the region. Relations with Leiden's African Studies Centre have been intensified in order to set up a regular Islam in Africa programme in the future. Our annual journalist fellow lecture series as well as the Leiden-Aramco partnership programme allowed us to provide a very successful programme for a non-academic audience and will be continued.

LUCIS continues to explore actively new approaches, especially by reaching out to other research programmes and units within the university. This has boosted interfaculty and interdisciplinary cooperation with a variety of promising activities planned in the near future, especially in the fields of law, governance of diversity, social sciences, transcultural medicine, and public health.

Petra Sijpesteijn  
Academic director LUCIS

## 1 Visibility

Through its various activities LUCIS addresses different target groups, both in the Netherlands and beyond. It engages with academic circles through its international publications, with the LUCIS series published by Brill and Leiden University Press (LUP), the latter entirely available in open access, and by organising international academic conferences. LUCIS members fully participate in the international academic field through advisory positions in institute boards, editorial boards, and research grant bodies, by being involved in academic reviews of institutions, individual scholars, publications and research proposals – both in the Netherlands and abroad. They lecture and write about their research, and regularly speak in public at international conferences and at other venues. Expert meetings organised in Leiden in preparation for grant applications by LUCIS members funded by the [LUCIS grant scheme](#) have been another important way to disseminate Leiden's expertise in the field.

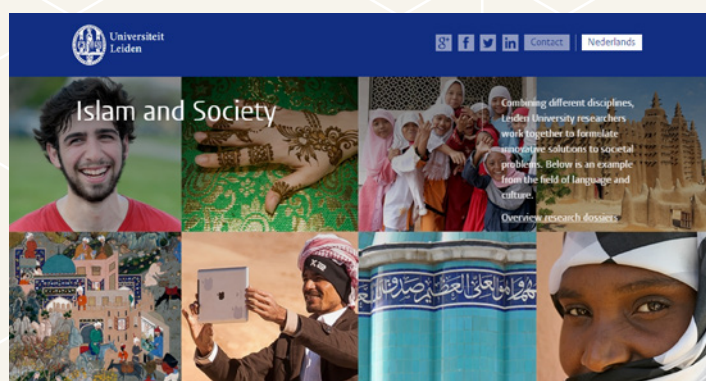
By involving speakers from outside the academy in our programme – especially journalists, but also representatives of NGO's and industry, politicians, and policymakers – LUCIS explicitly aims to bring its members in conversation with experts active outside the academy, a format that appeals to new and different audiences. All these initiatives meet the growing demand for valorisation of knowledge.

LUCIS has invested in building solid ties with Dutch government officials, the corps diplomatique, strategic advisory bodies, and think tanks to enhance its contribution to policy debates. This has resulted in LUCIS members participating in expert meetings at the ministry of Foreign Affairs, offering advice to policymakers and cooperating in research projects with Dutch embassies abroad. LUCIS members are consulted on a regular basis by ministries, municipality councils, the judicial power, police and security forces.

Furthermore, LUCIS engages with the public debate about Islam and Muslim societies through its Leiden Islam Blog (mostly in Dutch with some English contributions) and by organising public activities about current topics, which address the public demand for verified information about Muslim communities in the Netherlands and abroad. LUCIS members also take part in the public debate through various media outlets, including national newspapers, radio and television programmes.

LUCIS activities are in principle open to the public and regularly attract a varied audience of Leiden students and faculty, students and colleagues from other Dutch universities and academic institutions abroad, journalists, policy makers, and other interested parties. They are announced via different channels, including the LUCIS website, the bi-weekly newsletter which reaches approximately 1100 subscribers, and social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram). In addition, LUCIS activities are promoted through various faculty and university-wide channels, such as their websites and newsletters.

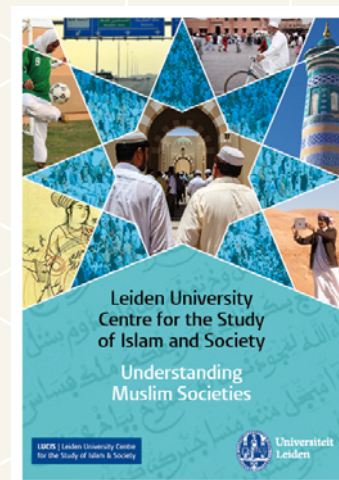




In the past year, LUCIS substantially invested in a solid publicity strategy. In cooperation with Inès van Arkel, science communication advisor at Leiden's central department of Strategic Communication and Marketing, the online research dossier [Islam and Society](#) was developed and launched on 30 April 2015 (*left*). Islam and society is one out of fourteen multidisciplinary research areas that Leiden University's central department has chosen to put in the public spotlight.

In addition, graphic designer [Paul Oram](#) has created a series of design templates for LUCIS which are used for posters, our updated flyer, and on the banners of our new website and social media profiles.

In cooperation with Stefan de Jong, knowledge broker at [LURIS](#), Leiden University's knowledge exchange office, and Inès van Arkel, LUCIS scrutinised its publicity strategy aims and focus in 2015, as well as its potential to engage in the public debate and the tools needed to do so. As a result of this, a new mission statement text was written and incorporated in an attractive flyer (*right*), designed by Paul Oram, to be used for promotion.



## science **ON AIR**

LUCIS has been working with Science on Air since spring 2015 to connect its members to Dutch media. For that purpose, [7 online video and text profiles](#)

of LUCIS members have been produced: Maurits Berger; Gabrielle van den Berg; Petra de Bruijn; Asghar Seyed Gohrab; Jan Michiel Otto; Petra Sijpesteijn and Maaïke Warnaar. Science on Air offers journalists a free account –including full contact details –to gain access to these profiles in order to get in touch with scholars. On 25 September, Karin van den Boogaart, Hermen Visser and Willemien Groot of Science on Air offered a media training at LUCIS. Participants included Petra de Bruijn, Asghar Seyed Gohrab, Jan Michiel Otto, Petra Sijpesteijn and Maaïke Warnaar. An internal follow-up of this training was organised on 16 December, with Maurits Berger and Erik-Jan Zürcher – who both have a wide experience in the media –as discussion partners. Through these and other initiatives, such as building relations with the ANP (Algemeen Nederlands Persbureau, the largest news agency in the Netherlands), LUCIS aims to operate as a portal which refers questions of journalists to members in the LUCIS community with relevant expertise. In the past year, we have been successful in quickly responding to various media requests, linking an increasing demand for sub-stantiated information about Islam and society to an established platform of experts.

The activities summed up in this paragraph have measurably contributed to LUCIS' prominence and impact: LUCIS activities are better recognisable and more often reported on in university and national media outlets, LUCIS publications are more regularly shared, and LUCIS members are present more frequently in public debates in and outside the university.

## 1.1 Academic outreach

As in previous years, in 2015 LUCIS again organised several prestigious international academic activities, clearly reflecting LUCIS' prioritised research themes (see appendix A2 and the fifth column in appendix A3). In the following paragraphs examples of various activities are highlighted. For a full overview, see appendices A3 and A4.

### 1.1.1 What's New?! lecture series

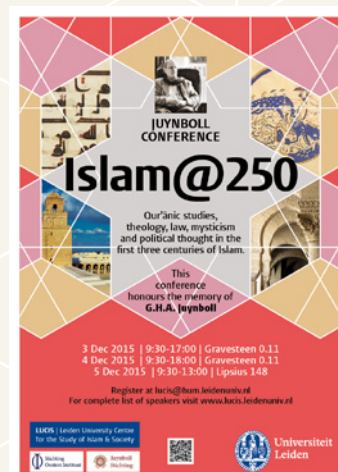


In cooperation with Leiden's Middle East Studies BA and MA Programmes, LUCIS organised 15 lectures in its What's New?! lecture series in 2015 (see appendix A4.1), which reflect a continuous cooperation between LUCIS and MOS ever since the founding of LUCIS in 2009. Most speakers are researchers based at universities throughout the Netherlands, which make the series an excellent platform for national networking.

Invited speakers are asked to present their current research in an informal fashion inviting debate and discussion with the audience and appealing to colleagues, students, and a general public. Especially students are an important audience to keep in mind, as the lectures give students the opportunity to see scholarship in action and to get familiarised with new developments in research on Islam and the Middle East beyond their individual fields of interest. At the initiative of LUCIS, the Middle Eastern studies programme requires the attendance of three What's New lectures as well as writing a short review of the lectures as an obligatory part of the regular curriculum. The lecture series draws students and colleagues from faculties across the university.

### 1.1.2 Academic conferences

At the initiative of Asghar Seyed Gohrab, a conference addressing ideas about (non-)violence in the Islamic mystical tradition took place in June, which brought together experts on Islamic mysticism from around the world.

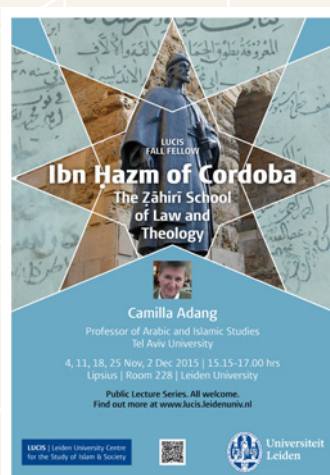


Petra Sijpesteijn organised an international conference about the political, economic and cultural networks surrounding Egypt in the late Roman and early Islamic period (c. 500-1000 C.E.). This conference was organised in cooperation with academic partners from Egypt, the US and France. A follow-up meeting aimed at producing a fully integrated publication on the topic will take place in December 2016 in the Lorentz Centre.

To honour the memory of renowned scholar of early Islam Dr. G.H.A. Juynboll, LUCIS organised a conference in December addressing recent developments in a number of fields of Islamic learning in the first three centuries of Islam (poster left). The proceedings of this conference, together with those of the first conference dedicated to the memory of Juynboll in 2011, will be compiled in an edited volume to be published in our peer-reviewed "Leiden Studies in Islam and Society" series at Brill to appear in 2017.

### 1.1.3 Visiting fellows

Twice a year, LUCIS invites outstanding scholars to Leiden for a short visiting fellowship. Through these fellowships, which include a series of five public lectures as well as participation of the fellow in graduate student master classes, we aim to present cutting-edge research in Islamic studies to the Leiden academic community and beyond, on topics that are not explicitly covered in Leiden.



The fellowships also offer students and junior researchers the opportunity to get to know scholars with an outstanding academic track record. A compilation of each fellow's lecture series is published in our peer-reviewed series at Brill. These short visiting fellowships offer valuable opportunities for meaningful exchanges between the fellow and various members of the Leiden University community, thereby strengthening Leiden research efforts and building scholarly networks.

Hugh Kennedy, professor of Arabic at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London, and Camilla Adang, professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies at Tel Aviv University, were this year's visiting fellows. They lectured about the economic history of the early Abbasid Caliphate (Kennedy) and about Ibn Hazm's legal thought (Adang *poster left*). For more information, see appendix A4.2.

### 1.1.4 GLASS-Islam scholar

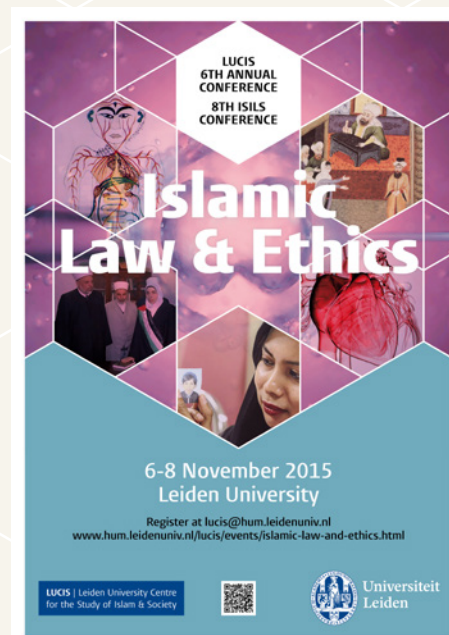
Structural cooperation with [GLASS](#) (a joint initiative of Leiden's research profile areas "Asian Modernities and Traditions" and "Global Interactions"), bringing a leading GLASS-Islam scholar to Leiden once a year for a series of activities to share his or her work with different audiences, continued in 2015. This year's GLASS-Islam scholar was Nile Green, professor of global history at UCLA.

During his stay in Leiden he addressed contemporary global movements of Islam, with a particular focus on the role of agents in the establishment of religious networks, thereby reflecting one of LUCIS' prioritised research themes, i.e. "Production and Transmission of Knowledge". The particular format for this series of events – public lecture, masterclass, and faculty roundtable – again proved to be very successful in facilitating a thoughtful and productive exchange between the invited scholar and various members of Leiden University's academic community (professors, junior and senior researchers, and graduate students).



### 1.1.5 Annual conference

In November, the sixth annual LUCIS conference was organised which coincided with the eighth conference of the International Society for Islamic Legal Studies (ISILS). The theme of the conference was “Islamic Law and Ethics”. In a full three-day programme, invited speakers from all over the world addressed topics ranging from homosexuality as a challenge to Islamic ethics, organ donation as an Islamic bioethical dilemma, to ethical perspectives on classical legal formulations of jihad. Prior to the conference, Petra Sijpesteijn was [interviewed](#) by Leiden University’s weekly magazine Mare about the academic importance and societal relevance of the conference.



### 1.1.6 Sandwich programme for Indonesian students

In November and December 2015 LUCIS hosted a four-week academic training programme for students and scholars from Indonesian universities who are active in Islamic studies. The aim of this programme, which was set up and coordinated by Maryse Kruithof and Petra Sijpesteijn, was to advance their academic skills while working on a research proposal. Additionally, the programme enabled Leiden faculty to identify potential cooperative projects on an individual (PhD, exchange) or collaborative basis.

The programme consisted of three parts: an English academic writing course offered by Bronwyn Hughes of Leiden University’s Academic Language Centre, thematic classes in the field of Islamic studies by Leiden University staff members of different faculties, and classes on research writing strategies by Maryse Kruithof, who also supervised the participants’ writing assignments. Using this year’s experience, the Sandwich Programme will serve as the basis for an extended cooperation with Indonesian partners coordinated by LUCIS board member Nico Kaptein in close cooperation with Marrik Bellen, the director of the KITLV office in Jakarta and permanent representative of Leiden University in Indonesia.

## 1.2 Public outreach

In 2015 LUCIS continued to anticipate on current affairs related to Islam and Muslim societies by initiating specific events in a timely manner aimed at a broader public, including politicians, policy makers, journalists and high school students. For a full overview, see appendices A4.2, pp. 50-51 (journalist fellow lecture series) and A4.4.

### 1.2.1 Visit of the Grand Mufti of Egypt



On 20 April 2015, LUCIS hosted a visit of the Grand Mufti of Egypt, Dr Shawki Allam, to Leiden University. The Grand Mufti's visit to Leiden was part of a visit to the Netherlands coordinated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In Leiden the Grand Mufti and his entourage visited the University Library where they were welcomed by the dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Wim van den Doel, Petra Sijpesteijn, director of LUCIS, and by the director of the University Library, Kurt de Belder.

Left to right: Birte Kristiansen, University Library; Petra Sijpesteijn; H.E. Mr. Taher Farahat, ambassador to Egypt in the Netherlands; Shawki Allam, the Grand Mufti of Egypt; and Ibrahim Negm, advisor of the Grand Mufti of Egypt.

His visit also included a presentation by library staff of exceptional Arabic manuscripts in the special collections department of the library as well as various short presentations by Leiden staff, including PhD students. The Grand Mufti's visit generated publicity via various media channels, including the university's weekly magazine *Mare* ([article](#)), Leiden University's weekly newsletter ([online article](#)), and regional newspaper *Leidsch Dagblad* ([article](#)).

### 1.2.2 Current events panel discussions

With the Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance, and Development (VVI), LUCIS co-organised two panel discussions in 2015 (one on 24 April in Leiden and the other on 10 September in The Hague) which focused on the constitution-making process in Libya. Participants of these events included academics and practitioners from Libya and beyond, as well as journalists and diplomatic representatives. The panel in September consisted of Breik Swessi, the Libyan ambassador to the Netherlands, Salah El-Marghani, a prominent Libyan lawyer, human rights activist and former minister of justice (2012-2014), and Zahra Langhi, co-founder and director of the Libyan Women's Platform for Peace.

### 1.2.3 Journalist fellow

In order to complement scholarly knowledge with journalistic insights, LUCIS invited NOS Middle East correspondent Sander van Hoorn as its second visiting journalist fellow in 2015 to share his knowledge on the rapidly changing Middle East. Van Hoorn, who has worked as a Middle East correspondent for Dutch radio and television for several years, gave a series of five lectures in Dutch in which he analysed the complexities of the Middle East, including his interactions with daily life concerns within and vis-à-vis the Islamic State. Having been based in Beirut since 2011, Van Hoorn used his extensive travel experience in the region, reporting from Tunisia, Egypt, the Gulf states, and Syria, to create richly layered lectures. Being well-known to a Dutch audience and well-versed in current events, Van Hoorn drew in large audiences and provided much needed fresh views through his fieldwork in and direct engagement with his day-to-day professional environment as a journalist. His five lectures at LUCIS were recorded and will be available in edited form on the LUCIS YouTube channel.



### 1.2.4 Cooperation with Leiden museums



LUCIS continuously cooperates with Leiden's famous National Museums of Ethnology ([RMV](#) above left) and Antiquities ([RMO](#) below left). Part of this cooperation runs through the Leiden-Aramco partnership programme.



In 2015, LUCIS financed a part of the appointment of Luit Mols as curator at the Museum of Ethnology. This financial contribution is part of a cooperation between LUCIS and the museum that began 2012. Mols' 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. The past year, she has worked on a book, co-authored with Arnoud Vrolijk (Leiden University Libraries), and provisionally entitled *Western Arabia: the Leiden Collections*, about Snouck Hurgronje's collections preserved in the University Library and the museum. The book, soon to be published by LUP, will be presented at LUCIS in the fall of 2016. This book project was also sponsored by Aramco.

Cooperation with the Museum of Ethnology has also resulted in the creation of internships for Leiden students and in involvement of LUCIS in academic events organised by the Research Center for Material Culture ([RCMC](#)), which is part of the Museum of Ethnology. Collaboration with the museum will be continued through RCMC as well as in teaching programmes in museum studies (following up on several requests coming from the Middle East), and research initiatives about material agency.

Cooperation with the National Museum of Antiquities was also continued in 2015. In March, two events of the Leiden-Aramco partnership programme (see 1.2.6) took place in the museum's beautiful Temple Hall: a concert introducing Arabic music and the first Leiden Lecture on ancient Arabian civilisation by Michael Macdonald.

In June 2015, Petra Sijpesteijn was consulted by Meta Knol, director of museum The Lakenhal, concerning a project of the Ghana ThinkTank which was part of [Global Imaginations](#), an international exhibition of contemporary art in Leiden (Meelfabriek, 27 June - 4 October) which marked the 440th anniversary of Leiden University. In this exhibition, twenty artists from all continents shared their vision on the globalised world. Among the artists participating in the exhibition was the Ghana ThinkTank, which was invited to ask Leiden residents about their concerns with regard to globalisation. The gap between Muslims and non-Muslims was given frequent mention. Ghana ThinkTank used its findings to design a typically Dutch house, the inside of which was an Islamic prayer room. This resulted in the re-creation of the Anne Frank House, depicted as an Islamic prayer room, as a [Monument to the Dutch](#). Petra Sijpesteijn was asked to give feedback on the historical background concerning Dutch history with Islam as presented by the ThinkTank, as well as to give advice on possible societal repercussions of the project. For an online report of Global Imaginations, see [here](#).

### 1.2.5 Cooperation with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Relations with the Dutch ministry of Foreign Affairs are maintained through regular contacts with the ministry's North Africa and Middle East department, which organises the Henriette van Lynden lecture series. Petra Sijpesteijn has established good relations with the series' coordinator – formerly Ernesto Braam and currently Karin Wester – who regularly contacts LUCIS to discuss possibilities for cooperation.

As director of the VVI, Jan Michiel Otto regularly cooperates with the ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding his ongoing research about Libya. Léon Buskens, currently director of the Netherlands Institute in Morocco ([NIMAR](#)), has established strong relations with the ministry, particularly with the Dutch ambassador in Rabat, Ron Strikker.

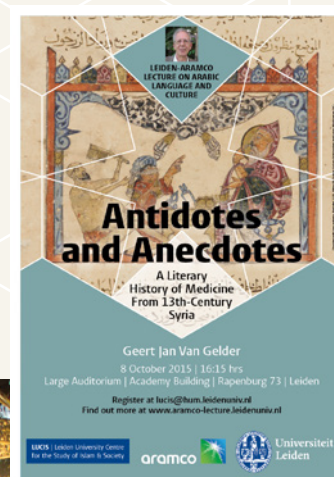
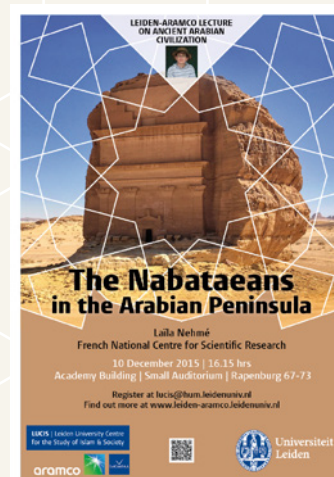
Maurits Berger frequently visits the ministry to give courses about Islam-related issues and as member of the Advisory Council on International Affairs ([AIV](#)). Nico Kaptein continuously invests in relations with the Dutch Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia, as does Jan Michiel Otto with Dutch diplomatic representatives in Tripoli, Libya. Finally, LUCIS regularly invites diplomats to participate in our panel discussions.

### 1.2.6 Leiden-Aramco partnership programme



This year's Leiden-Aramco partnership programme\* included a public performance by musical ensemble Salon Jousour in Leiden's National Museum of Antiquities (*photo left*), and public lectures by James Montgomery (Cambridge) on classical Arabic poetry, Michael Macdonald (Oxford) on ancient Arabia, Laila Nehmé (Paris) about the Nabataeans in the Arabian Peninsula (*poster right*) and Geert Jan van Gelder (Oxford) on a literary history of medicine from 13th century Syria (*poster and photo below*).

The impact of these activities on Dutch public opinion, both in terms of generating public interest in the region's cultures and societies and in the effect on the reputation of Arabic and Middle East studies at Leiden University, has turned out to be significant. Recently Petra Sijpesteijn successfully applied for a fourth donation at AOC which will fund a next series of activities in cooperation with LUCIS in the second half of 2016.



\* The Leiden-Aramco partnership programme is funded by Aramco, an industry partner with whom Leiden University has cooperated since 2013 when it celebrated 400 years of Arabic studies in Leiden. The organisation of this joint programme was integrated in the LUCIS office in 2014. It aims to share Leiden's expertise and knowledge about Arabic and Middle East studies with a wider audience in the Netherlands.



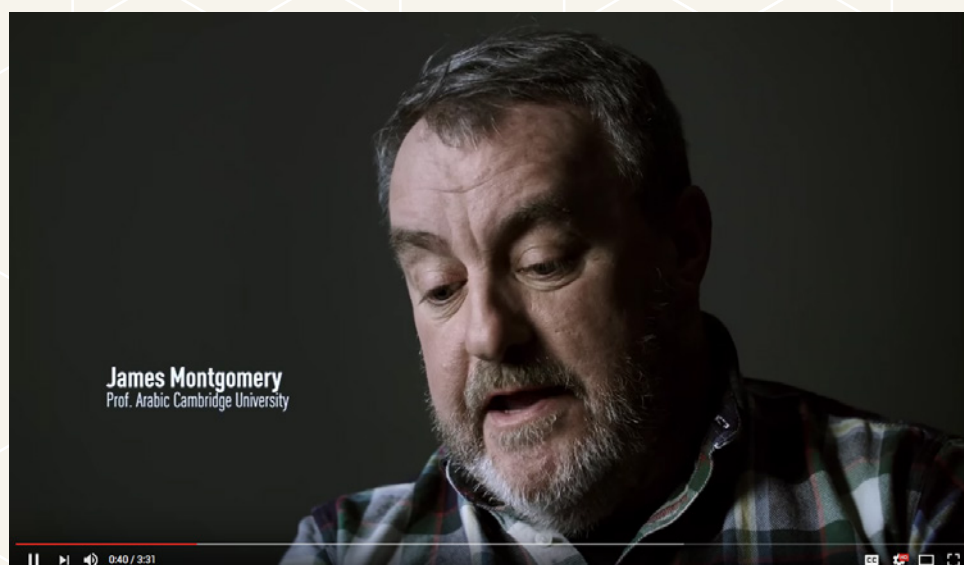
### “1001 SECRETS OF ARAB CULTURE” TECHNOLAB PROGRAMME

In 2015, the first “1001 Secrets of Arab Culture” programme for high school students was organised as part of the Leiden-Aramco partnership programme, in close cooperation with [Technolab](#), a foundation that organises workshop series for elementary and high school students. In a series of four Friday afternoon meetings between October 2015 and January 2016, eleven 5-VWO students (16-17) explored the long-standing relationship of the Dutch with the Arabic and Muslim world during a walking tour in Leiden. They also visited the Imam Malik Islamic Centre in Leiden, and were educated about Arabic culture and Islam in daily life. The programme also included a presentation of the manuscript collection at the University Library and a guided tour through the Hajj exhibition in the Museum of Ethnology.

Cooperation with Technolab offers LUCIS the opportunity to target a different and younger audience, and to spread solid information about Arab culture and Islam. Moreover, cooperation with Technolab offers LUCIS –and Leiden University in general – exposure to potential students for BA and MA programmes in Middle Eastern and Arabic Studies. The next Technolab-LUCIS programme will run from November 2016 until May 2017.

### LEIDEN | ISLAM INTERVIEW SERIES

The new Leiden | Islam interview series, sponsored by AOC, contains short documentary-style videos of leading scholars in the field of Islam and Muslim societies. With this series, LUCIS aims to show the value of unconventional insights connected to Islam and Muslim societies, and to relate them to current societal issues. The videos contain flashes of an interview with the scholar, accompanied by vivid imagery to capture the scholar’s fascination for his or her research.



In the [first video](#), released in February 2016, James Montgomery, professor of Arabic at Cambridge University, explains his fascination for Arabic and the relevance of Arabic poetry for our understanding of the Arabic-speaking world. Upcoming videos will include portrayals of Driss Moussaoui’s mission as a psychiatrist in Morocco, and Petra Sijpesteijn’s fascination for papyri.

In the [second video](#), released in August 2016, Michael Macdonald talks about the relevance of uncovering the thousands of inscriptions of ancient Arabia.

The screenshot shows the Leiden Islam Blog homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Contributors', and 'About'. The main content area features a large article titled 'Vertrokken naar Syrië: het dagelijks leven van Nederlandse uitreizigers' by Daan Weggenans, Abel de Bont, and Edwin Bakker, dated June 28, 2015. Below this, there are three smaller article thumbnails: 'Muslim Slaves in Early Modern Europe: A Forgotten History of Slavery', 'How not to end the Syrian war', and 'Islam in het Berber'. A sidebar on the right contains a search bar, a 'CATEGORIES' list (Geschiedenis, Kunst, cultuur en media, Politiek en maatschappij, Recht, Theologie, filosofie, ethiek), and a 'Comments Popular Tags' section.

### 1.2.7 Media exposure and Leiden Islam Blog

Over the past year, LUCIS actively engaged in the public debate in the media on a variety of topics related to Islam and Muslim societies, such as Islamic State, historical sources related to the life of Muhammad, and Sufism. For a complete overview of media contributions by LUCIS members, see appendix A5.

The editorial team of the Leiden Islam Blog was also productive in 2015. In total, 21 articles were published in 2015 (approximately one every other week), written by contributors from Leiden University and beyond. Geographic areas covered on the blog vary from Morocco, Nigeria, Libya, Turkey, Yemen to Central Asia, addressing topics ranging from Boko Haram (from different perspectives, see blogs by [David Ehrhardt](#) and

by [Dorrit van Dalen](#)), the process of constitution-making in a post-conflict Islamic context ([Anne Saab's entry](#)), to civil war in Yemen ([Laila al-Zwaini's contribution](#)). Blogs published in 2015 generated an average of 31.512\* views, with a peak of 46.430\* views for [Mostafa Hilali's blog](#) about the launch of Facebook page “#nietmijnislam” after the Charlie Hebdo attacks in Paris in January 2015. For an overview of Leiden Islam Blog articles in 2015, see appendix A6. For blog statistics, please go to <http://leiden-islamblog.nl/stats>.

While the blog's editorial team actively anticipates on contemporary affairs related to Islam and Muslim societies, it also publishes blogs which highlight current research about Islam and Muslim societies in past and present, reflected in, for example, a contribution about the Golden Horde, a major hub of the Islamic world in medieval times ([Marie Faverau's blog](#)), and [Léon Buskens' blog](#) about Snouck Hurgronje's legacy.

\* Reference date 14 July 2016.

### 1.2.8 Dutch National Research Agenda

LUCIS has shown a clear commitment to the Dutch National Research Agenda ([Nationale Wetenschapsagenda/NWA](#)). Both Petra Sijpesteijn and Jan Michiel Otto had a seat in the preparatory committees of two NWA routes: Sijpesteijn in NWA route “Veerkrachtige en zinvolle samenlevingen” (“Resilient and meaningful societies”), and Otto, board member of LUCIS, in NWA route “Sustainable Development Goals”. The themes of the NWA will be an important driver in future national and university funding schemes and will also be used to inspire LUCIS research activities. For more information about the NWA, please see this [news item](#) on the LUCIS website.

## 2 Internal cohesion and cooperation

Over the past year, LUCIS has continued to organise networking events and academic meetings to encourage cooperation between Leiden researchers from different academic disciplines, including philology, history, religious studies, law and the social sciences, in the study of Islam and Muslim societies.

### 2.1 Engaging the LUCIS community: annual members' meeting and network lunches

In order to stimulate and strengthen cooperation among Leiden University faculty members, LUCIS convenes a members' meeting with LUCIS members on a yearly basis, in order to reflect on past activities and to receive input for future events. This year's members' meeting, which convened on 5 March, was preceded by the 2015 double annual lecture of LUCIS by renowned scholars of Islam Lucette Valensi and Abraham Udovitch.

During the members meeting, director Petra Sijpesteijn explained the renewed mission statement (appendix A1) which was discussed and approved by the LUCIS board early 2015, and published on the LUCIS website in March 2015. In addition, she elaborated on the prioritised research themes (appendix A2) as they were recently established, as well as encouraged LUCIS members to apply for available LUCIS grants in the new [funding scheme](#). LUCIS board members Maurits Berger, Léon Buskens, Nico Kaptein and Jan Michiel Otto reflected on the research themes from their own expertise.

In the fall of 2014, Petra Sijpesteijn introduced the initiative to organise informal regular lunch meetings with LUCIS members in order to strengthen research cooperation, and to stimulate joint publications and the co-organisation of academic activities. These lunch meetings have proven to be fruitful exchanges and therefore continued in 2015:

- 24 April: Nico Kaptein (LIAS), Karène Sanchez (LUCL), Patricia Spyer (FSBS), Corey Williams (LUCSoR)
- 2 October: Nico Kaptein (LIAS), Nina ter Laan (FSBS), Asghar Seyed Gohrab (LIAS), Mark Westmoreland (FSBS).

### 2.2 Educational programmes

LUCIS members are actively engaged in embedding Leiden's expertise in the study of Islam and Muslim societies in the various educational programmes (BA and MA programmes of Middle Eastern Studies and Religious Studies, BA International Studies, Liberal Arts & Sciences undergraduate programme at Leiden University College) as well as in developing new initiatives (Massive Open Online Courses/MOOCs and Small Online Private Courses/SPOCs). The minor "[Islam: Religion and Society](#)" started in September 2015 and was set up in close cooperation with LUCIS board members (Kaptein, Buskens, Berger).

The Leiden Islam Academy (LIA) – formerly known as the Leiden Islam Outreach Programme (LIOP) and directed by Maurits Berger – adds to this by offering an alternative education and research programme consisting of consultancy activities, commissioned research, and short courses (online, evening, or tailor-made), aimed at the Dutch Muslim community, specific professional groups (e.g. health care professionals), Dutch civil society institutions, and individually interested parties. The topics vary from Islamic bio-ethics, training of imams, Islamic education, Islamic family law, to Islam and politics. In doing so, LIA 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. Regular consultations between the directors of LUCIS and LIA ensure optimal coordination and synergy between both programmes.

### **2.3 Cooperation with other Leiden faculties, institutes and research profiles**

Since the foundation of LUCIS, interfaculty cooperation has been spearheaded by the joint programme on law and governance in Muslim contexts coordinated by LUCIS and the VVI (Faculty of Law). This year the programme focused on the constitution-making process in Libya, as reflected in the organisation of two panel discussions in April and September. The panel in September was preceded by a closed one-day expert meeting on "Legislation Assessment for Libya's Reconstruction" organised by the VVI in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. LUCIS also sponsored a brainstorm meeting organised by VVI member Baudouin Dupret in preparation for a Horizon 2020 research application on meanings of sharia.

In addition, collaboration has continued with colleagues from the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences who study Muslim societies, such as a lecture by visual anthropologist Mark Westmoreland in our What's New lecture series.

Structural cooperation with the African Studies Centre Leiden ([ASCL](#)), which has become part of Leiden University as an interfaculty institute since 1 January 2016, was set up during exploratory meetings between the director of ASCL, Ton Dietz, and Petra Sijpesteijn. A joint and regular Islam in Africa programme will be set up in the future, also in close cooperation with the renewed NIMAR directed by Léon Buskens.

Finally, LUCIS continues to closely cooperate with the research profile areas Global Interactions ([GI](#)) and Asian Modernities and Traditions ([AMT](#)) through the annual invitation of a GLASS-Islam scholar (see 1.1.4), individual lectures, and conferences.

## 2.4 PhD environment

With its activities, LUCIS clearly enriches Leiden's research environment in the field of Islam and Muslim societies, which attracts potential PhD candidates to work in Leiden. LUCIS members are frequently approached to act as supervisors of PhD candidates (for a full list of PhD candidates who are currently supervised by LUCIS board members, see appendix A9). LUCIS members regularly compete in grant schemes such as the [PhDs in the Humanities](#) funding instrument of NWO as well as external funding programmes (Chinese Scholarship Council; KEMENAG; Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs). Opportunities for PhD positions for Indonesian citizens are especially interesting for LUCIS.

While LUCIS does not offer PhD training—which falls under the responsibility of Leiden's graduate schools and of the national research school in Islamic studies (NISIS)—it does provide opportunities for PhD students to engage closely with renowned scholars. Master classes in which our LUCIS visiting fellows and GLASS-Islam scholar participate are open to PhD students, who are indeed actively involved in such encounters. In addition, PhD students are involved in the organisation of LUCIS activities (Ocean of Law conference organised by Mahmood Kooria and Sanne Ravensbergen) and are regularly invited to speak at LUCIS conferences (Hayat Ahlili at Egypt Connected conference).

## 3 Strengthening research

One of LUCIS' main aims is to advance and strengthen high-quality and coherent research at Leiden in the field of Islam and Muslim societies. We aim to realise this in three ways: 1) by securing a coherent research programme through the establishment of core research themes (3.1); 2) by offering a regular and competitive funding scheme for individual LUCIS members (3.2); and 3) by supporting joint research projects (3.3).

### 3.1 Core research themes

To maximise its research impact, LUCIS has decided to focus during a three-year period (2015-2017) on the following research themes, which structure our programme (please find descriptions in appendix A2).

1. Negotiating Islam
2. Production and transmission of knowledge
3. Law and governance.

These prioritised research themes help us to streamline our programme in the wide field of Islamic Studies to increase visibility and impact, and to stimulate cooperation between LUCIS members from different disciplinary backgrounds. Each year specific activities will be identified to fall in one of the three research themes so as to advance our expertise in these fields over the years. After the three-year period, we aim to have made a significant advance in academic insights in these three fields.

### 3.2 Funding scheme for LUCIS (affiliated) members

From 2015 onward, LUCIS has allocated a structural part of its budget to a funding scheme for individual LUCIS members, aimed at widening the pool of event organisers and progressing individual and long-term research ambitions. Grants are intended to open up new areas of research in preparation for individual research grant applications, to establish research networks, and to stimulate international refereed publications. There are three types of funding:

1. Conference Grant: up to € 7500 of funding to cover the expenses for a typical international LUCIS conference organised by a LUCIS (affiliated) member;
2. Guarantee Grant: up to € 2000 for co-funding a conference organised by a LUCIS (affiliated) member;
3. Seed & Breed Grant. This third type of funding is intended to support and stimulate LUCIS (affiliated) members in writing and submitting a research proposal for national or international funding. This support consists of funding up to € 10.000 including assistance by a student-assistant of LUCIS (1 day per week for a full academic year).

An important requirement for individual LUCIS funding is that the applicant's research proposal is related to one of the three major research themes (see 3.1).

In 2015, Gabrielle van den Berg and Petra Sijpesteijn were the beneficiaries of a Seed & Breed Grant. In March, LUCIS funded a two-day roundtable organised by Gabrielle van den Berg in preparation for her NWO-VICI grant application for a research project entitled “Turks, Texts and Territory: Imperial Ideology and Cultural Production in Central Eurasia”, which was awarded late 2015.

Petra Sijpesteijn successfully applied for an ERC Consolidator Grant with a proposal entitled “Embedding Conquest: Naturalising Muslim Rule in the early Islamic Empire” which was submitted 12 March 2015 and awarded in December. In preparation for her ERC application LUCIS funded a roundtable organised by Sijpesteijn in September 2014 with several colleagues from the Netherlands and abroad to discuss her ideas for an ERC grant proposal.

These kinds of closed academic gatherings, where ideas about a particular research application can be exchanged freely, have been structurally incorporated in the LUCIS programme as they have indeed shown their return.

### 3.3 Supporting joint research projects

From 2015 onward, LUCIS, in cooperation with LURIS, aims to contribute to improving the success rates of joint research applications. Since writing grant applications for national and international research funding is highly competitive and time-consuming, LUCIS wants to coordinate and support grant writing well in advance in order to realise more joint applications. LUCIS has therefore allocated a part of its budget to support a joint application for the European Commission’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme. To this end, LUCIS plans to invest in substantial project management staff and to organise and facilitate preparatory workshops.

In addition, LUCIS has set up relations with the [Lorentz Center](#) in 2015, an international center for scientific workshops, based on the philosophy that science thrives on interaction between creative researchers. Lorentz Center workshops focus on new collaborations and interactions between scholars from different countries and fields, and with varying seniority. Traditionally the workshops have a strong basis in the ‘hard’ sciences, but since a couple of years the Lorentz Center has been committed to expand its programme with workshops in the social sciences and humanities (SSH).

This has resulted in a successful application by Petra Sijpesteijn and Jelle Bruning for a Lorentz Center workshop proposal entitled “Egypt Incorporated. Economic, Political and Cultural Developments from Late Antiquity to Islam”. It will take place from 12 until 16 December 2016, is partly funded by LUCIS, and will be organised in cooperation with colleagues from Radboud University (Janneke de Jong), New York University (Roger Bagnall), and the Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS) in Paris (Sylvie Denoix). The four-day workshop aims to result in (1) a multi-volume publication of ca. 25 integrated studies, based on conference papers delivered at three previous meetings; and (2) in proposal(s) for continued international progress with planned academic meetings and cooperative projects in the near future.

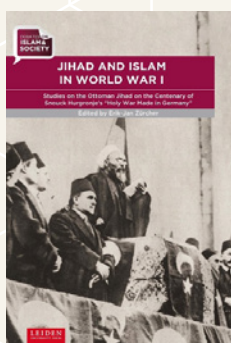
### 3.4 Scholarly output

LUCIS publishes two peer-reviewed book series. With Leiden University Press, LUCIS publishes a series entitled “Debates on Islam and Society”, which contributes to contemporary debates on Islam and Muslim societies and is aimed at a broad audience. Brill Publishers manages the second peer-reviewed series of LUCIS, entitled “Leiden Studies in Islam and Society”, aimed at an international academic audience.



#### DEBATES ON ISLAM AND SOCIETY (LUP)

In 2015, *Islam, Politics and Change. The Indonesian Experience 1998-2013* edited by Kees van Dijk and Nico Kaptein was published in this series. This book is the result of a joint Indonesian-Dutch research project within the framework of the Islam Research Programme (IRP), funded by the Netherlands ministry of Foreign Affairs. This project ran from 2010 until December 2012 and was embedded in LIAS. In addition, *Jihad and Islam in World War I. Studies on the Ottoman Jihad on the Centenary of Snouck Hurgronje's "Holy War Made in Germany"* edited by Erik-Jan Zürcher was published in this series. Both publications have recently become available in Open Access through the Knowledge Unlatched initiative.



The second editorial board meeting of the series was organised on 5 November 2015 by series' editors Petra Sijpesteijn and Léon Buskens. Together with Baudouin Dupret, Nico Kaptein, Jan Michiel Otto (board members) and Anniëk Meinders (LUP), they discussed the proceedings of the series and exchanged ideas to strengthen it.

A separate LUCIS publication that appeared at LUP in 2015 outside the series is *Wit and Wisdom in Classical Arabic Literature. Leiden Lectures on Arabic Language and Culture*, which contains the first three Leiden Lectures on Arabic Language and Culture delivered by Petra Sijpesteijn, James Montgomery and Geert Jan van Gelder.

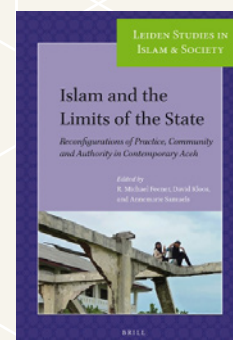


#### LEIDEN STUDIES IN ISLAM AND SOCIETY (BRILL)

In 2015, *Islam and the Limits of the State. Reconfigurations of Practice, Community and Authority in Contemporary Aceh*, edited by R. Michael Feener, David Kloos and Annemarie Samuels, was the third book to be published in this series. Other publications that are currently being prepared in the “Leiden Studies in Islam and Society” series are:

Forthcoming (volumes 4 and 5):

- S.R. Goldstein-Sabbah & H.L. Murre-van den Berg (eds.), *Modernity, Minority, and the Public Sphere: Jews and Christians in the Middle East*. Forthcoming August 2016, book launch on 8 September 2016.
- Umar Ryad (ed.), *Hajj and Europe in the Age of Empires*. Proceedings of the LUCIS 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). Forthcoming November 2016.





## Work-in-progress:

- Kevin van Bladel, *From Sasanian Mandaean to Ṣābians of the Marshes* manuscript submission scheduled for summer 2016.
- John Bowen and Arskal Salim (eds.), *Women and Property Rights in Indonesian Islamic Legal Contexts*. Manuscript under review.
- Camilla Adang, Léon Buskens & Petra Sijpesteijn (eds.), *Islam anno 250. Studies in Intellectual and Historical Developments in Memory of G.H.A. Juynboll* papers are currently being collected, deadline 1 July 2017.
- Léon Buskens & Jan Just Witkam (eds.), *Scholarship in Action. Studies on the Life and Work of Christiaan Snouck Hurgronje (1857-1936)*. Manuscript due for review in summer 2016.
- Léon Buskens, François Pouillon & Mercedes Volait, *Collecting the Muslim World* proceedings of conference scheduled in the autumn of 2017.
- Ben Hounet, *Law and property in Algeria*.
- Barbara Casciari, *The Anthropology of Law in Muslim Sudan*.

Eleven publications resulting from LUCIS visiting fellowships (in the list below the lecture series titles are stated):

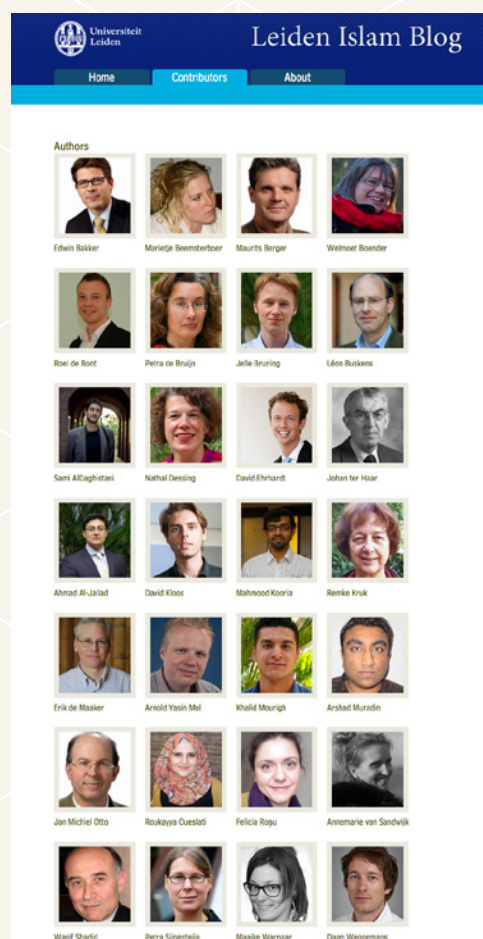
- Robert Gleave, *Power, Authority and Hermeneutics. Studies in the Development of Shi'i Jurisprudence*.
- Robert Hoyland, *The Rise of Islam. A Guide to the Sources*.
- Marina Rustow, *Fatimid State Documents from the Cairo Geniza. From Petition to Decree*.
- Muhammad Khalid Masud, *Islamic Law: A Social Construction*.
- Sabine Schmidtke, *Doctrinal History of Imāmī Shī'ism: Four Case Studies*.
- Ulrike Freitag, *Approaching a Walled City: Perspectives in the Urban History of Jeddah*.
- Angeliki Ziaka, *The Philosophy of the Ibadi Kala*. Manuscript submission planned for June 2016.
- Hugh Kennedy, *Towards an Economic History of the Early Abbasid Caliphate (c. 700-950 CE)*.
- Wen-Chin Ouyang, *Reading Arabic Literature in a Global Context* (fall 2016 fellow).
- Sarah Savant, *Transmission of Knowledge in the Medieval Arabic-Persian World* (spring 2017 fellow).
- Mercedes Volait, *Taking Things Seriously: Patterns of Art Consumption Across the Modern Mediterranean* (fall 2017 fellow).

Early October 2015, the manuscript of *Legal Documents as Sources for the History of Muslim Societies. Studies in Honour of Professor Rudolph Peters*, edited by Maaïke van Berkel, Léon Buskens and Petra Sijpesteijn, was submitted to Brill, to be published in its "Studies in Islamic Law and Society" series. The preparation of this volume was made possible by LUCIS, as reflected in the managerial and editorial assistance of Annemarie van Sandwijk and Nazreen Sahebali.

## 4 Conclusion and future prospects

The events in the Middle East and their repercussions in Europe continue to raise demands for science-based information about Islam and Muslim societies. LUCIS responds to this by bringing together Leiden University's expertise in these fields in a diverse programme of public and academic events. By highlighting interfaculty research interests and long-term scholarly cooperation, LUCIS contributes to high-profile interdisciplinary research and to a stronger academic programme on Islam and Muslim societies throughout the university. Leiden University's public outreach in this field is strengthened by (1) the sharing of expertise which is spread throughout the university; and (2) a concerted public relations and media strategy.

This annual report shows that LUCIS fully achieved its objectives in 2015. Many high-level international academic events further strengthened Leiden's profile and visibility in academic circles – both in the Netherlands and abroad – as a leading international research centre in the study of Islam and Muslim societies. Furthermore, internal cohesion and cooperation within Islamic studies were enhanced through continual involvement in the development of course programmes on Islam and Muslim societies, and by facilitating internal cooperation in academic and public programmes. LUCIS also continued to invest in its publications programme which resulted in the publication of three books in 2015.



The visibility of Leiden's expertise on Islam and Muslim societies among the wider public was increased by organising relevant activities on current affairs in a timely manner, and by sharing Leiden's various expertises on Islam and Muslim societies through the [Leiden Islam Blog](#). By organising events both in Dutch and English, LUCIS approached various audiences. By regularly and critically self-assessing its activities and by making improvements when needed, LUCIS increased the number of visitors and engaged a substantial number of students, researchers, policy makers and journalists.

A concerted public relations campaign supported by Leiden University's central department, knowledge exchange office LURIS, and in cooperation with Science on Air has led to an increased visibility of LUCIS' activities and members' achievements. The joint presentation of Leiden University's faculty-wide Islam expertise has also resulted in showcasing Leiden University as a place where diverse disciplinary approaches and activities on Muslim societies are thriving.

LUCIS' focus for the coming years is to build on these strengths while exploring new opportunities for long-term interuniversity cooperation. We aim to do this by actively reaching out to other faculties to identify common research interests, intending to lead to specific interfaculty activities about topics including the governance of religious and cultural diversity (related to metropolitan governance and policy questions), public health care, the Muslim LGBT community, transcultural medicine, the role of Islam in child raising practices, and radicalisation processes. While true interdisciplinary and interfaculty cooperation remains a challenge both at the personal and institutional level, LUCIS has already made important steps in this direction and it aims to pursue these initiatives. Personal contacts fed by academic and public, societal questions continue to be leading in this respect. It is therefore that LUCIS will continue to stimulate building such contacts by purposely organised academic meetings and networking events such as the networking lunches. The various ideas and initiatives to cooperate with Indonesian partners, NIMAR, the Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC), our colleagues at Leiden's social sciences faculty, the faculty of archaeology and with the faculty of Governance and Global Affairs in The Hague are especially promising in this respect.



## A1. Mission statement and aims

### Mission statement<sup>1</sup>

LUCIS promotes high-quality research on Islam and Muslim societies and communicates the insights and findings of that research to the larger public. By bringing together scholars from a range of disciplines, LUCIS stimulates new perspectives on the vibrant field of Islamic studies at Leiden University.

#### TRADITION

Leiden University has a long tradition in the study of Islam as a religion and a cultural practice in its many historical manifestations across the world. Our expertise in the languages, cultures, religions, legal systems and histories of Muslim societies provides a uniquely fruitful platform from which to understand Islam as a dynamic, global phenomenon and as reflective of its local context.

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

The university's historical leadership in the field of Islamic studies has resulted in exceptional scholarly resources, including extensive and very important library holdings, as well as specialty expertise in each of the regions in which Islam plays a pivotal role, from the Arabian Peninsula and Maghrib, to Europe and Southeast Asia. Distinguishing features of Leiden's broad expertise and rich resources are:

- global and comparative perspectives
- deep knowledge of regional and local diversity
- a thorough knowledge of relevant languages
- a deep understanding of Islamic theology
- a keen eye for historical depth
- a multidisciplinary approach.

### 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 determine the policy of LUCIS:

- to increase national and international visibility of Leiden University's expertise in the field of the study of Islam and Muslim societies
- to enhance internal cohesion and cooperation between Leiden scholars working on Islam and Muslim societies
- to strengthen research about Islam and Muslim societies at Leiden University by joining it in three overarching research themes in order to increase coherence: 1) Negotiating Islam; 2) Production and transmission of knowledge; 3) Law and governance (see appendix A2).

1. This renewed mission statement was discussed and approved by the LUCIS board early 2015, and published on the LUCIS website in March 2015.

## A2. Prioritised research themes (2015-2017)

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.

LUCIS' focus on Islam and society takes shape in three research themes, defined in March 2015, which structure our programme: 1) Negotiating Islam; 2) Production and transmission of knowledge; 3) Law and governance.

### Negotiating Islam

From the formative period of Islam to the contemporary world, Muslims have negotiated changing modalities of being Muslim. This is a dynamic and continuing process, the product of ongoing and unstoppable adaptations to an ever-changing environment and interactions with other cultural domains. This development has taken truly global forms, creating complex new configurations but also tensions.

Research in this area focuses on developments in Islamic thinking and practice, and their interaction with Islamic theological, legal, and political discourses. How are Muslim beliefs and practices given shape in everyday life and how do these relate to Muslim identity and imagination at a specific place and time? Looking at socio-historical circumstances – migration, changing power relations, the influx of new ideas, products and people, and their influence on society – we seek to understand the social visualisations of Islam in their historical context and as expressions of recurrent and recognisable patterns throughout history.

### Production & transmission of knowledge

Muslim scholars work in a long and rich tradition of knowledge-production in their own culture. Traditionally the dominant form of knowledge was normative, understood in terms of Islamic jurisprudence (*fiqh*) and the writing of history in the form of chronicles, with their compilations of reports and anecdotes. Western understanding of Muslim societies, true to the principles of philology, has from the beginning privileged the study of these written sources.

A critical reflection on the history and practices of the academic study of Islam and Muslim societies, however, has led to a consciousness of Islamic studies as a social practice and an understanding of its relevance for society as both an asset and a potential problem. At present a more nuanced view of what has become known as “Orientalism” has gained currency, stressing the importance of exchange and collaboration between scholars studying Muslim societies and Islam from the inside and from the outside.

In the coming years LUCIS will continue to promote the study of the scholarly production of knowledge on and in Muslim societies, in its complex relation to societal concerns, focusing especially on the exchanges between Muslim and Western scholars. Particular attention will be given to the rich heritage of Leiden University in this field, to be explored in an international context of critical studies of Orientalism.

### **Law and governance**

With regard to governance, policies and law, many Muslims and Muslim countries recognise the possibility that Islam has something important to say about the way society is to be ordered, governed, and regulated. The extent to which this religious dimension has materialised into actual policies, laws, regulations, rulings, and government decisions has varied immensely over time, according to place, social sphere, and the subject at hand. These developments and outcomes are subject of ongoing research on “Sharia and national law”.

LUCIS research on law and governance in Muslim countries covers a wide geographical breadth from West and North Africa to Europe, the Middle East, Iran, and Southeast Asia, notably Indonesia. It is not limited to its religious dimensions in a strict sense. Being at least “Islam-sensitive” it also addresses problems such as limited statehood, authoritarianism, dysfunctional bureaucracy, injustices, normative and legal uncertainty, as well as problems of social and economic development.

In sum, LUCIS research on law and governance looks at how state and non-state actors interact to shape and follow formal and informal rules that regulate the public realm. Our studies look at how these interactions take place in “arenas of governance” such as the government, political society, economic society, civil society, bureaucracy, and the judiciary.

## A3. Chronological overview of activities in 2015

### CATEGORISATION OF ACTIVITIES BY COLOUR

What's New lecture series (15)

Lecture series LUCIS visiting fellows 2015 (10)

Lecture series LUCIS journalist fellow 2015 (5)

Scholarly meetings (22)

Activities related to current events (10)

Date	Co-organisator(s)	Type of activity	Subject, details	Theme
8-9 January	KITLV, IIAS, AMT	Workshop convened by David Kloos (KITLV) and Mirjam Künkler (Princeton/KITLV)	Female Islamic Authority in Comparative Perspective: Exemplars, Institutions, Practices	Negotiating Islam
20 January	VVI	LUCIS/VVI lecture by Dirk Vandewalle	Libya Since the 2011 Revolution: Troubles, Causes, and Future	Law and governance
27 January	LIAS	Lecture by Kayhan Barzegar	Understanding the Middle East: Geopolitical Complexities of an Area	Law and governance
12 February	Aramco	2nd Leiden Lecture on Arabic Language and Culture & 1st What's New lecture by James Montgomery	On Hedgehogs, Foxes and Magpies, and Why the World Should Read Classical Arabic Poetry	Production and transmission of knowledge
19 February	Department of Middle Eastern Studies	2nd What's New lecture by Maaïke van Berkel	The City and Its Water Supply under the Mamluks	Negotiating Islam
26 February	Department of Middle Eastern Studies	3rd What's New lecture by Rob Ermers	A New View on Honour and Honour-Related Violence	Negotiating Islam
5 March		LUCIS 2015 annual lecture by Lucette Valensi & Abraham Udovitch	Familiar Strangers. Muslims in Europe, 16-18th century (Valensi) & Religious Law and Secular Documents and the Economic Realities of the Medieval Islamic World (Udovitch)	Negotiating Islam

Date	Co-organisator(s)	Type of activity	Subject, details	Theme
6 March	Study group Comparative and Global Philosophy (Chris Goto-Jones)	Lecture by Ahmed Abdel Meguid (Syracuse University)	Between Al-Ghazālī and Averroës: The Critique of Metaphysics and the Systematization of Islam as a Science	Negotiating Islam
11 March	Aramco	Concert by Salon Jousour: introducing Arabic music	National Museum of Antiquities	
12 March	Department of Middle Eastern Studies	4th What's New lecture by Elena Paskaleva	Politics of Urban Renewal in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan	Negotiating Islam
17 March	Aramco	1st Leiden-Aramco Lecture on Ancient Arabian Civilization by Michael Macdonald	Ancient Arabia: Forgotten Civilizations at the Heart of the Ancient Near East & National Museum of Antiquities	
18-20 March	GLASS	GLASS-Islam scholar series of events with Nile Green	MA class: Modelling Religion for Global Historians Public lecture: From Evangelical Empires to Global Islam: Mosques, Missions and Religious Economies Faculty roundtable: Agents in Religious Networks	Production and transmission of knowledge
8 April		Lecture by Farshid Emami	Coffeehouses, Urban Spaces, and Performing Publics in Safavid Isfahan	Negotiating Islam
9 April		LUCIS Spring Fellow lecture series: 1st lecture by Hugh Kennedy	Series title: Towards an Economic History of the Early Abbasid Caliphate (c. 700-950 CE)	Negotiating Islam; Law & governance
13 April	Faculty of Humanities	Business Culture & Culture in Business: How it Impacts your Success in the Middle East	Event with key represent- atives of industry sectors, government, & Leiden Univ. to discuss the value of regional expertise in business	
16 April		LUCIS Spring Fellow lecture series: 2nd lecture by Hugh Kennedy	Series title: Towards an Economic History of the Early Abbasid Caliphate (c. 700-950 CE)	Negotiating Islam; Law & governance



Date	Co-organisator(s)	Type of activity	Subject, details	Theme
16 April	Department of Middle Eastern Studies	5th What's New lecture by Menachem Klein	Jewish/Israeli - Palestinian Encounters: Past and Present	Negotiating Islam
20 April	Faculty of Humanities, Leiden University Library	Visit of the Grand Mufti of Egypt	Welcome at Leiden University, presentation of manuscripts at Leiden University Library	Negotiating Islam; production and transmission of knowledge
23 April	African Studies Centre Leiden	Workshop	Muslim Scholars in Africa, Past and Present	Production and transmission of knowledge
23 April		LUCIS Spring Fellow lecture series: 3rd lecture by Hugh Kennedy	Series title: Towards an Economic History of the Early Abbasid Caliphate (c. 700-950 CE)	Negotiating Islam; Law & governance
24 April	VVI	Panel discussion	Making a Constitution for Libya	Law & governance
30 April		LUCIS Spring Fellow lecture series: 4th lecture by Hugh Kennedy	Series title: Towards an Economic History of the Early Abbasid Caliphate (c. 700-950 CE)	Negotiating Islam; Law & governance
30 April	Department of Middle Eastern Studies	6th What's New lecture by Norah Karrouche	Berber Memory and Modernity in Moroccan Museums	Negotiating Islam
7 May		LUCIS Spring Fellow lecture series: 5th lecture by Hugh Kennedy	Series title: Towards an Economic History of the Early Abbasid Caliphate (c. 700-950 CE)	Negotiating Islam; Law & governance
7-8 May	AMT, GI, KNAW, European University at St. Petersburg & TAIF company	Conference	The Golden Horde in a Global Perspective: Imperial Strategies Convenors: Marie Faverau & Gabrielle van den Berg	
3-4 June		Conference	Antinomian Movements in Islam: Ideas of Violence and Non-Violence in Islamic Mysticism Convenor: Asghar Seyed Gohrab	Negotiating Islam

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18-20 June	Co-sponsored by the European Research Council, KNAW, GI, LUF, Juynboll stichting & Stichting Oosters Instituut	Conference	Egypt Connected: Cultural, Economic, Political & Military Interactions (500-1000 CE)	Production & transmission of knowledge
2 July	RIMO	33rd symposium	“Jihad, islam en recht. Jihadisme en reacties vanuit het Nederlandse en Belgische recht”	Negotiating Islam
10 September		1st What's New lecture by Baudouin Dupret	The Ethnography of Muslim Everyday Norms at Work	Negotiating Islam
10 September	VVI	Panel discussion	Libya: Making a Constitution in Turbulent Times. Expectations, Challenges & Alternatives Stichthage Building, The Hague	Law & governance
17 September		2nd What's New lecture by Engin Kılıç	Balkan War, Trauma & Utopia: Negotiating a New Identity in Ottoman-Turkish Literature	Production & transmission of knowledge
24 September		3rd What's New lecture by Corey Williams	Varieties of Religious Belonging & Identity Among the Yorùbá of Ogbómòsò, Nigeria	Negotiating Islam
1 October		4th What's New lecture by Mark Westmoreland	Street Scenes: The Politics of Revolutionary Video in Egypt	Production & transmission of knowledge
2 October		LUCIS Journalist Fellow lecture series: Hét Midden-Oosten bestaat niet. 1st lecture by Sander van Hoorn	Islamitische Staat	Negotiating Islam
5 October		LUCIS Journalist Fellow lecture series: Hét Midden-Oosten bestaat niet. 2nd lecture by Sander van Hoorn	Islamitische Staat	Negotiating Islam
8 October		Lecture by Maxim Yosefi	Arab Poets & Religious Ideology in the First Centuries of Islam	Negotiating Islam

Date	Co-organisator(s)	Type of activity	Subject, details	Theme
8 October	Aramco	3rd Leiden Lecture on Arabic Language & Culture by Geert Jan van Gelder	Antidotes & Anecdotes: A Literary History of Medicine from 13th-Century Syria	Production & transmission of knowledge
23 October		LUCIS Journalist Fellow lecture series: Hét Midden-Oosten bestaat niet. 3rd lecture by Sander van Hoorn	Sjiieten en Soennieten	Negotiating Islam
26 October		LUCIS Journalist Fellow lecture series: Hét Midden-Oosten bestaat niet. 4th lecture by Sander van Hoorn	Democratie	Negotiating Islam
29 October		5th What's New lecture by Kemal Rijken	Milli Görüş en de Bouw van de Westermoskee in Amsterdam	Negotiating Islam
30 October	Technolab, Aramco	1st workshop "Leiden and Arabia"	"1001 Secrets of Arab Culture" Technolab Humanities programme	
4 November		LUCIS Autumn Fellow lecture series: Ibn Hazm of Cordoba & the Zahiri School of Law & Theology. 1st lecture by Camilla Adang	Setting the Stage: Al-Andalus in the 11th Century CE & Ibn Hazm's Political Theory	Law & governance
5 November		6th What's New lecture by Clare Wilde	What Can Early 'Christian Arabic' Texts Tell us About the Quran	
6-8 November	International Society for Islamic Legal Studies (ISILS)	Annual conference	Islamic Law and Ethics	Law & governance
9 November		LUCIS Journalist Fellow lecture series: Hét Midden-Oosten bestaat niet. 5th lecture by Sander van Hoorn	Communicatie (ook wel: propaganda)	Negotiating Islam
10 November	African Studies Centre Leiden	Book presentation	<i>Arabic Literature of Africa. Vol. V: The Writings of Mauritania &amp; the Western Sahara</i> , compiled by Charles Stewart	Production & transmission of knowledge

Date	Co-organisator(s)	Type of activity	Subject, details	Theme
11 November		LUCIS Autumn Fellow lecture series: Ibn Hazm of Cordoba & the Zahiri School of Law & Theology. 2nd lecture by Camilla Adang	Ibn Hazm's Theory of Language: Taking God Literally?	Law & governance
12 November		7th What's New lecture by Joas Wagemakers	Moderation, Radicalisation or Both? The Trials and Tribulations of the Muslim Brotherhood in Jordan	Negotiating Islam
13 November		Lecture by Kevin van Bladel	Persian Divergent in the Eastern Arab Colonies	Negotiating Islam
14 November	Stichting Zenobia	10th Zenobia congres	Mohammed en het einde van de oudheid	Production & transmission of knowledge
18 November		LUCIS Autumn Fellow lecture series: Ibn Hazm of Cordoba & the Zahiri School of Law & Theology. 3rd lecture by Camilla Adang	Ibn Hazm's Legal Thought	Law & governance
19 November		8th What's New lecture by Asghar Seyed-Gohrab	Condolences or Congratulations: How to Interpret the Martyrs of the Iran-Iraq War	Negotiating Islam
25 November		LUCIS Autumn Fellow lecture series: Ibn Hazm of Cordoba & the Zahiri School of Law & Theology. 4th lecture by Camilla Adang	Ibn Hazm's Theology	Law & governance
26 November		9th What's New lecture by Nahda Shehada	The Differential Application of Family Law in the Sharia Courts of Gaza & Damascus	Negotiating Islam
27 November	Technolab, Aramco	2nd workshop on Arabic language	"1001 Secrets of Arab Culture" Technolab Humanities programme	
2 December		LUCIS Autumn Fellow lecture series: Ibn Hazm of Cordoba & the Zahiri School of Law & Theology. 5th lecture by Camilla Adang	The Reception of Ibn Hazm's Thought in the Contemporary Arab World	Law & governance

Date	Co-organisator(s)	Type of activity	Subject, details	Theme
3-5 December		Juynboll conference	Islam@250: Quranic Studies, Theology, Law, Mysticism & Political Thought in the First Three Centuries of Islam	Negotiating Islam
7-9 December	Leiden University Institute for History, AMT, LUF & <i>Itinerario</i>	Conference	Ocean of Law: Intermixed Legal Systems Across the Indian Ocean World, 1550-1950	Law & governance
9 December	Leiden Center for the Study of Ancient Arabia	Conference	Arabian Archaeology in the 21st Century	
10 December	Aramco	2nd Leiden-Aramco Lecture on Ancient Arabian Civilization by Laila Nehmé	The Nabataeans in the Arabian Peninsula: An Overview	
10 December	LIAS, LUCSoR, Faculty of Archaeology, Institute for History	Workshop	Guiding Travelers Workshop: Visual Religion	Negotiating Islam; production & transmission of knowledge
11 December	Technolab, Aramco	3rd workshop about religion	"1001 Secrets of Arab Culture" Technolab Humanities programme	

## A4. Report of activities in 2015

This appendix contains reports of activities in 2015 which have been organised by LUCIS or to which LUCIS has substantially contributed, either financially or in terms of organisation. The reports are mostly in English with a few exceptions in Dutch, depending on the target group of the activity concerned. They are categorised as follows:

- What's New?! Current research on Islam and the Middle East lecture series (A4.1)
- LUCIS visiting fellows 2015 (A4.2)
- Scholarly meetings (A4.3)
- Activities relevant for societal debate or related to current events (A4.4).

### A4.1 What's New?!

#### **Current Research on Islam and the Middle East Lecture series organised by LUCIS and the Department of Middle Eastern Studies**

##### **Spring 2015: 6 lectures**

12 FEBRUARY

2nd Leiden Lecture on Arabic Language and Culture & 1st What's New lecture by James Montgomery, *On Hedgehogs, Foxes and Magpies, and Why the World Should Read Classical Arabic Poetry*  
In cooperation with Aramco

In this lecture James Montgomery shed light on three major intellects in the history of Arabic civilization: al-Fārābī (d. 339/950-1); al-Bīrūnī (d. after 442/1050) and al-Jāhiz (d. 255/868-9). He considered them in terms of the political philosopher Isaiah Berlin's famous division of human beings into hedgehogs and foxes. In the context of how we study Arabic civilization Professor Montgomery proposed that we need a third category, that of the magpie. The lecture concluded with a plea for the study and enjoyment of classical Arabic poetry.

James Montgomery is the Sir Thomas Adams Professor of Arabic at Cambridge University. He studied Arabic and Ancient Greek at Glasgow University (1980-1984), spent two years on an unfinished DPhil at Oxford (1984-1986), where he was a Snell Exhibitioner at Balliol College before taking up a lectureship at Glasgow (1986-1992), where he decided to do a different PhD. Senior Lectureships at Oslo and Leeds preceded his move to Cambridge in 1997.

#### **Leiden Lectures on Arabic Language and Culture, in cooperation with Aramco**

To celebrate Leiden's long and deep tradition in Arabic studies, LUCIS, in cooperation with Aramco, organises the Leiden Lectures on Arabic Language and Culture. In 2013, Petra Sijpesteijn delivered the first lecture entitled "The Wisdom of the Arabs. Four Hundred Years of Cross-Cultural Engagement" (4 February). This lecture also marked the official start of the celebrations of the 400th anniversary of the Chair of Arabic Language and Culture at Leiden University, which was established in 1613 as one of Europe's very first chairs in this field. Its 400th anniversary was celebrated with a range of activities to (re)introduce Arabic culture, science and language to the people working and living in Leiden and beyond. The first three Leiden Lectures on Arabic Language and Culture were published by LUP as *Wit and Wisdom in Classical Arabic Literature: Leiden Lectures on Arabic Language and Culture*.

**19 FEBRUARY**

2nd What's New lecture by Maaïke van Berkel  
*The City and Its Water Supply under the Mamluks*

For decades historians have discussed the concept of the Islamic city, an urban type that is considered to be essentially different from the European city. Based on Weberian models and nourished by Orientalist notions of a dichotomy between the East and the West, the Islamic city has often been defined in terms of its deficiencies in comparison to the European pre-modern city, in particular its lack of formal urban institutions. Although many recent studies prove otherwise, until today the assumption of institutional weakness continues to inspire scholars to formulate essentialist theses of the East. In this lecture the concept of the Islamic city and Eurocentric visions on its main characteristics was discussed.

Maaïke van Berkel is professor of Medieval History at Radboud University. Her research interests include the social and cultural history of the medieval Middle Eastern world and the relations between medieval Europe and the Middle East.

**26 FEBRUARY**

3rd What's New lecture by Rob Ermers  
*A New View on Honour and Honour-Related Violence*

Few topics speak to the imagination as honour-related violence does. The term regularly pops up in the media, often in response to a terrible act of violence. Since eight years, a policy in the Netherlands has been developed in order to prevent and combat honour-related violence. Still, there are problems. Honour is often considered to be undefinable, but at the same time numerous claims about honour appear. One such a claim is that honour is an emotion, yet an emotion which exclusively exists in people of non-Western descent. How then can be determined whether an individual indeed has this specific cultural emotion? In this lecture, Rob Ermers, a researcher affiliated with Radboud University, drew attention these harmful assumptions of non-Westerners and a proposal for a new perspective was made.

Rob Ermers (1965), a specialist in honour-related violence, obtained his PhD in Arabic and Turkish linguistics. His fields of interest include cultures of the Middle East, Central Asia, Islam, languages of the Middle East and Central Asia. He is the author of two books about honour-related violence and is the founder of Midden Oosten Perspectief. He is affiliated to Radboud University.

**12 MARCH**

4th What's New lecture by Elena Paskaleva  
*Politics of Urban Renewal in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan*

Urban renewal in Central Asia can be analysed as a visual protagonist of the nationalistic rhetoric. After their independence in 1991, the post-Soviet Central Asian republics of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan have been trying to assert their national identity through major building activities. The lecture discussed the latest urban renewal developments in Astana, the newly created capital of Kazakhstan, and in Tashkent, the century-old Uzbek capital. Political and cultural elites of both countries have sought inspiration in the material legacy of their powerful ancestors. While Kazakhstan has developed its ethno-nationalistic discourse around the figure of Genghis Khan, Uzbekistan has propagated Tamerlane as the epitome of Uzbek national identity. As a result, the urban renewal projects manifest architectural and design elements of local architectural heritage combined with modern technologies. The new constructions range from high-rise governmental buildings to mosques and religious compounds. The style is eclectic. Although the majority of earlier projects were carried out by local artisans and architects, there is a tendency in the last couple of years to open the state commissions to foreign companies and acclaimed architects such as Kisho Kurokawa and Norman Foster. State assets are being used for creating the new image of independent Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan as a reliable business partner on a global scale.

Elena Paskaleva is a post-doctoral researcher on Central Asia at Leiden University. In 2014 she was an associate at the Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture at Harvard University. Her research focuses on the history and socio-political importance of Timurid architectural heritage and material culture in present-day Uzbekistan.

**12 APRIL**

5th What's New lecture by Menachem Klein  
*Jewish/Israeli - Palestinian Encounters: Past and Present*

Based on his recent book *Lives in Common: Arabs and Jews in Jerusalem, Jaffa and Hebron* (Oxford: OUP and London: Hurst, 2014) Prof. Klein discussed types of everyday encounters between Jews and Palestinians in three mixed cities from the late 19th century until the present. Using a broad perspective Prof. Klein looked into the creation of a native Palestinian identity shared by Jews and Arabs, and its split into two exclusive ethnic identities. *Lives in Common* was selected by *The New Republic* as one of 2014 best non-fiction books, and by *The Christian Science Monitor* as one of ten best books of November 2014.

Professor Menachem Klein is professor in the Department of Political Science at Bar-Ilan University, Israel. He studied Middle East and Islamic Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and in 1992-93 and 2001-2 he was a fellow at St. Antony's College, Oxford University. In 2006 he was a visiting professor at MIT, and in 2010 he was Fernand Braudel Senior Fellow at the European University Institute, Florence. In 2011 Prof. Klein was a visiting scholar at Leiden University, Holland, and in 2015 he is a Visiting Research Fellow at King's College London.



30 APRIL

6th lecture by Norah Karrouche

*Berber Memory and Modernity in Moroccan Museums*

In Morocco, Berber identity has only recently been recognised as an intrinsic component of national identity. In this lecture, Norah Karrouche problematized the historical representation of the Berbers in Morocco as a pre-Islamic ethno-cultural minority in the setting of the museum. Why and how do museums in Morocco represent this Berber past and construct Berber identity as a component of Moroccan national identity?

Norah Karrouche is researcher at the Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication and studies the representation of the past in Morocco and among Moroccan-Berber communities in Europe. Her research interests include historical culture, memory and narrative identities.

### **Autumn 2015: 9 lectures**

10 SEPTEMBER

1st lecture by Baudouin Dupret

*The Ethnography of Muslim Everyday Norms at Work*

The study of normative practices finds in the Muslim worlds a particularly suitable ground. Geopolitics, globalization and migrations had a major impact on the brewing of religions and norms. Dogmas and practices of populations of diverse origins were deeply affected, to the point that numerous local, religious and cultural traditions found themselves globalized and that transnational situations became the cradle for refurbished relationships with tradition and Islamic norms. New versions of orthodoxy appeared, together with attempts at combining references to a past presented as authentic and its embedment within world standards.

Islam's normative weight and the ways it is referred to are important as well. This is of course due to its being a religion, but it must also be added that in this case there is a religious normativity, the Sharia, which is consubstantial to it. This presentation illustrated this with two sets of examples, one excerpted from a documentary formulating a creationist conception of archeology and the other inspired by different visits in Morocco and related to the issue of religious esthetical taste.

Baudouin Dupret is Directeur de Recherche at the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS). He was appointed in 2010 Director of the Centre Jacques-Berque in Rabat, Morocco. He is also guest lecturer in Islamic law and socio-legal sciences at the University of Louvain and at the Institute for advanced studies in the social sciences (EHESS), Paris.

**17 SEPTEMBER**

2nd lecture by Engin Kılıç

*Balkan War, Trauma and Utopia: Negotiating a New Identity in Ottoman-Turkish Literature*

This lecture was a discussion on the catastrophic defeat suffered by the Ottomans in the Balkan War, along with its tragic consequences. This war produced profound shock and trauma in the Ottoman Turkish public and intelligentsia. The state's teetering on the brink of collapse transformed and radicalized political and ideological positions on the country's future. At the same time, this extreme setback transformed literature as well, assigning to it the mission of narrativizing this trauma and envisioning a future for Turkey. Accordingly, in the period following the Balkan War, many utopian works were produced in Turkish literature, and some of these works have been helpful in the creation of new categories of identity. Kılıç's lecture has shed light on this literary production, which had a deep impact on the formation of Turkish national identity.

Engin Kılıç is an instructor at Sabancı University, School of Languages, Istanbul. His research interests cover modern Turkish literature, early Turkish novel, and late Ottoman and early Republican cultural and intellectual history.

**24 SEPTEMBER**

3rd lecture by Corey Williams

*Varieties of Religious Belonging and Identity Among the Yorùbá of Ogbómòsò, Nigeria*

Nigeria is among a handful of countries in which no single religious tradition commands a dominant majority. Its unique multireligious composition includes not only the largest Muslim and largest Christian population among African countries, but also an important substructure of African Indigenous Religions, which, while routinely obscured in quantitative surveys, continues to play a disproportionate role in Nigerian culture and society. Within this milieu, sustained interreligious encounters are inevitable and although not without tension, reveal the heterogeneous quality and mutability of religious communities and traditions—at times even resulting in innovative forms and movements. Using recent ethnographic data from Ogbómòsò, Nigeria, this lecture explored how and why contemporary Yorùbá people negotiate simultaneously belonging and identifying with multiple religious groups. Case examples were drawn from a new religious movement popularly known as 'Chrislam' and participation in an annual indigenous masquerade festival, the Egungun.

Corey Williams is Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Leiden University. As an anthropologist of religion, his research focuses on the encounter of religious traditions and communities in contemporary Africa. He has conducted extensive fieldwork in Nigeria since 2009, focusing on themes of belonging, identity, migration, and conflict. Prior to joining the faculty at Leiden, Corey obtained his PhD from Edinburgh University, where he was also an Assistant Lecturer and Tutor in Religious Studies (2011-2014).

1 OCTOBER

4th lecture by Mark Westmoreland

*Street Scenes: The Politics of Revolutionary Video in Egypt*

This lecture brought a critical eye to the scenes of street politics that circulated during the uprisings in Egypt. Given the return of authoritarian rule, there is an urgent need to assess the images that both enraptured global audiences and propelled Egyptians toward revolt in order to understand the significance of these images for future political imaginaries. Despite the apparent transparency of their meaning and widespread celebration of the popular protests indexed therein, these universalizing images belie the contestations over their significance on multiple registers. Accordingly, Westmoreland explored the “street” as a concept in Egyptian activist videos, which provided a very different kind of revolutionary iconography than those more sanitized global images of protest movements, and thus offered a radical reassessment of the kind of politics enacted on the ground.

Mark R. Westmoreland is Associate Professor in Visual Anthropology at Leiden University after holding posts at Stockholm University and the American University in Cairo. He is the co-editor of the scholarly journal *Visual Anthropology Review*. As a co-recipient of a 3-year grant from the Swedish Foundation for Humanities and Social Sciences, his current project focuses on the generative possibilities of video activism and the cultivation of new political subjectivities through emergent forms of radical aesthetics in the Middle East.

1 OCTOBER

5th lecture by Kemal Rijken

*Milli Görüş en de bouw van de Westermoskee in Amsterdam*

Kemal Rijken sprak tijdens zijn lezing over de geschiedenis van de politieke islam in Turkije vanaf 1969, met bijzondere aandacht voor de politiek-religieuze beweging Milli Görüş en haar oprichter Necmettin Erbakan. Daarbij ging hij in op de relatie met de AK-partij van president Erdoğan en de achtergrond van de uitbreiding van Milli Görüş naar Europese landen. Daarnaast gaf hij een overzicht van de ontwikkeling van de organisatie in Nederland en haar interactie met de Nederlandse overheid en andere organisaties. Onderwerpen die aan de orde kwamen waren de bouw van de Aya Sofya moskee, de splitsing tussen Milli Görüş noord en zuid, en de bouw van de Westermoskee. De situatie rondom de Westermoskee kreeg speciale aandacht, met name hoe deze zich verhoudt tot het onderzoek dat minister Asscher heeft ingesteld naar Turks-religieuze stromingen en organisaties (TRSO's). Tot slot besprak Rijken de invloed van de huidige politieke ontwikkelingen in Turkije op Milli Görüş Nederland.

Kemal Rijken is journalist, schrijver en gespreksleider. Door de jaren heen werkte hij voor verschillende media, waaronder *Metro*, *Trouw*, *Binnenlands Bestuur*, dagblad *De Pers* en het *AD*. In 2014 schreef hij het boek *De Westermoskee en de geschiedenis van de Nederlandse godsdienstvrijheid* en in 2012 publiceerde hij het boek *Roma*, over de geschiedenis van de Nederlandse Sinti en Roma.

5 NOVEMBER

6th lecture by Clare Wilde

*What Can Early 'Christian Arabic' Texts Tell us About the Quran?*

Few things attract greater scholarly curiosity than the mystery of a missing text. What did it say? Why has it disappeared? Traditional accounts of the collection and codification of what would become the Uthmanic codex of the Quran describe Uthman's suppression of alternative codices. These accounts, preserved in Islamic and non-Islamic sources, have led scholars to try to uncover the contents of the non-Uthmanic codices of the Quran. As Christians who wrote in Arabic were intimately familiar with the Quran, might texts written by Christians, in Arabic, preserve memories of otherwise unattested versions of the Quran? This talk examined the utility of early Christian Arabic texts for scholars of the Quran.

Clare Wilde is a lecturer in Islamic Origins in the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Groningen. Born in NYC, she studied in Princeton (BA in Religious Studies), Rome (Licentiate, PISAI) and Washington DC (PhD, CUA) and has taught at the University of Auckland (NZ) and Georgetown University (in Washington, DC and Qatar). She was the editorial assistant for the first edition of Brill's *Encyclopaedia of the Quran*.

5 NOVEMBER

7th lecture by Joas Wagemakers

*Moderation, Radicalisation or Both? The Trials and Tribulations of the Muslim Brotherhood in Jordan*

Several political scientists have argued that allowing Islamist movements, including the Muslim Brotherhood in Jordan, to participate in the political system of a country causes them to become more moderate in their views. Such moderation, it is argued, happens because of the necessary cooperation with and concessions to others that politics usually entails. Others, however, have challenged this "inclusion-moderation" thesis by pointing out that repression has led to moderation, including in the case of the Jordanian Muslim Brotherhood. Wagemakers' talk contributed to this debate by analysing the history of the Jordanian Muslim Brotherhood's political views and how they have evolved in the context of politics in the kingdom and in relation to the regime.

Joas Wagemakers is Assistant Professor at the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Utrecht University. He is currently working on a post-doctoral (Veni) project on Islamic activism in Jordan. He has published extensively on Islamism and Salafism in the Middle East and international Jihadi-Salafi discourse, including *A Quietist Jihadi: The Ideology and Influence of Abu Muhammad al-Maqdisi* (Cambridge University Press, 2012) and *Salafisme: Utopische idealen in een weerbarstige praktijk* (Parthenon, 2014; with Martijn de Koning and Carmen Becker). Wagemakers also co-edits *ZemZem*, a Dutch-language journal on the Middle East, North Africa and Islam, and blogs on topics related to jihad at [Jihadica.com](http://Jihadica.com).

19 NOVEMBER

8th lecture by Asghar Seyed Gohrab

*Condolences or Congratulations: How to Interpret the Martyrs of the Iran-Iraq War*

One of the awful aspects triggered by the culture of martyrdom after the Islamic Revolution (1979) was the vogue of being killed so that the term martyrdom could be applied to individuals. The years prior to the Islamic Revolution and especially during the Iran-Iraq war (1980-88), martyrdom was idealised and even glamorized. The newly established Islamic government accorded an elevated position to the martyr, the family, friends and even acquaintance. Such a death brought not merely public respect, but it also secured the family economically, as the family would receive money, the brothers or sisters could secure, for instance, a place at the university, something which is very hard to achieve even for talented students, as there is only limited places to enrol to the university. In addition to these advantages, the alleys and streets were immediately named after the martyrs. This aspect of idealizing the cult of martyrdom is still visible in the majority of streets-names, changing public sphere into a museum of martyrdom. This lecture was devoted to the way the fallen soldiers in the Iran-Iraq war were viewed to justify death and violence.

Ali-Asghar Seyed-Gohrab is Associate Professor at Leiden University. His publications include *Soefism: Een levende traditie* (Amsterdam: Prometheus /Bert Bakker, 2015); *Literature of the Early Twentieth Century: From the Constitutional Period to Reza Shah* (ed., Volume XI of A History of Persian Literature, London/New York: I.B. Tauris 2015); *Layli and Majnun: Love, Madness and Mystic Longing in Nizami's Epic Romance* (Leiden: Brill, 2003); *Mirror of Dew: The Poetry of Ālam-Tāj Zhāle Qā'em-Maqāmi* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, Ilex Foundation Series 14, 2015). He has translated several volumes of modern Persian poetry into Dutch, including the poetry of Sohrāb Sepehri, Forugh Farrokhzād, Mohammad-Rezā Shafi'i-Kadkani, and (together with J.T.P. de Bruijn) Ahmad Shāmlu, Nāder Nāderpur, and Hushang Ebtehāj. He is the founding general editor of the Iranian Studies Series at LUP and the Modern Persian Poetry Series.

26 NOVEMBER

9th lecture by Nahda Shehada

*The Differential Application of Family Law in the Sharia Courts of Gaza and Damascus*

Based on ethnographic fieldwork in the sharia courts of Gaza (Palestine) and Damascus (Syria), this lecture compared the operations, mode of communication, and administration of the two courts. Shehada argued that with the emergence of nation-states, Islamic family law has been codified almost everywhere in Muslim-majority countries. However, the way it is implemented and administered is squarely dependent on the socio-economic development in each context specifically the extent to which modernisation, urbanisation and institutionalisation are intensified.

Nahda Shehada is a senior lecturer of Gender, Culture & Development at the International Institute of Social Studies/ Erasmus University in the Netherlands. Shehada is interested in the anthropology of Islamic Law both in the Middle East and Europe. She has finished coordinating a research project entitled “Islamic Family Law in Palestine: Text and Context” in cooperation with Zurich and Bern Universities in Switzerland. Currently, she is working on the following project: “Statelessness Among Syrian Refugees: A Policy-oriented Analysis of Exile and Measures for Legal Security”, in cooperation with Fribourg University, Milan and Pavia University as well as JCLA and CAREP in Jordan and Libya respectively.

## A4.2 LUCIS visiting fellows 2015

### **LUCIS Spring Fellow lecture series 2015: Professor Hugh Kennedy** **Series title: Towards an Economic History of the Early Abbasid Caliphate** **(c. 700-950 CE)**

In this lecture series Professor Hugh Kennedy examined the economic foundations of the cultural efflorescence of the Islamic world in the early Abbasid period. There are three fundamental questions he addressed. The first is the size and complexity of the early Abbasid economy. Why was Baghdad the largest city in the western Eurasia? Why did the Islamic world continue to use coined money for everyday transactions when it had almost disappeared in Europe? The second is the role of the sultan, the state, in generating economic activity. What was the relationship between economic structures and the development of new agricultural and industrial practices? Finally, why did this change so markedly in the tenth century with the end of Islamic late antiquity and the rise of Islamic feudalism?

**9 APRIL**  
1st lecture

Professor Hugh Kennedy discussed the evidence. How is it possible to write economic history of a society which has generated very little statistical or documentary evidence? What is the importance of archaeological evidence? How can it be integrated into the textual material?

**16 APRIL**  
2nd lecture

Professor Hugh Kennedy looked at the agricultural environment, especially concentrating on human interventions and how they affect agricultural practices and irrigation strategies. The lecture also considered the infrastructure of trade and argue that political, technical and fiscal circumstances lowered transactional costs and made inter-regional trade easier and more profitable than it had been in the pre-Islamic environment.

**23 APRIL**  
3rd lecture

Professor Hugh Kennedy discussed demand in the economy. Kennedy argued that the political economy of the Abbasid state created a substantial class of people with money to spend on goods and services and generated a culture in which status was displayed and confirmed by material possessions and tastes for fine and exotic products. This in turn led to a culture of inter-regional trade over long distances.

**30 APRIL**  
4th lecture

Professor Hugh Kennedy explored the culture of demand further and show how demand encouraged the development and dissemination of different techniques of production and encouraged manufacturing activity. Tastes for luxury foods and fine textiles, he argued, were the major drivers of industrial development.

**7 MAY**  
5th lecture

In this 5th lecture Professor Hugh Kennedy considered the financial crisis of the first half of the tenth century, why it occurred and what its consequences were. Professor Hugh Kennedy argued that this effectively mean the end of public taxation and the fiscal and economic structures of the Abbasid caliphate and Islamic late antiquity more generally.

Hugh Kennedy's lectures on Thursdays were followed by related MA classes on 5 consecutive Friday mornings aimed at advanced undergraduate students, graduate students and PhD students from Leiden University where he read and discussed medieval Arabic texts related to his lecture series.

Hugh Kennedy studied at Cambridge and lectured in Islamic History at the University of St Andrews from 1972 to 2007. Since 2007 he has been professor of Arabic at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London. He is the author of numerous books on early Islamic History, including *The Prophet and the Age of the Caliphate* (2nd ed. Harlow, 2004), *The Courts of the Caliphs* (London, 2004) and *The Great Arab Conquests* (London, 2007).

**LUCIS Autumn Fellow lecture series 2015: Professor Camilla Adang**  
**Series title: Ibn Ḥazm of Cordoba and the Zāhirī School of Law and Theology**

This lecture series focused on the controversial Muslim legal scholar, theologian and man of letters Ibn Ḥazm of Cordoba (d. 456/1064), who is widely regarded as one of the most brilliant minds of al-Andalus (Islamic Iberia). Nowadays remembered mostly for his treatise on love, *Ṭawq al-ḥamāma* ("The Ring of the Dove"), he was first and foremost a fierce polemicist who was criticized for his idiosyncratic views and his abrasive language. By insisting that the sacred sources of Islam are to be understood according to their literal or external sense (*ẓāhir*) and that it is only the Prophet Muḥammad whose example may be followed, rather than fallible jurists and theologians, and by publicly declaring the rulers of al-Andalus to be illegitimate, Ibn Ḥazm alienated himself from the religious and political establishment. As a result, he was forcibly removed from the Great Mosque in Cordoba and some of his writings were publicly burned in his own lifetime. The last decades have witnessed a renewed interest in his thought, both in the Muslim world and in the West, and his call for a return to the scriptural sources has enjoyed great appeal in certain Islamist circles.



**4 NOVEMBER**

1st lecture

*Setting the Stage: Al-Andalus in the 11th Century CE and Ibn Ḥazm's Political Theory*

In this first lecture, Camilla Adang sketched, in broad strokes, the politico-religious situation in al-Andalus during the lifetime of Ibn Ḥazm (994-1064). She has described the collapse of the Western Umayyad caliphate as a result of civil war and the ensuing rise of the so-called Party-Kings, whose legitimacy he disputed. These events profoundly affected the life and mindset of Ibn Ḥazm, who belonged to the upper echelons of Cordoban society but now abandoned his political ambitions to become a scholar. Criticizing the Mālikī religious establishment, he developed his own brand of theology and legal thought, as well as a very personal political theory.

**11 NOVEMBER**

2nd lecture

*Ibn Ḥazm's Theory of Language: Taking God Literally?*

Ibn Ḥazm's legal, theological and political thought were characterized by a so-called Zāhirī approach, which meant that the sacred sources of Islam: the Qur'ān and the Sunna, were to be understood in their external sense, and that wherever possible, God and the Prophet Muḥammad were to be taken literally. In Ibn Ḥazm's view the interpretive role of legal scholars and theologians was to be reduced to a minimum. He rejected reasoning by analogy, as well as attempts to discover God's reasons for issuing particular commandments and prohibitions. In this lecture, Camilla Adang explained the main points of Ibn Ḥazm's Zāhirī approach in preparation for the third and fourth lectures.

**18 NOVEMBER**

3rd lecture

*Ibn Ḥazm's Legal Thought*

In this third lecture, the Zāhirī approach introduced in the second lecture was illustrated on the basis of a number of case-studies from Ibn Ḥazm's main legal work, al-Muḥallā, in which he polemicizes against the Islamic schools of law in general, and the Mālikī school, which was dominant in al-Andalus, in particular. It became clear why a collision with the religious establishment was inevitable, and why Ibn Ḥazm was expelled from the Great Mosque in his native Cordoba.

**25 NOVEMBER**

4th lecture

*Ibn Ḥazm's Theology*

The principle that the Qur'ān and the Hadīth were to be taken as literally as possible was extended by Ibn Ḥazm to theology. In this lecture Camilla Adang looked at some theological tenets on which his views differ from those of his more mainstream Sunnī peers. As became clear, his theological polemics were not limited to different strands within Islam, but were aimed at other religions as well. Thus he argued that a literal reading of the Jewish and Christian scriptures uncovers evidence of alterations.

2 DECEMBER

5th lecture

*The Reception of Ibn Ḥazm's Thought in the Contemporary Arab World*

During his lifetime and after his death both the person of Ibn Ḥazm and his works were the target of sometimes vicious attacks. Despite the fact that some of his works were burned in al-Andalus, a substantial number of the four hundred or so that he is said to have written were transmitted via North Africa to Egypt and Syria where they earned the grudging admiration of prominent scholars like Ibn Taymiyya, Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya and al-Dhahabī. A large number of manuscript copies of works by Ibn Ḥazm was produced in the Mamlūk and Ottoman periods and formed the basis for modern editions. This lecture discussed the transmission and reception of Ibn Ḥazm's works and their use by modern authors such as al-Albānī and al-Qaraḍāwī.

Camilla Adang is Professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies at Tel Aviv University. Her main fields of research are social and intellectual encounters between Muslims and Jews in the Middle Ages and the Ottoman period, and the history of the Zāhirī school in the Islamic West. She is the author of *Muslim Writers on Judaism and the Hebrew Bible: From Ibn Rabban to Ibn Ḥazm* (Leiden: Brill 1996) and editor, together with Maribel Fierro and Sabine Schmidtke, of *Ibn Ḥazm of Cordoba: The Life and Works of a Controversial Scholar* (Leiden: Brill 2013). She currently co-directs the international research project *Biblia Arabica: The Bible in Arabic among Jews, Christians and Muslims*, which deals with Jewish and Christian translations of the Bible into Arabic and their use by Muslim authors.

**LUCIS Journalist Fellow lecture series 2015: Sander van Hoorn**  
**Titel reeks: Hét Midden-Oosten bestaat niet**

In oktober en november 2015 gaf LUCIS Journalist Fellow Sander van Hoorn vijf publieke lezingen. Sander van Hoorn is Midden-Oosten correspondent voor de NOS en heeft als standplaats Beiroet.

Hét Midden-Oosten. Voor veel mensen is het een regio waar met angst, met verveling, met onbegrip of onverschilligheid naar gekeken wordt. Waar revoluties mislukten. Waar een grote stroom vluchtelingen vandaan komt. Waar geweld altijd een overtreffende trap lijkt te kennen. Een regio waar het nooit goed lijkt te komen.

Dat je niet zomaar een groep totaal verschillende landen op een hoop kan gooien, snapt iedereen. Toch gebeurt het. Ook door beleidmakers. Terwijl er als je er dagelijks verslag van doet, eigenlijk maar één gevoel overheerst: wanhoop. Niets is ooit wat het lijkt. Net al je denkt dat je de verschillen mooi voor ogen hebt, gebeurt er iets, een nieuwsgebeurtenis of een eenvoudige ontmoeting, waardoor alles weer kantelt. En anders is er altijd wel iemand met een goede complottheorie.

Sander van Hoorn (45) is Midden-Oosten correspondent voor de NOS. Sinds 2011 woont hij in Beirut, Libanon. Hij deed onder meer verslag van de protesten in Egypte, reisde naar de Golfstaten, Tunesië, Irak en Iran en was vele malen in Syrië. Van Hoorn studeerde politicologie aan de Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam en was jarenlang verslaggever, nationaal en internationaal voor het NOS Radio 1 Journaal.

#### 2 EN 5 OKTOBER

1e en 2e lezing: Islamitische Staat

Wat ging er zo mis in Irak en Syrië dat we nu met IS opgescheept zitten? Of wat ging er zo goed dat er eindelijk weer een Kalifaat is, afhankelijk van wie je het vraagt? Een zoektocht naar de cruciale gebeurtenissen die hebben bijgedragen aan de groei van IS en wat we daarvan kunnen leren. Van ongemak bij Europese moslims tot onbegrip bij de Amerikaanse president. Van Assad tot Al Qaeda. Van zelfmoordaanslagen tot zelfoverschatting.

#### 23 OKTOBER

3e lezing: Sjiieten en Soennieten

Wie was nu eigenlijk de opvolger van de Profeet? Een oude vraag lijkt de regio opnieuw te verdelen. Met Saudi Arabië en Iran als belangrijkste kemphanen die elkaar op vele plekken op vele manieren bestrijden. Is dat werkelijk de dominante tweedeling in het Midden-Oosten? En wat zegt dat over de vraag hoe het Westen ermee om moet gaan

#### 26 OKTOBER

4e lezing: Democratie

De vreugde in 2011. Mubarak, Saleh, Khadafi en Ben Ali waren van hun dictatoriale troon gestoten. De dagen van Assad waren geteld. De kapitalistische democratie zou zegevieren. Toch? In 2015 is het beeld iéts anders. Kan democratie wel in het Midden-Oosten? Waarom ploetert Tunesië voort en is er nog geen burgeroorlog in Libanon? Is er een model dat wél werkt?

#### 9 NOVEMBER

4e lezing: Communicatie (ook wel: propaganda)

De propaganda van IS werkt, die van Al Qaeda niet. Amerika is intrinsiek geloofwaardig, Iran niet. Hoe komt dat? Het probleem zit zowel bij de boodschapper, de boodschap als de ontvanger. Degene die daar slim mee omgaat, wint. En ook bij de NOS trappen we soms in de val. Woorden, en de daden die er uit voortkomen hebben altijd betekenis

### A4.3 Scholarly meetings

8-9 JANUARY

Workshop: *Female Islamic Authority in Comparative Perspective: Exemplars, Institutions, Practices*

Conveners: David Kloos (KITLV) & Mirjam Künkler (Princeton University/KITLV) in cooperation with KITLV, AMT & IIAS

This interdisciplinary workshop looked at forms of, and changes in, female Islamic authority in comparative perspective, with particular focus on modern Asia. The significant role of women in participating in, and shaping, the scholarly tradition through the centuries is still hardly reflected in either Western scholarly or public perceptions. Nearly all classic accounts of religious authority in Islam proceed from the assumption that this authority is male. The possibility that women might exercise various aspects of religious authority is usually not discussed. This conference looked at what happens when we dissect religious authority into its various manifestations (leading prayer, preaching, providing religious counselling, issuing fatwas, transmitting hadith, judging in court, shaping the Islamic scholarly tradition), so that nuances emerge that call the exclusively male character of religious authority in Islam into question.

5 MARCH

LUCIS 2015 annual lecture by Lucette Valensi & Abraham Udovitch

Lucette Valensi delivered a lecture entitled “Familiar Strangers. Muslims in Europe, 16-18th century.” There is a sizable Muslim population in Europe today, some 17 million, whose integration into European society remains problematic, with xenophobic parties on the rise and targeting mostly the Muslims. This lecture looked at Muslims in Europe before the migrations that followed colonization and the integration of Muslim countries into the capitalist European space in the 19th century. What were the circumstances that brought them there? What were the motivations of Muslims who crossed the religious/political border between Islam and the West? What was their status in the Christian society? Was their presence visible to members of the dominant society? What kind of exchanges took place between the Christian majority and the Muslims?

Lucette Valensi was a professor of history at the University of Paris VIII, then at the École des Hautes Études et Sciences Sociales in Paris, where she was the Director of the Centre de Recherches Historiques (1992-96), then of the Institute for the Study of Islam and Islamic Societies (IISMM). She also serves as a co-director of the French historical journal *Annales E.S.C.* and other scholarly journals

Abraham Udovitch spoke about “Religious Law and Secular Documents and the Economic Realities of the Medieval Islamic World.” He focused on his current research on a study of the social and economic life of the 11th-century Mediterranean world based on a collection of about 500 Geniza documents related to the career of a merchant by the name of Nahray ben Nissim. His work on a short monograph on rural society in 11th-century Egypt as reflected in the Geniza documents, on intercommunal relations in the medieval Near East, and in the field of Islamic law were also subject of his lecture. Abraham Udovitch is Emeritus professor of Jewish Civilization in the Near East and Emeritus professor of Near Eastern Studies at Princeton University.

**6 MARCH**

Lecture by Ahmed Abdel Meguid (Syracuse University)

*Between Al-Ghazālī and Averroës: The Critique of Metaphysics and the Systematization of Islam as a Science Book*

In cooperation with the Study group Comparative and Global Philosophy (Chris Goto-Jones)

This lecture examined the implications of the parallelism between al-Ghazālī's and Averroës's critiques of Avicenna for the structure and content of their monumental projects of reforming and restructuring religious sciences. Subsequently, the lecture indicated the way in which the interest in delimiting physics to metaphysics developed in post-Averroës philosophy and theology pointing to the suggested way of harmonizing the systems of both thinkers. Through this parallelism the lecture indicated how the project of Enlightenment was possibly influenced by these two major critical projects in Islamic thought. More importantly, the lecture succinctly outlined the difference in the methodology and content of the critique of metaphysics in both contexts.

Ahmed Abdel Meguid is assistant professor at the Department of Religion at Syracuse University. His research interests include Islamic thought and late 18th, 19th, and early 20th century German philosophy.

**17 MARCH**

1st Leiden-Aramco Lecture on Ancient Arabian Civilization by Michael Macdonald

*Ancient Arabia: Forgotten Civilizations at the Heart of the Ancient Near East*

In cooperation with Aramco

Location: Temple Hall, National Museum of Antiquities

This lecture aimed to explain and illustrate the varied civilizations of ancient Arabia. These, and their roles in the history of the ancient Near East, are only now being discovered and this work fits well into the long Leiden tradition of the study of Arab civilization in the Islamic period and Aramco's interest in the cultures of Arabia throughout history. It zoomed in on the much valued and important contribution of ancient Arabia to the world. This lecture also marked the launch of the [Leiden Center for the Study of Ancient Arabia](#).

Michael Macdonald is an Honorary Fellow of Wolfson College, Oxford and Research Associate of the Khalili Research Centre, University of Oxford. He is the Academic Director of the Online Corpus of the Inscriptions of Ancient North Arabia ([OCIANA](#)), which is producing a digital database of approximately 50,000 inscriptions, and of the [Ancient Arabia: Languages and Cultures project](#). He heads the British section of the Saudi-German-British "Epigraphy and the ancient landscape in the hinterland of Tayma project" which will record the numerous inscriptions in the deserts around Tayma in their topographical, hydrological and archaeological contexts.

**18-20 MARCH**

GLASS-Islam scholar series of events with Nile Green  
 Organised in cooperation with Global Asia Scholar Series (GLASS)  
 Three events organised by LUCIS and GLASS (Carrie Nakamura) related  
 to GLASS-Islam scholar Nile Green's visit to Leiden University

**MA CLASS: MODELLING RELIGION FOR GLOBAL HISTORIANS**

This class dealt with the tension between the gritty empirical demands of the historian and the requirements of scale brought by global history. Amid this tension, theoretical modelling takes on increased importance. This is all the more true now that economically-driven models have proven inadequate for the growing interest in social, cultural and religious global histories. By deconstructing two articles, the class introduced the model of religious economy as a means to bridge the gap between particularism and process. The case study articles deal with two classic world historical domains: the Indian Ocean (and Burma) and the Atlantic world (and the United States).

**PUBLIC LECTURE: FROM EVANGELICAL EMPIRES TO GLOBAL ISLAM: MOSQUES, MISSIONS AND RELIGIOUS ECONOMIES**

How did Islam become a truly global religion in the early twentieth century? And who were its impresarios as it moved into new religious marketplaces as far apart as America and Japan? This lecture tried to answer these questions by looking at the interactions between Christian and Muslim religious firms that formed the backdrop to European imperialism. Tracing commonalities behind the institutional emergence of Islam in new world regions, it identified global religious processes of competition and adaptation and the reasons why Indian Muslims fared so successfully amidst them.

**FACULTY ROUNDTABLE: AGENTS IN RELIGIOUS NETWORKS**

In this faculty roundtable the role of agents in the establishment of religious networks in different historical, geographical and religious dimensions was discussed. Central were Islam, Christianity and Buddhism. Questions that were raised:

- Who are these agents that spread religion? And what motives do they have?
- Do they operate individually or as part of an institutionalized network?
- What motives do they offer those they approach with their message?  
Do they offer any economic, political, social (mobility) or ideological interests?
- How are their activities related to other activities, such as trade, politics and humanitarian activities?
- What is the relation between 'sole' missionaries and the spread of religion through association, and how are these related? In other words: how do missionaries – who move around to bring people to their religion – relate to those bringing people into the religion by association and connections?

Next to Nile Green, three other researchers were invited to deliver a 10-minute statement to address these questions from their own field of experience and expertise:

- [Rijk van Dijk](#), senior researcher at the African Studies Centre Leiden and Professor by special appointment of Religion and Sexuality in Africa
- [Berthe Jansen](#), lecturer South Asian and Tibetan Studies, LIAS
- [Raymond Corbey](#), philosopher and anthropologist, and chair in both Anthropology and Epistemology of Archaeology at the Faculty of Archaeology.

A larger group of researchers from within and outside of Leiden were also invited to take part in the discussion. The panel was chaired by Petra Sijpesteijn.

Nile Green is professor of history at UCLA. In recent years, he has focused on positioning Islam and Muslims in global history through such topics as intellectual and technological interchange between Asia and Europe; Muslim global travel writings; the transnational genealogy of Afghan modernism; and the world history of 'Islamic' printing. He has also used the networks forged by Sufi brotherhoods to understand pre-modern and early modern mechanisms of Muslim expansion from the Middle East to China and beyond.

#### 8 APRIL

Lecture by Farshid Emami

*Coffeeshouses, Urban Spaces, and Performing Publics in Safavid Isfahan*

In the early modern period, the coffeeshouse was an utterly novel phenomenon in the realms of the Ottomans in the eastern Mediterranean, and later, of the Safavids in Iran (1501-1722). Using less-explored photographic documents and Persian-language literary sources, this lecture examined Safavid coffeeshouses, focusing on the city of Isfahan, which saw several building campaigns under Shah 'Abbas I (r. 1587-1629) and his successors.

Farshid Emami is a PhD candidate in the department of History of Art and Architecture at Harvard University. Trained as an architect and urban designer in Iran, he received a Master's degree in architecture studies (SmarchS) from MIT in 2011. Farshid's current research focuses on architecture and urbanism in eastern Islamic lands in the early modern period.

#### 23 APRIL

Workshop *Muslim Scholars in Africa, Past and Present*

Organised in cooperation with the African Studies Centre Leiden

On Thursday 23 April, scholars working on questions of Muslim intellectual production in Arabic in the past and the present in various places in Africa were joint in the workshop "Muslim scholars in Africa, past and present". The workshop was co-organised and sponsored by the African Studies Centre Leiden.

In recent years there has been considerable concern, among scholars, policy-makers and the general public, about the social and political aspects of Islam in Africa. Much less attention has been given to the rich intellectual production among African Muslims.

The focus of this workshop was on African Muslim literary production, including legal texts, poetry, forms of preaching, and so forth. The workshop helped to understand how scholars and preachers situate their work simultaneously locally, as well as in relation to the broader Islamic traditions and centers of intellectual production. It also attempted to understand the social and political implications of such intellectual production in Africa. Please find the programme [here](#).

#### 7-8 MAY

Conference *The Golden Horde in a Global Perspective: Imperial Strategies*  
Organised in cooperation with AMT, GI, KNAW, European University  
at St. Petersburg and TAIFF company

For the first time in Europe, a conference was dedicated to the study of the Golden Horde bringing together researchers in archeology, history and numismatics convened to debate and exchange theoretical issues about nomadism, empire and Islam, recent archaeological results, as well as the modern perception of the Tatar imperial legacy.

This conference aimed at examining the imperial structures of the Golden Horde, and intended to show through concrete examples that statecraft and centralized administration were not exclusively produced within sedentary cultures. Under the Jöchid dynasty many regions and populations were unified for the first time. The nomadic khans were able to rule an empire for three hundred years over territories which had never experienced such a politico-economical development in the past. The legacy of the Golden Horde in Russia and Central Asia was very deep in terms of legal practices, religion and culture. Still in the nineteenth century, while the main Jöchid lands were part of the Russian empire, people would keep in their family archives documents issued under the khans for legal reason – often as proof of property – or in connection with their Islamic beliefs. Please find the programme [here](#).

#### 3-4 JUNE

Conference *Antinomian Movements in Islam: Ideas of Violence and Non-Violence in Islamic Mysticism*

Convenor: Asghar Seyed Gohrab

Islam has strong mystical traditions, which are represented in a wide range of movements and have affected the larger course of Islamic history much greater than has hitherto been acknowledged by scholars. This scholarly meeting sought to explain the emergence, flourishing, and lasting appeal of antinomian movements in Islamic intellectual history. The purpose of the meeting was to examine the earlier history of modes of religiosity and mysticism in Islam such as the *uqala al-majanin* ('wise-fools'), the *malamatis* (i.e. 'people who endure blame'), *majdhubs* ('those enraptured by God'), and *Ayyaran* ('highway man,' 'mystics') in the Middle East, introducing a wide range of doctrines and a new mode of religiosity.

Islamic mysticism is commonly defined as a peaceful version of the Islam, praised for its non-violence, vegetarianism, etc. But Sufism had also a violent component. Several Sufi ascetics, such as Ibrahim ibn Adham (d. about 777), in early Islam were warriors for the faith fighting at the borders of Islamic lands, journeying long distances from Afghanistan



to the Byzantine borders. These ascetics equated essential mystic qualities such as 'poverty' with martyrdom. These mystics participated in war against infidels as the lesser jihad, as a discipline for the greater jihad, purifying and annihilating their lower soul. In search for pure religion and intense love of God, they longed for death, ideally as a martyr.

In this scholarly meeting we examined why the militant mystics divest mysticism from its antinomian aspects, placing the prophet Muhammad at the centre of their religiosity. Such ideals are ubiquitously present in modern times, where Sufis fought against an enemy. While in the 19th century, Sufis fought the colonial Dutch army in Indonesia, in more recent times, Sufis fought the Russians in Chechnya. Please find the programme [here](#).

18-20 JUNE

Conference *Egypt Connected: Cultural, Economic, Political and Military Interactions (500-1000 CE)*

Convened by Petra Sijpesteijn, Jelle Bruning and Janneke de Jong

This conference was the third meeting of the "Provinces and Empires: Islamic Egypt in Late Antiquity" network of the French Archeological Institute in Cairo (IFAO), Institute for the Study of the Ancient World (ISAW), New York University, Faculté des sciences humaines et sociales Université de Tunis, CNRS-UMR 8167 Orient et Méditerranée, and Leiden University.

The conference addressed from different disciplinary and chronological perspectives the political, economic, and cultural networks of which Egypt was part in the late Roman and early Islamic period (c. 500-1000 C.E.). Although often considered as marginal to the history of the Roman, Byzantine or Islamic empires, Egypt played an important role in the maintenance of imperia and in processes of social and cultural transformation. Bringing together an international group of archaeologists, papyrologists, historians, numismatists and philologists, the conference shed light on Egypt's role in the fundamental historical changes of this period that led to new political, social and cultural constellations in the region. Please find the programme [here](#).

2 JULY

33rd RIMO symposium

(Dutch Association of the Study of Islamic Law and the Law of the Middle East)

*Jihad, islam en recht. Jihadisme en reacties vanuit het Nederlandse en Belgische recht*

In cooperation with LUCIS, the Dutch Association of the Study of Islamic Law and the Law of the Middle East (RIMO) held its 33rd symposium at Leiden University on 3 July 2015. RIMO offers academic discussions with a relevance for lawyers and other legal workers who can attend the meetings to obtain schooling credits. Jacob Hoekman, a journalist of the *Reformatorisch Dagblad*, was present at the symposium and wrote an article entitled "[Juristen kritisch op plan om paspoort jihadist af te pakken](#)" which was published on 3 July 2015.

**8 OCTOBER**

Lecture by Maxim Yosefi

*Arab Poets and Religious Ideology in the First Centuries of Islam: the Problems of Lie and Slander*

After the ideas of Islam were introduced to Arabian society by Muhammad, a complex system of values emerged, combining the spirit of manliness and kinship solidarity which reigned among the Arabs from times immemorial with a new religious consciousness. Scholars who have been examining the ideological system which appeared in the 7th century found that Islam generally did not oppose pre-Islamic moral values, but rather approved and even reinforced them. Nevertheless, a certain conflict between the norms of Arabic poetry (a concentration of the pre-Islamic spirit) and the norms of Islam were inevitable. The problems of lie and slander are examined in this context as the most salient points of tension between Arab poets and religious ideology.

Maxim Yosefi studied anthropology at the State University of Saint-Petersburg, and Arabic language and literature at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He submitted his PhD at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. His research interests include anthropology of the Arab world, classical and tribal Arabic poetry, ethnography of the text, and the influence of Islamic and pre-Islamic concepts on poets.

**8 OCTOBER**

3rd Leiden Lecture on Arabic Language and Culture by Geert Jan van Gelder

*Antidotes and Anecdotes: A Literary History of Medicine from 13th-Century Syria*

In cooperation with Aramco

One of the most informative and delightful works in Classical Arabic is a large tome by a Syrian physician, Ibn Abī Uṣaybi‘ah, who died in AD 1270. The rhyming Arabic title translates approximately as *Choice Reports on the Classes of Physicians*. Ibn Abī Uṣaybi‘ah compiled accounts of 442 individual physicians. After an introduction on how medicine as an art and craft arose in human society, the author devotes chapters on the individual physicians, from the ancient Greeks (Hippocrates, Aristotle, Galen) until his own time. The book is the oldest known book on medical history and is a very important source for our knowledge of the Hellenic tradition in Islam and the history of science. Also, it is an entertaining work of literature, for it is full of anecdotes, stories and poetry. The book contains some 3,600 lines of verse, sometimes on medicine, but often on all kind of different topics and themes. Serious scholars have considered the poetry as irritating, encumbering and superfluous ballast, unworthy of study. Geert Jan van Gelder proved these assumptions to be wrong, by discussing precisely the literary character of the book, focusing on the very entertaining and often witty stories and anecdotes in the book.

Geert Jan van Gelder was Lecturer in Arabic at the University of Groningen (1975–1998), Laudian Professor of Arabic, University of Oxford (1998–2012), and is currently Research Associate (Oxford) on a project with others involving a new edition and complete English annotated translation of Ibn Abī Uṣaybi‘ah’s *Book of Physicians* (*‘Uyūn al-anbā’*). He has published widely on classical Arabic literature. Among his books are *The Bad and the Ugly: Attitudes Towards Invective Poetry*

(*Hijā'*) in *Classical Arabic Literature* (1989); *Close Relationships: Incest and Inbreeding in Classical Arabic Literature* (2005); *Sound and Sense in Classical Arabic Poetry* (2012); and *Abū l-'Alā' al-Ma'arrī, The Epistle of Forgiveness (Risālat al-Ghufrān)*, ed. and trans., with Gregor Schoeler (2013–14).

#### 6-8 NOVEMBER

LUCIS 6th annual conference  
*Islamic Law and Ethics*

The LUCIS 6th annual conference coincided with the 8th conference of the International Society for Islamic Legal Studies ([ISILS](#)) on the theme of “Islamic Law and Ethics.” ISILS brings together researchers and practitioners in the field of Islamic legal studies to share research, with its main activity being its triennial conference. In the past the conference has been held in Leiden, Amsterdam, Cambridge (MA), Murcia and Exeter. The most recent conference took place in 2012 in Ankara. The theme of this year’s conference was addressed by around 20 papers. Topics included:

- arenas of legal practice (courts, state institutions) and intellectual traditions in which Islamic legal thought and practice have been influenced by ethical concerns;
- specific contexts and examples of how ethical norms have contributed to change and reform in Islamic law;
- the distinctions between the spheres of law and of ethics, and how these play a role in Islamic legal theory and legal doctrine;
- particular instances where the division in Islamic legal thought and practice between ethics and law has been reflected in the structure of legal systems (both of the present and the past).

Please find the programme of the conference [here](#).

#### 10 NOVEMBER

Seminar *The Fabled Manuscripts of Timbuktu*  
Organised in cooperation with the African Studies Centre Leiden

On Tuesday 10 November LUCIS and the African Studies Centre Leiden (ASCL) launched the final volume of *Arabic Literature of Africa: The Writings of Mauritania and the Western Sahara*. Charles Stewart presented the major findings and his ideas about the next steps for studying this important cultural heritage.

Historically, Timbuktu was the central site of intellectual activity in Sahelian Africa. The world held its breath when its libraries were under threat during the Islamist takeover of northern Mali in 2012. But what exactly is in the manuscripts there? And how did Saharan scholarship develop after the 17th century? This has been a mystery shrouded in the hundreds of thousands of documents and books allegedly awaiting discovery. The final volume of *Arabic Literature of Africa* catalogues and comments on the legacy of the libraries of Timbuktu and Mauritania.

Charles Stewart is a visiting scholar at Northwestern University and emeritus professor at the University of Illinois.

**13 NOVEMBER**

Lecture by Kevin van Bladel

*Persian Divergent in the Eastern Arab Colonies*

This lecture summarized the argument of the first half of a book, nearing completion, on the genesis of New Persian. It corrected the current standard theory on the origins of New Persian, which holds that the language arose from a dialect of the language used in the Sasanian court. Close attention to sources in Arabic and to the history of the population that first spoke New Persian, and engagement with recent studies in contact linguistics, contributed to a new account of discontinuity in a colonial context rather than continuity.

Kevin van Bladel is Associate Professor and Chair of the department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at The Ohio State University. He is the author of *The Arabic Hermes* (Oxford 2009) and articles on ancient and medieval Near Eastern traditions of learning.

**14 NOVEMBER**10th Zenobia congress *Mohammed en het einde van de oudheid*In cooperation with [Stichting Zenobia](#)

Het tiende Zenobia-congres was geheel gewijd aan de opkomst van de islam in de context van de late Oudheid. Het congres bood een hernieuwde kennismaking met de vroege islam als een religie die sterk verankerd was in het culturele mozaïek van haar tijd, met evenzovele aanknopingspunten als breuklijnen ten opzichte van het antieke verleden. De lezingen van vooraanstaande sprekers uit binnen- en buitenland boden daarmee een gevarieerd beeld van de wereld waarin de Arabische veroveringen plaatsvonden en de kiem werd gelegd voor een nieuwe monotheïstische wereldgodsdienst. Voor het programma klik [hier](#).

**3-5 DECEMBER**Juynboll conference *Islam @ 250: Quranic Studies, Theology, Law, Mysticism and Political Thought in the First Three Centuries of Islam*

This conference honoured the memory of the well-known Leiden scholar Dr. G.H.A. Juynboll and focuses on the early classical period of Islam – the period with which most of Gautier Juynboll's research was concerned. The conference addressed recent developments in a number of fields of Islamic learning in the first three centuries of Islam, namely Quranic studies, including tafsir; Hadith; law; historiography; political thought; theology and heresiography; asceticism and mysticism; adab, and grammatical thought. Around 20 papers were presented during the conference. A general discussion on the state of Islam in its various dimensions, anno 250, closed the conference. Please find the complete programme of the conference [here](#).

7-9 DECEMBER

*Conference Ocean of Law: Intermixed Legal Systems across the Indian Ocean world, 1550-1950*

In cooperation with the Leiden Institute for History, AMT, LUF and *Itinerario*  
Convenors: Mahmood Kooria and Sanne Ravensbergen

This conference brought together scholars from different fields and disciplines, interested in the cultural mobility of law. It concluded with a roundtable moderated by Carolien Stolte (Leiden University, Managing Editor of *Itinerario*). Major themes and issues that had come up both in the keynote speeches and presentations – such as texts and translations, cross-cultural hybridity and pluralistic practices – were discussed once more. In the ensuing discussion, participants responded to the possible unique characteristics of “Indian Ocean Law” with regard to its many cross-cultural and transregional intermixtures of legal systems, as discussed across the presentations. Three days of the event were extremely enriching to our knowledge of global legal historiography, especially with regard to the Indian Ocean world. The presentations’ emphasis on spatial mobilities and hybridities of law was substantially supported through the interdisciplinary focus of the conference. A special issue of *Itinerario* will publish the proceedings of the conference. For the complete programme, see [here](#). For the conference’s website, see [here](#).

10 DECEMBER

LUCIS-LeiCenSAA conference *Arabian Archaeology in the 21st Century*

In cooperation with the Leiden Center for the Study of Ancient Arabia (LeiCenSaa)

On December 9th, 2015, LUCIS and LeiCenSaa hosted a joint conference to highlight the state-of-the-art in Arabian Archaeology in the 21st century. The event brought together prominent scholars – archaeologists and epigraphists – to share their research, cross-fertilize with others working in the Peninsula, and outline the goals for Arabian Archaeology in the coming decades. The conference was followed by the launch of the online open access journal [Arabian Epigraphic Notes](#).

10 DECEMBER

*Guiding Travelers Workshop: Visual Religion*

In cooperation with Global Interactions research profile

This workshop took place as part of a series of events organised by the “[Guiding Travelers: On Changing Routes in the Middle Ages](#)” project, co-sponsored by Global Interactions. It explored how religious communities appear in material and textual remains, and what these expressions and material forms say about the interaction, contacts and overlap between religious communities, and how ‘fixed’ and identifiable/ recognisable/definable religious communities are in our sources.

Robert Carter, Senior Lecturer at UCL Qatar, and a specialist of Middle Eastern and Arab World archaeology from the Palaeolithic era to the coming of Islam, spoke about his work on the archaeology of Christianity in the Gulf. Jeremy Johns, Professor of the Art & Archaeology of the Islamic Mediterranean at Oxford University and Director of the Khalili Research Centre, spoke on “Muslim artists and Christian patrons in the Fatimid Mediterranean: Palermo and Fustat.”

Three Leiden colleagues responded from their own expertise:

- [Jürgen Zangenberg](#) fed in observations from the synagogue excavations he is co-directing on Horvat Kur (Galilee)
- [Gabrielle van den Berg](#) discussed the topic based on her work with Persian literary texts
- [Corey Williams](#) brought his anthropological and religious studies background into the discussion.

#### 10 DECEMBER

2nd Leiden-Aramco Lecture on Ancient Arabian Civilization by Laïla Nehmé

*The Nabataeans in the Arabian Peninsula: An Overview*

In cooperation with Aramco

This lecture presented, for the first time extensively, what we know of the Nabataean presence in the Arabian Peninsula, based on the literary, archaeological and epigraphic sources. The traces the Nabataeans left will be examined in the context of the trans-Arabian incense trade in order to reassess their involvement in the latter. The speaker took into account the most recent discoveries related to contacts between the Nabataeans and South Arabia and focused on the results of the currently ongoing excavation projects in several oases of the north-western part of the Peninsula, where the Nabataeans exerted political control.

Laïla Nehmé is a senior research fellow at the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS, UMR 8167) in Paris. She has been the director (2000-2006) and is now the co-director (2008-2015) of the Saudi-French Archaeological Project at Madain Salih, ancient Hegra. She has recently published the first volume of the Archaeological and epigraphic Atlas of Petra (Petra, 2012), a two volume monography on the Nabataean Tombs of Hegra (Paris, 2015), and is the author of many contributions on Nabataean archeology and epigraphy.

#### A4.4 Activities related to current events

20 JANUARY

LUCIS/VVI lecture by Dirk Vandewalle

*Libya Since the 2011 Revolution: Troubles, Causes, and Future*

Three years after its 2011 revolution, Libya has reached the nadir of its political fortunes: the country is torn between two competing governments, each with its own set of militias and supporters that are increasingly targeting whatever national institutions have managed to survive. Chances for a National Dialogue, or for UN mediation between the two sides, have seemingly disappeared for now. This lecture aims to answer two fundamental questions about contemporary Libya. How did Libya, from what seemed an initial possibility of rebuilding the state in the wake of the destruction wreaked upon it by the Gaddafi government, become increasingly fragile? Furthermore, in light of its historical faults and fractures, how much hope is left for maintaining a unified Libya?

Dirk Vandewalle is the author of *A History of Modern Libya* (2013) and he is one of world's leading experts on Libya. He teaches history at Dartmouth College (USA) and has been adviser to UN Support Mission in Libya after Gaddafi's fall. Prof. Vandewalle's lecture was followed by Q&A and discussion with Prof. Jan Michiel Otto (moderator) and Dr Suliman Ibrahim (VVI).

27 JANUARY

Lecture by Kayhan Barzegar

*Understanding the Middle East: Geopolitical Complexities of an Area*

The rise of so-called Islamic State (IS) in the aftermath of what came to be known as the Arab Spring have had important implications for regional actors, including Iran. Kayhan Barzegar identified three related phenomena: the burden of history, the emergence of a new kind of statism, and the necessity of regional cooperation.

Kayhan Barzegar is the Chair of the Department of Political Science and International Relations at the Science and Research Branch of the Islamic Azad University, Iran. He is also the director of the Institute for Middle East Strategic Studies in Tehran, a leading think tank in Iranian foreign policy. He has been a research associate at the MIT Center for International Studies (2011-2013), a research fellow at Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs (2007-2011), and a visiting research fellow at The London School of Economics (2002-2003).

11 MARCH

Concert Salon Joussour: Introducing Arabic Music

National Museum of Antiquities. Co-sponsored by Aramco

With representatives of the diplomatic community, Aramco, and Leiden University staff members as well as students and the general public present, the musical ensemble Salon Joussour gave a concert in the Temple hall of the National Museum of Antiquities in Leiden. Salon Joussour blends classical Arabic music with jazz, connecting renowned Dutch musicians with guests from the Arab world, including Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan and Europe.

**13 APRIL***Business Culture & Culture in Business: How it Impacts your Success in the Middle East*

Sponsored by the Faculty of Humanities

Location: Scheltema Leiden

On Monday afternoon 13 April 2015, LUCIS organised an event with key representatives of important industry sectors, government, and Leiden University to discuss the value of regional expertise in business.

Successful international business models require more than mastering the local legal, accounting, and commercial systems. For access to new business environments, understanding cultural practices and the socio-historical context has always been a critical competitive advantage. With the rise of non-Western economies and the broadening field of international players, this is even more so the case. Competition for global resources and market share is increasingly fought out in the cultural arena, and intolerance of cultural missteps is growing. Thus, insights in the specific historical, cultural and socio-economic contexts of a region or country are increasingly important for successful businesses. How can academia and industry can work together, sharing experience and knowledge, to build better relationships in the Middle East?

After Simone Buitendijk, Vice Rector Magnificus of Leiden University, officially opened the event, case studies by Leiden faculty members Petra Sijpesteijn, Maurits Berger, Crystal Ennis and Ahmad Al-Jallad were presented, followed by a panel discussion about what insights regional specialists can/should bring to business partners, and the best ways of generating and sharing such knowledge between industry and the academy. The panel was moderated by Victor Halberstadt, Professor Emeritus of Public Sector Economics at Leiden University.

Panel participants:

- Janet Alberda, Deputy Head North Africa and Middle East Department, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Gasser Hanter, Senior Advisor Government Relations MENA, Shell International B.V.
- Bart Kruijsen, Tax Partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers, International Real Estate, Infrastructure & Hospitality
- Simon Smits, Director-General of Foreign Economic Relations, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Joke van Wieringen, Learning & Development Manager, Kuwait Petroleum Corporation.

**24 APRIL***Panel discussion Making a Constitution for Libya*

Organised in cooperation with the VVI

On 24 April, LUCIS and the VVI organised a panel discussion in the Oude Sterrewacht in Leiden on the legal and political context of the new constitution in Libya.

In the midst of Libya's increasing instability, the Constitutional Drafting Assembly (CDA) is working on making a new Constitution. This body is tasked with drafting a constitution hoped to set the foundations of a new democratic state, and mark the end of transition from Gaddafi rule. The challenges are, however, immense, and given how



the CDA has performed its task so far, many have expressed doubts about whether such a constitution will see the light anytime soon. As an alternative, calls have been made for going back to Libya's 1951 Constitution, one that the international community played a significant role in writing, and was, arguably, abolished by Gaddafi in 1969. The panelists discussed the main issues the draft constitution is expected to address, the position the CDA is likely to take, and the difficulties facing it. The discussion of the legal aspects was situated in the wider political context.

#### 10 SEPTEMBER

Panel discussion *Libya: Making a Constitution in Turbulent Times. Expectations, Challenges and Alternatives*

Organised in cooperation with the VVI

On 10 September, the VVI, in collaboration with LUCIS, organised a second panel discussion on Libya's constitution making process. Jan Michiel Otto, director of the VVI, introduced the topic and speakers after which Salah El-Marghani, a prominent Libyan lawyer, human rights activist and former minister of justice (2012-2014), addressed the issue. A panel discussed its different aspects, and gave answers and responded to questions and comments from the audience. The panel consisted of Breik Swessi, State of Libya Ambassador to the Netherlands and Suliman Ibrahim, Director of the Centre for Law and Society Studies (CLSS) in Benghazi.

#### 30 OCTOBER, 27 NOVEMBER & 11 DECEMBER

3 workshops as part of the *1001 Secrets of Arab Culture* Humanities Technolab programme. Organised in cooperation with Technolab and funded by Aramco

The first "1001 Secrets of Arab Culture" programme for high school students was organised as part of the Leiden-Aramco programme, in close cooperation with [Technolab](#), a foundation that organises workshop series for elementary school and high school students. In a series of four Friday afternoon meetings between October 2015 and January 2016, eleven 5-VWO and seven 4-HAVO students explored the long-standing relationship of the Dutch with the Arabic and Muslim world during a walking tour in Leiden, visited the Islamic Centre Imam Malik in Leiden, and were educated about Arabic culture, language and science and as well as in Islam in daily practice.

The programme also included a presentation of the manuscript collection at the University Library and a guided tour through the Hajj exhibition in Museum Volkenkunde. The students then transferred the knowledge they acquired to younger students in their respective schools. The programme ended with a large closing ceremony on 5 February 2016, in which the students of the "1001 Secrets of Arab Culture" programme as well as other Technolab programmes were brought together to present their newly acquired knowledge to their parents and other interested parties such as town council members and companies.

## A5. LUCIS in the media 2015

Research conducted by scholars affiliated to LUCIS has attracted attention both inside and outside academia in 2015. Also, Leiden scholars have been consulted regularly to comment on current affairs related to Islam and Muslim societies. Please find below a selection of various media coverages related to research of LUCIS affiliated scholars.

### Printed media

Date	Subject/title	Online source <sup>2</sup>	Type	Author/person involved	Medium
10 January	Meningsuiting moet menselijk zijn	<a href="#">Link</a>	Op-ed article	Maurits Berger	Reformatorisch Dagblad
10 January	Nederlandse grappen te grof voor moslims; Woede over aanslag en frustratie over gevolgen	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article	Maurits Berger	De Telegraaf
14 January	Charlie Hebdo – Het gezicht van de profeet. In het oog van de beeldenstorm	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Bart Schut	Maurits Berger	De Groene Amsterdammer
4 January	Sayyid Uthman hoefde islamitische staat niet	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Wilfred Simons	Nico Kaptein	Leidsch Dagblad
23 January	Stop met dat gejammer in islamdebat	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Maurits Berger	Algemeen Dagblad
24 January	Religie is niet het motief voor geweld	<a href="#">Link</a>	Review <i>A Brief History of Islam in Europe</i>	Maurits Berger	Het Financieele Dagblad
27 January	Flirten met de Ottomanen	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Trouw
27 January	Koning moest wel naar uitvaart van Abdullah; Economisch belang cruciaal voor afvaardiging Willem-Alexander	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Tjabel Daling	Maurits Berger	Het Financieele Dagblad
4 February	Alle grenzen zijn zoek	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Hans van Zon	Maurits Berger	Algemeen Dagblad

2. Some links are freely accessible; for others you need a subscriber's account. To read articles in the LexisNexis database, access through the Leiden University network is required.

**Printed media** *continued*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject/title</b>	<b>Online source</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Author/person involved</b>	<b>Medium</b>
4 February	Barbaarse executie is volstrekt onislamitisch	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Ben van Raaij	Maurits Berger	Volkscrant
4 February	Jordanië executeert terroristen uit wraak	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Frenk der Nederlanden	Maurits Berger	Het Parool
5 February	IS gaat met gruwelen de concurrentie te lijf	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Ben van Raaij	Maurits Berger	Volkscrant
7 February	Geef jonge moslims moslimles	<a href="#">Link</a>	Op-ed article	Maurits Berger	NRC Handelsblad
18 February	Naïef of ze doen het erom	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Silvan Schoonhoven & Leonie Groen	Maurits Berger	Leidsch Dagblad
21 February	Oorlog voer je niet voor de Islam alleen	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Dirk Vlasblom	Petra Sijpesteijn	NRC Handelsblad
27 February	Dit was erfgoed om een identiteit mee op te bouwen	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Rianne Oosterom	Petra Sijpesteijn	Trouw
28 February	Moslims wegen op hun leer is zó salafistisch	<a href="#">Link</a>	Op-ed article	Maurits Berger	Trouw
4 March	Met militair geweld verdwijnt de ideologie niet	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Frank Gersdorf	Maurits Berger	Financieele Dagblad
7 March	Heeft Mohammed echt bestaan?	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Sander van Walsum	Petra Sijpesteijn	Volkscrant
31 March	Erfgoed uit pre-islamitisch Arabië moet onderzocht	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Jeanine van den Bosch	Ahmad Al-Jallad	Nederlands Dagblad
8 April	Een balans tussen strijd en samenleven	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Anika van de Wijngaard	Maurits Berger	Leidsch Dagblad

**Printed media** *continued*

Date	Subject/title	Online source	Type	Author/person involved	Medium
16 April	Genocide blijft 'grote leugen'	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Ton de Lange	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Noordhollands Dagblad
21 April	Goodwill kweken voor islam: 'Doodvonnissenmoefi' toont in Leiden een vriendelijk gezicht	<a href="#">Link</a>	Mentioned in article by Wilfred Simons	Petra Sijpesteijn	Leidsch Dagblad
23 April	Herdenking Armeense genocide in Maastricht	<a href="#">Link</a>	Mentioned in article	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Dagblad de Limburger
19 May	Beeldenstorm is erg, maar niet nieuw	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Silvan Schoonhoven	Petra Sijpesteijn	Noordhollands Dagblad
20 May	Het mystieke hart van de islam klopt soms het liefst in het wijnhuis	<a href="#">Link</a>	Review book <i>Soefisme. Een levende traditie</i>	Asghar Seyed Gohrab	Trouw
30 May	Kan zijn preek door de beugel?	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Jacob Hoekman	Maurits Berger	Reformatorisch Dagblad
2 June	Wat predikt een gematigde imam eigenlijk?	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Carolina Lo Gablo	Petra Sijpesteijn	Vrij Nederland
9 June	Diaspora stemde heel verschillend	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Janny Groen	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Volkskrant
10 July	Vijf lezingen Sander van Hoorn	<a href="#">Link</a>	Announcement lectures Sander van Hoorn	LUCIS	Leidsch Dagblad
31 July	De zoeaaf ging de jihadist voor	<a href="#">Link</a>	Review by Jacob Hoekman of <i>Nederlanders in de heilige oorlog: zoeaven, brigadisten en jihadisten</i>	Maurits Berger	Reformatorisch Dagblad
20 August	Waarom Turkije de Koerden aanvalt	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Erik-Jan Zürcher	NRC Handelsblad

**Printed media** *continued*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject/title</b>	<b>Online source</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Author/person involved</b>	<b>Medium</b>
24 September	De Diepte In	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview with Sander van Hoorn	LUCIS	Mare
16 October	Europeanen lopen de deur plat in Turkije	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Pietermel Gruppen	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Trouw
16 October	Syriër gereserveerd en heel beschaafd	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Maurits Berger	Reformatorsch Dagblad
30 October	Diepreligieuze Gülen runt nieuw lectoraat InHolland	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Andreas Kouwenhoven	Erik-Jan Zürcher	NRC Handelsblad
5 November	Abortus volgens de islam	<a href="#">Link</a>	Announcement conference Islamic Law & Ethics & interview	Petra Sijpesteijn	Mare
26 November	Laat nood alsjeblieft geen wet breken	<a href="#">Link</a>	Op-ed article	Maurits Berger	NRC Handelsblad
11 December	Ophef overbetaalde leerstoel	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Leonie Groen	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Leidsch Dagblad
12 & 13 December	Kerken in Arabië, ook onder de kaliefen	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview with Robert Carter following conference Archaeology in Arabia	Robert Carter/ LeiCenSaa/LUCIS	NRC Handelsblad
17 December	Verplicht religiekunde voor alle scholieren	<a href="#">Link</a>	Op-ed article	Maurits Berger (LUCSoR)	Reformatorsch Dagblad

## Online media

Date	Subject/title	Online source	Type	Author/person involved	Medium
6 March	Jonge moslims leren ondemand van YouTube-imams	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article	Maurits Berger	NOS op 3
10 October	Gastcollege Sander van Hoorn: Hét Midden-Oosten bestaat niet	<a href="#">Link</a>	Report lecture Sander van Hoorn by Laura Kroot	LUCIS	De Buitenland- redactie
12 June	Ramadan is een constante factor voor Nederlandse moslims	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by NU.nl/Orkun Akanci	Petra Sijpesteijn & Maurits Berger	NU.nl
17 November	Wat is een kalifaat en welke rol speelt de jihad daarin?	<a href="#">Link</a>	Article related to radio interview on NPO Radio 5	Petra Sijpesteijn	De Kennis van Nu

## Radio

14 March	IS and Iran	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview with Werner Trio in the programme Trio	Petra Sijpesteijn & Maaïke Warnaar	VRT radio Klara (Belgium)
8 April	IS	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Petra Sijpesteijn	Science071, Sleutelstad
2 June	Shariawetgeving	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Jan Michiel Otto	BNR Nieuwsradio
28 September	Kindhuwelijken	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Petra de Bruijn	Op Noord, RTV Noord
17 November	Wat is een kalifaat en welke rol speelt de jihad daarin?	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Petra Sijpesteijn	De Kennis van Nu Radio, NPO Radio 5
6 December	One-hour interview about Petra Sijpesteijn's research	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Petra Sijpesteijn	De Kennis van Nu met Coen Verbraak, NPO Radio 1
18 December	Vredesakkoord in Libië, wat is er gebeurd?	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Jan Michiel Otto	NPO Radio 1

## Television

Date	Subject/title	Online source	Type	Author/person involved	Medium
10 January	Nieuwsuur	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Maurits Berger	NPO 2
11 April	Impact 25 jaar Amerikaans beleid in het Midden-Oosten	<a href="#">Link</a>	Short documentary	Maurits Berger	Moslim Omroep
11 October	Branding Europe	<a href="#">Link</a>	Documentary	Maurits Berger	Tegenlicht
16 December	5 jaar Arabische Lente ... wat bloeit er nog?	<a href="#">Link</a>	Short documentary	Maurits Berger	NOS op 3

## A6. Leiden Islam Blog articles in 2015

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. Articles are edited by an editor before publishing. In 2015, the editorial team consisted of Maurits Berger (editor-in-chief), Welmoet Boender (as from 1 September 2015), Femke Groeneveld (until 1 September 2015), Meike Jacobs (student member, from 1 September 2015 until 1 February 2016), Annemarie van Sandwijk (deputy editor), and Nynke van der Veldt (as from 1 September 2015).

Readers are invited to leave a comment on the published blogs in the comment section, which is monitored by the editorial staff to avoid content which is not in line with our principles concerning dialogue, debate and integrity. Please find below a list of articles along with the total views\* for each, published on the blog in 2015.

\* Reference date 14 July 2016.

### Blog articles

Date	Title	Online source	Author	Views
16 January	Nigeria at war	<a href="#">Link</a>	David Ehrhardt	15,602
27 January	#Nietmijnislam	<a href="#">Link</a>	Mostafa Hilali	46,430
16 February	Over wildemannen en wilde manen: het beeld van Koerden in de media	<a href="#">Link</a>	Femke Groeneveld	46,331
3 March	Over de hoofden van Jemenieten	<a href="#">Link</a>	Laila al-Zwaini	16,044
16 March	Haatimam?	<a href="#">Link</a>	Remke Kruk	45,733
1 April	Scherpslijperij in Noord-Nigeria	<a href="#">Link</a>	Dorrit van Dalen	45,258
17 April	The Other Arab Spring: coloured in 'green'	<a href="#">Link</a>	Donatella Vincenti	15,736
1 May	Moslims wegen op hun leer is zó salafistisch	<a href="#">Link</a>	Maurits Berger	45,563
22 May	All of one place: A Muslim saint, a converted Hindu princess, and a Hindu deity	<a href="#">Link</a>	Erik de Maaker	15,155

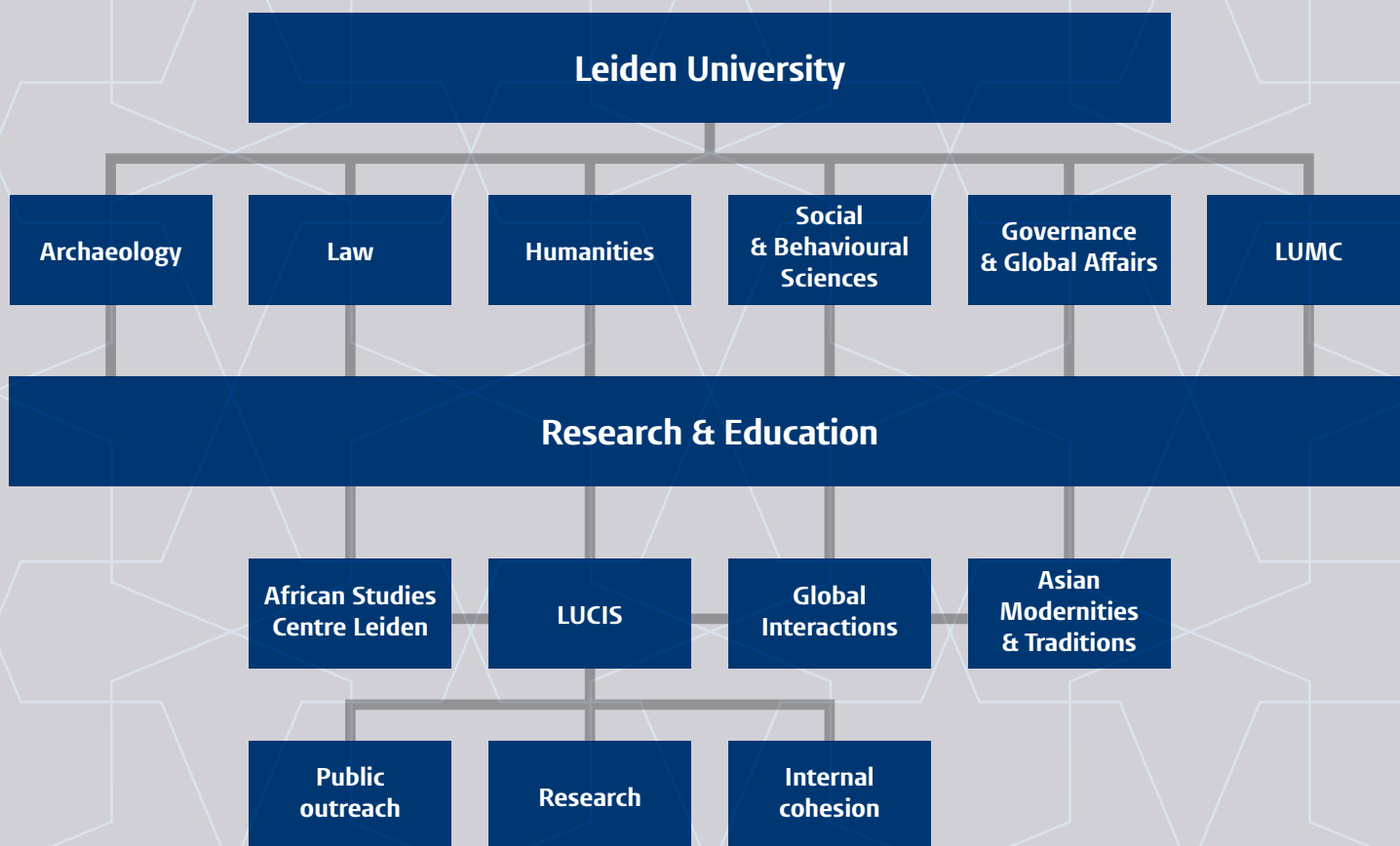


**Blog articles** *continued*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Online source</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Views</b>
10 June	Wel of niet vertellen? Religieus-ethische dilemma's rondom het levenseinde van moslims	<a href="#">Link</a>	Roukayya Oueslati	43,415
23 June	Muslimradicalen en de 'verdediging van onze vrijheden'	<a href="#">Link</a>	Maurits Berger	44,207
17 July	Chrislam: Defying Nigeria's Religious Boundaries	<a href="#">Link</a>	Corey Williams	14,951
17 September	The Role of Sharia in the New Constitution for Libya	<a href="#">Link</a>	Anne Saab	13,910
30 September	Berber by the book	<a href="#">Link</a>	Norah Karrouche	42,641
16 October	Nederland en Marokko, een partnerschap met ups en downs	<a href="#">Link</a>	Jan Hoogland	41,767
29 October	De moraalpolitie van ISIS	<a href="#">Link</a>	Maurits Berger	43,216
12 November	Snouck Hurgronje, Nederland, en de islam	<a href="#">Link</a>	Léon Buskens	41,996
19 November	The silence in the 'minute of silence'	<a href="#">Link</a>	David Kloos & Mahmood Kooria	41,963
24 November	Erdoğan snoert ook islamitische oppositie de mond	<a href="#">Link</a>	Petra de Bruijn	13,760
27 November	Laat nood alsjeblieft geen wet breken	<a href="#">Link</a>	Maurits Berger	13,905
8 December	Should historians serve the nation?	<a href="#">Link</a>	Marie Favereau	14,169
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>21</b>

## A7. Organisation

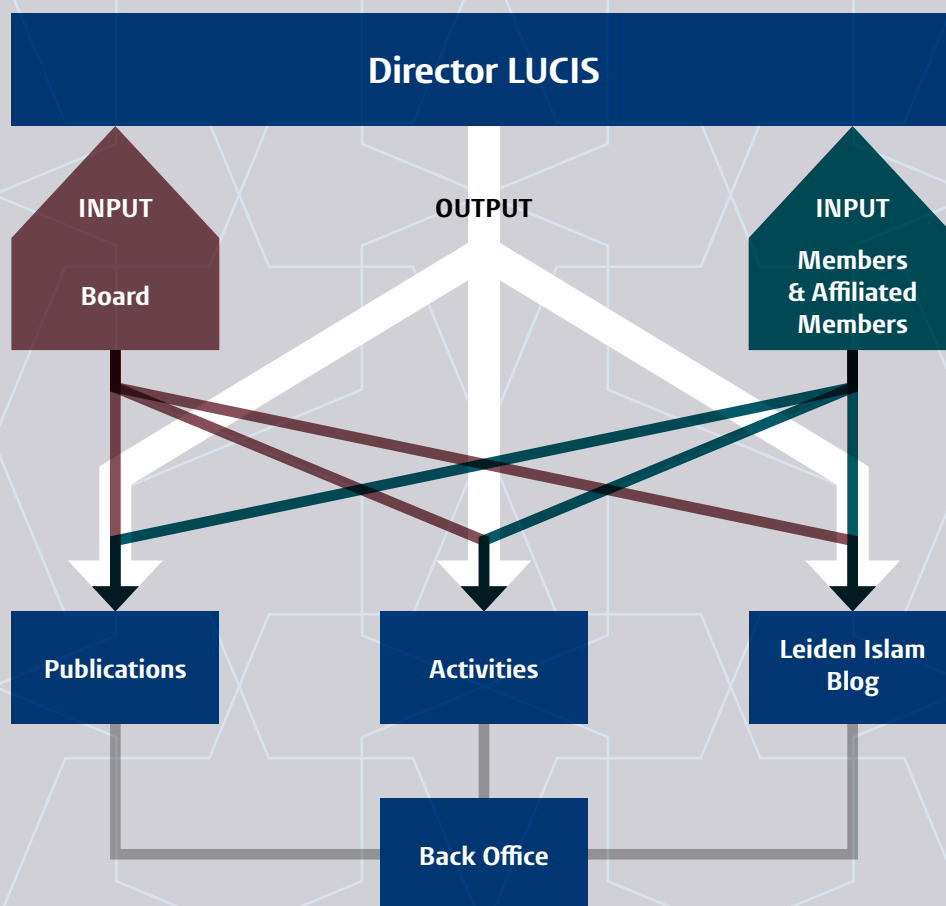
In its capacity as an interfaculty expertise and networking centre, LUCIS offers a framework for collaboration between academics who are affiliated to the faculties of Humanities, Social and Behavioural Sciences, Law, Governance and Global Affairs, Archaeology, and the Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC). The faculty of Humanities acts as the coordinating faculty; the Leiden University Institute for Area Studies as administrator. Other interfaculty initiatives with which LUCIS cooperates are the African Studies Centre Leiden (ASCL) and Leiden’s research profile areas Asian Modernities and Traditions (AMT) and Global Interactions (GI).



**Chart 1: LUCIS as an interfaculty knowledge and networking centre**

The LUCIS board advises on the policy of LUCIS and initiates its activities. It currently consists of Maurits Berger, Léon Buskens, Nico Kaptein, Jan Michiel Otto and Petra Sijpesteijn. In 2015, the board convened four times to discuss the policy and programme of LUCIS.

The executive tasks of the LUCIS board are performed by the director of LUCIS, who has regular meetings with the Board of the Faculty of Humanities and with the University’s Executive Board. The director, together with the executive secretary of LUCIS, also supervises the centre’s budget. In 2015, Petra Sijpesteijn acted as director of LUCIS.



**Chart 2. Organisation of LUCIS**

### A7.1 LUCIS network of affiliated researchers

LUCIS does not employ research staff or PhD candidates itself. Since the founding of LUCIS in 2009, the centre has brought together a pool of affiliated researchers who are employed at their respective faculties and institutes (see appendix A7.2). They are invited for LUCIS membership by the LUCIS office; whether they accept membership is a personal decision. Affiliated researchers are categorised as follows:

- LUCIS members are researchers based at Leiden University (either faculty, PhD candidates or emeriti) whose research deals with Islam and/or Muslim societies or related research areas. LUCIS membership offers automatic eligibility to submit a proposal for LUCIS funding as well as network opportunities.
- LUCIS affiliated members are researchers outside Leiden University who are actively involved in the study of Islam and/or Muslim societies and who regularly participate in LUCIS activities. LUCIS affiliate membership offers automatic eligibility to submit a proposal for LUCIS funding as well as network opportunities. This collaboration considerably benefits both parties.

In 2015, the director of LUCIS was assisted by an executive secretary, a position filled by Petra de Bruijn (until 1 September 2015) and Annemarie van Sandwijk. In addition, the LUCIS office includes:

- an editor who manages the Leiden Islam Blog and the publication series and is in charge of all editorial output related to LUCIS: Annemarie van Sandwijk.
- an office manager:  
Femke Groeneveld (until 1 September 2015)  
from then onwards Nynke van der Veldt.
- several student-assistants:  
Tim Farid (until 1 September 2015)  
Nienke van Heek (from 15 July 2015)  
Naomi Kok (from 1 September 2015)  
Fariha Mirzada (from 1 September 2015)  
Nazreen Sahebali (as from 1 January 2015)  
Daan Sanderse (from 1 September 2015)  
Nynke van der Veldt (until 1 September 2015,  
from then onwards office manager)  
Josi van der Weel (until 1 September 2015).

Please note that part of the personnel expenses of the student-assistants are debited at the expense of the Leiden-Aramco partnership programme budget, which falls under the LUCIS office.

## A7.2 Overview of LUCIS members and affiliated members

### LUCIS MEMBERS (FACULTY)

Name	Affiliation	Expertise
Dr. B. (Bart) Barendregt	FSBS/CA-DS	Southeast Asia; mobile technology; ICT 4 development; religion (pop Islam); Asian eco-chic
Dr. A. (Adriaan) Bedner	Law/VVI	Law and justice in Indonesia; access to justice, dispute resolution & the judiciary; marriage law
Dr. G.R. (Gabrielle) van den Berg	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Oral traditions of the Ismailis of Tajik Badakhshan; 'heterodox' literature in the Safavid Empire & the rise of Shiism as a state religion in Iran; Persian epic poetry & manuscripts; cultural encounters in Central Asia
Prof. M.S. (Maurits) Berger <i>Board member</i>	Hum/LIAS/LUCSoR	Islamic law; political Islam; freedom of religion; relation between law & religion; the role & influence of Sharia in Western countries; the dialectic between 'Islam' & 'the West'
Dr. W. (Welmoet) Boender	Hum/LIAS/LUCSoR	Islam in the Netherlands; Islam in Western Europe; imams & mosques; Islamic theology; Muslim-Christian relations; religious authority; religion & development; pastoral care & populism
Dr. P. (Petra) de Bruijn	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Turkish literature & performing arts; modern Turkish Islam
Dr. J. (Jelle) Bruning	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Social history of early Islamic Egypt; documentary sources in Arabic, Coptic, & Greek; medieval Arabic literature, particularly medical literature
Prof. L.P.H.M. (Léon) Buskens <i>Board member</i>	Hum/LIAS/SMES Law/VVI	Culture, law & Islam in contemporary Middle Eastern societies especially Morocco; anthropology of Muslim societies; Islamic law; history of orientalism
Dr. N.M. (Nathal) Dessing	Hum/LIAS/LUCSoR	Anthropology of Islam; Islam in Europe; ritual studies
Dr. D.W.L. (David) Ehrhardt	FGGA/LUC	International development; conflict studies; Africa (West Africa & Nigeria in particular); politics of ethnicity, religion & class
Dr. C. A. (Crystal) Ennis	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Entrepreneurship in the Middle East; international relations in the Gulf; development in the Gulf; Gulf political economy
Dr. M.F. (Marie) Favereau	Hum/Institute for History	Central Asian medieval history; history of the Jochid dynasties (Golden Horde); Mamluk Sultanate; Oriental diplomacy (chancellery documents, diplomatic letters, archives); trade & diplomacy within the Mediterranean, the Black Sea & the East European areas (13th-16th C.); Eurasian empires; Russian history

LUCIS MEMBERS (FACULTY) *CONTINUED*

Name	Affiliation	Expertise
Prof. J. (Judith) Frishman	Hum/LIAS/LUCSoR	Jews and Judaism in modernity; effects of Enlightenment and modernity on Jewish identity
Dr. E.J. (Edmund) Frettingham	FGGA/LUC	Security studies and religion in international politics, with a particular focus on theories of security, approaches to the study of religion in international politics, and religious violence
Dr. J.J.L. (Jos) Gommans	Hum/Institute for History	South Asian history; colonial history; world history
Dr. N. (Nienke) van der Heide	FSBS/CA-OS	The increasing influence of neo-shamanism in Central Asia (particularly the belief in the formative force of dreams among the Kyrgyz); globalization aspects of alternative medicine in the Netherlands
Dr. S.M.K. (Suliman) Ibrahim	Law/WVI	Assessing legislation for Libya's reconstruction
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. A.M. (Ahmad) Al-Jallad	Hum/LIAS/SMES Hum/LUCL	Early history of Arabic and North Arabian; North Arabian epigraphy; Graeco-Arabica (Arabic in Greek transcription from the pre-Islamic period); historical Semitic linguistics and language classification
Dr. M.M.A. (Mayke) Kaag	African Studies Centre Leiden	Processes of change and continuity in West and West-Central Africa; African transnational relations, like land issues, transnational Islamic charities and engagements with the diaspora
Dr. K. (Khadija) Kadrouch-Outmany	FSBS/CA-OS	Islamic burials; law; Islam; Muslims in the West
Dr. N.J.G. (Nico) Kaptein <i>Board 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; Islam in Indonesia
Dr. M.G. (Maarten) Kossmann	LIAS/LUCL	Arabic dialects and Berber languages in the Maghrib; historical morphology of Berber
B. (Birte) Kristiansen	University Library	Librarian Middle East and the Islamic world

LUCIS MEMBERS (FACULTY) *CONTINUED*

Name	Affiliation	Expertise
Prof. J. (Judi) Mesman	FSBS/Education and Child Studies	The role of parent and child gender, culture, and socioeconomic factors in shaping parent-child interactions and child developmental pathways, with special emphasis on observational research on sensitive parenting
Dr. D. (Daniela) Merolla	Hum/LUCAS	African oral literature, myths, novels, theatre, films, virtual reality, artistic productions, immigrant literatures in Dutch, English, French and Italian, anthropological and literary readings of narratives, ethnicity, gender, identity
Prof. H.L. (Heleen) Murrevan den Berg	Hum/LIAS/LUCSoR	Christianity in the Middle East
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
Dr. N.A.N.M. (Nicole) van Os	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Turkish studies; late-Ottoman women's movement; coordinator of Middle Eastern studies
Prof. J.M. (Jan Michiel) Otto <i>Board member</i>	Law/WVI	Law, governance and development; Sharia and national law; local government; environment and land tenure
R. (Roukayya) Oueslati	Hum/LIAS/LUCSoR	Religious authority and ethical decision-making in health care settings, the development of religious opinions (fatwas) regarding organ donation, the role of religion in antenatal screening tests and the participation of Turkish and Moroccan immigrants in health checks
Dr. E.G. (Elena) Paskaleva	Hum/LIAS/SAS	Islamic architecture; material culture of Central Asia; history and socio-political importance of Timurid architecture in Uzbekistan
Dr. F.P.S.M. (Francesco) Ragazzi	FSBS/Political Science	Critical approaches to diaspora politics, migration, citizenship, and security in International Relations
Dr. F. (Felicia) Roşu	Hum/Institute for History	East Central European history; frontier zones and interaction between Europe and the Ottoman Empire
Dr. K.M.J. (Karène) Sanchez	Hum/LUCL	French language acquisition; French in the Levant; European cultural and linguistic policies in the Levant; French Catholic missions in the Middle East (mid XIXth-mid XXth); British and French missions in Palestine (mid XIXth-mid XXth)

LUCIS MEMBERS (FACULTY) *CONTINUED*

Name	Affiliation	Expertise
Dr. J. (Jan) Schmidt	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Turkish history and philology; historiography and literature of the Ottoman Empire; manuscript studies
Dr. A.A. (Asghar) Seyed-Gohrab	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Persian language and literature; Islamic mysticism
Dr. A.R. (Rizal) Shidiq	Hum/LIAS/SAS	Development economics and monetary theory; political connections in developing countries and poverty
Prof. P.M. (Petra) Sijpesteijn <i>Director of LUCIS</i>	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Islamic history; Arabic papyrology; historiography
Prof. B.F. (Benjamin) Soares	African Studies Centre Leiden	Islam and Muslim societies in Africa; connections between changing modalities of religious expression, different modes of belonging, and emergent social imaginaries in colonial and postcolonial West Africa
Dr. H.P.A. (Hans) Theunissen	Hum/LIAS	Turkish culture; Islamic art
Dr. R.K. (Rebekah) Tromble	FSBS/Political Science	Political communication; international relations; social movement studies; Muslim politics
Dr. J. (Joanita) Vroom	Faculty of Archaeology	Medieval and post-medieval archaeology in the eastern Mediterranean; social-economic and cultural aspects of Byzantine, Islamic, Ottoman and Early Modern ceramics
Dr. M. (Maaïke) Warnaar	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Contemporary Iran; Iranian foreign policy; discourse analysis; foreign policy analysis; Middle East politics
Dr. M.R. (Mark) Westmoreland	FSBS/CA-OS	Visual ethnography and contemporary Arab visual culture; the interface between sensory embodiment and media aesthetics in on-going legacies of contentious politics
Dr. C.L. (Corey) Williams	Hum/LIAS/LUCSoR	Christianity in the modern world; specialization in the religions of contemporary Africa (primarily Christianity, Islam, and African Indigenous Religions)
Prof. E.J. (Erik-Jan) Zürcher	Hum/LIAS	Turkish languages and cultures; social history; Turkish politics
<b>TOTAL LUCIS MEMBERS (FACULTY)</b>		<b>48</b>



## LUCIS MEMBERS (PHD CANDIDATES)

Name	Affiliation	Expertise
H. (Hayat) Ahlili	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Title PhD project: "Faithful Protection: The Use of Scripture in Egyptian Amulets (7th – 12th Century CE)"
A. (Abdullah) Alhatlani	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Title PhD project: "Early Arabic inscriptions in the Hijaz (Medina-Mecca-AL-Ula)"
T.C. (Tijmen) Baarda	Hum/LIAS	Title PhD project: "Syriac and the Syriac churches in North Iraq: the language of our Lord"
M.M. (Marietje) Beemsterboer	Hum/LIAS/LUCSoR	Title PhD project: "The identity of Islamic primary schools in the Netherlands"
W. (Wietse) van den Berge	FGGA/ISGA	Politically motivated violence in contemporary Middle Eastern conflicts
A.M. (Annelien) Bouland	Law/WVI	Women's rights, sharia and customary law in Senegal
S. (Sami) Al-Daghistani	Hum/LIAS/LUCSoR	Title PhD project: "The Concept of Social Justice and the Intellectual History of Islamic Economics"
M. (Marcela) García Probert	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Title PhD project: "The use of amulets and talismans by Palestinian Muslim women. Based on the Tawfik Canaan Collection of Amulets"
E.J. (Liesbeth) van der Heide	FGGA/ISGA	Rehabilitation and deradicalisation, lawfare (the impact of terrorism trials on state, law and society); security in International Relations; lone wolf terrorism and effective counter-terrorism
S. (Shuqi) Jia	Hum/LIAS	Title PhD project: "The Long Arab Conquest of Central Asia: Urban Change in Merv, Paikent, Balkh and Samarkand (651-821)"
M.I. (Idrees) Kanth	Hum/LIAS/SAS	Title PhD project: "National consciousness and public discourse in twentieth century Kashmir"
M. (Mahmood) Kooriadathodi	Hum/Institute for History	South and Southeast Asian Islam; Indian Ocean cultural maritime world; history of ideas in in the Islamic world in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries
N. (Nina) ter Laan	FSBS/CA-DS	The formation and expression of religious sentiments through Islam-inspired music in Morocco and its political employment within the contexts of state supported musical activities and, by contrast, Islamist movements

LUCIS MEMBERS (PHD CANDIDATES) *CONTINUED*

Name	Affiliation	Expertise
M.A. (Arshad) Muradin	Law/WVI	Title PhD project: "Making Islam work in the Netherlands. Islamic authority and Islamic law in the Netherlands among ordinary Muslims: recent trends and developments"
E. (Eftychia) Mylona	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Title PhD project "Greeks in Egypt: Their Final Departure 1952-1970"
A. (Ahmad) Nuril Huda	FSBS/CA-DS	Title PhD project: "Projecting Islam on Screen: A Study of Islamic Film Culture in Indonesia"
H.E.K. (Haneen) Omari	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Title PhD project: "In Search of the Truth: A Sufi Reading of Modern Palestinian Literature, 1950-2010"
J. (Jasmijn) Rana	FSBS/CA-DS	Title PhD project: "Young Muslim Women in Kickboxing: Learning and Belonging"
S.R. (Sasha) Sabbah-Goldstein	Hum/LIAS/LUCSoR	The Jewish community of Baghdad during the British Mandate and the early years of the Iraqi state
B.W. (Bart) Schuurman	FGGA/ISGA	Emergence of the 'Hofstadgroep'; strategic negotiations between governments and non-state actors; the impact of public support on the course of terrorism-related conflicts; the military theorist Carl von Clausewitz; obstacles for Western success in so-called "asymmetric conflicts"
A. (Ali) al Tuma	Hum/ Institute for History	Social and racial aspects of the participation of Moorish (Moroccan) troops in the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939)
D.J. (Daan) Weggemans	FGGA/ISGA	Deradicalization and reintegration of violent extremists; the lawsuit of Anders Behring Breivik; new terrorism strategies and technologies
<b>TOTAL LUCIS MEMBERS (PHD CANDIDATES)</b>	<b>22</b>	

## LUCIS MEMBERS (RETIRED)

Name	Affiliation	Expertise
Prof. C.J. (Kees) van Dijk	Hum/LIAS/SAS	Political and religious developments in Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, South Thailand, and the Southern Philippines
Prof. P.S. (Pieter) van Koningsveld	Hum/LIAS/LUCSoR	Islam in the West; Muslim-Christian relations; slavery
Prof.dr. R. (Remke) Kruk	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Classical Arabic literature; Islamic philosophy and science; classical Arabic literary texts; modern Arabic religious texts
Prof.dr. W.A.R. (Wasif) Shadid	FSBS/CA-DS	Intercultural communication, integration, Islam
Prof. H.J. (Harry) Stroomer	Hum/LIAS	Berber; South Semitic; linguistic diversity in North Africa and the Middle East; linguistic anthropology
Prof. J.J. (Jan Just) Witkam	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Islamic book culture; Islamic bibliography; codicology and palaeography of the Islamic world; history of orientalism

**TOTAL LUCIS MEMBERS (RETIRED)****6**

## INTERFACULTY SPREADING (ALL LUCIS MEMBERS)

Humanities	48
Social Sciences	12
Law	5
FGGA	6
Archaeology	2
African Studies Centre Leiden	2
University Library	1

**TOTAL****76**

## LUCIS MEMBERS (AFFILIATED)

Name	Affiliation	Expertise
Prof. W.M.J. (Wim) van Binsbergen	African Studies Centre Leiden, chair in Foundations of Intercultural Philosophy at Erasmus University, Rotterdam	Theory and method of research on cultural globalisation especially in connection with virtuality, Information and Communication Technology, ethnicity and religion
Dr. M.H. (Maurits) van den Boogert	Acquisitions editor at Brill Academic Publishers. Subject area: Middle East & Islamic Studies	Arabic studies; Ottoman history; travelers' literature
Prof. A. (Ahmad) Al Hosein	Professor of Arabic Language & Literature at Damascus University	Islamic and Middle Eastern studies, Classical Arabic Literature, Modern Arabic Literature, Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language, Methods of Literary Criticism, Literary History: History of the novel, Short story, Poetry, Arabic grammar, Stylistic studies, Philology, Biography, Theatre, Arab Culture studies
Dr. D. (David) Kloos	KITLV	Social and political impact of female religious authority in Malaysia and Indonesia
Dr. H. (Heinrich) Matthee	Senior analyst & strategy advisor at JISR	Advising corporations on strategic trends, political risk management, and business opportunities in the Middle East and North Africa
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
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

**TOTAL LUCIS MEMBERS  
(AFFILIATED)**

**6**

## A8. Financial report

### Income 2015

Contribution Executive Board	€ 272,000
Fees Sandwich Programme	€ 36,800

**TOTAL INCOME** € 308,800

### Expenditures 2015

#### PERSONNEL EXPENSES

LUCIS office	€ 128,813
Sandwich Programme (Maryse Kruithof)	€ 2,846

**TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSES** € 131,659

#### MATERIAL EXPENSES

Contribution to VVI	€ 10,000
Material costs Seed & Breed grantees	€ 2,019
Visiting fellowships Hugh Kennedy, Sander van Hoorn and Camilla Adang	€ 17,038
Office supplies & unforeseen expenditures	€ 2,128
Exchange & networking activities	€ 3,538
Publicity (digital exposition Sayyid Uthman, invoices Paul Oram, Science on Air)	€ 10,575
Publications	€ 6,164
Remaining costs of conferences late 2014 (Qur'an study day, 9 Dec. & Hadrami Arabs, 16 Dec.)	€ 1,160
What's New lecture series (spring & autumn)	€ 5,370
Annual lecture (Lucette Valensi & Abraham Udovitch, 5 March)	€ 2,591
GLASS-Islam events (Nile Green, 18-20 March)	€ 2,470
Current events panels (24 April & 10 Sept.) <sup>3</sup>	€ 5,380
Conference Islamic mysticism (3-4 June)	€ 7,775
Conference Egypt connected (18-20 June)	€ 3,550
Annual conference (6-8 Nov.)	€ 19,363
Grant Zenobia congress (7-9 Nov.)	€ 2,000
Material expenses Sandwich Programme (Nov-Dec. 2015)	€ 849
Conference Islam @250 (3-5 Dec.) <sup>4</sup>	€ 13,656
Grant Ocean of Law conference (7-9 Dec.)	€ 2,500
All other costs related to LUCIS activities (not linked to specific SAP numbers) <sup>5</sup>	€ 7,780
Prepayment conference Scholarly Personae in the History of Orientalism (28-29 Jan. 2016)	€ 236

**TOTAL MATERIAL EXPENSES** € 126,142

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES** € 257,801

**TOTAL SURPLUS 2015** € 50,999

**Footnotes to the financial report**

3. Includes some costs related to panel discussion “Intervening in the Middle East: Redux?” on 12 December 2014.
4. Contribution by Brill (€ 500) paid in January 2016. Promised contributions by other partners are expected later in 2016: € 2,000 (Oosters Instituut); appr. € 5,000 (Juyneboll stichting).
5. Includes costs related to the following activities: book presentation *A Brief History of Islam in Europe* (€ 1,572 -15 Oct. 2014; payment was delayed); workshop David Kloos about female Islamic authority (€ 1,943 -8-9 Jan. 2015); lecture Ahmed Abdel Meguid (€ 1598 -6 March 2015); workshop Muslim scholars in Africa (€ 1,380 -23 April 2015); contribution RIMO conference (€ 500 -2 July 2015).

## A9. Individual annual reports of LUCIS board members 2015

This appendix provides individual annual reports of LUCIS board members (Berger, Buskens, Kaptein, Otto and Sijpesteijn). The quality of research of all LUCIS members is guaranteed by and stated in:

- 1) the research assessments of the respective institutes they are affiliated with;
- 2) their annual individual Performance & Development reviews.

For this report it suffices to say that LUCIS members produce rich and varied research with a clear international outlook and relevance to ongoing debates. There is a considerable variety in terms of subject matter and approach, which reflects LUCIS' mission as an interdisciplinary community.

### Prof. M.S. (Maurits) Berger (LUCSoR)

#### Publications

- "Werving voor Jihad: De propagandafilmpjes van IS," in *Beïnvloeden met Emoties. Pathos en Retorica*, edited by Jaap de Jong, Adriaan Rademaker & Christoph Pieper. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 209-214.
- "De revolutie die sharia heet," in *Islam in verandering. Vroomheid en vertier onder moslims binnen en buiten Nederland*, edited by Joas Wagemakers & Martijn de Koning. Almere: Parthenon, 142-149.
- "Graduate Symposium (17-18 May 2014) 'Muslims in the UK and Europe' – concluding remarks," in *Muslims in the UK and Europe* edited by Y. Suleiman. Cambridge: Cambridge University, 207-213.
- With M. Rademakers, "Allahoe Akbar. Nederlanders in de heilige oorlog," *Tijdschrift voor Religie, Recht en Beleid* 6, no. 1: 5-25.
- *Nederlanders in de Heilige Oorlog: Zoeaven, Brigadisten en jihadisten*, Den Haag: Boom Juridische Uitgeverij.
- "De (on)mogelijkheid van sharia in Nederland," *Utrecht Centre for European Research into Family Law* series 9: 69-87.
- "Islam en radicalisering op basisscholen," *Pedagogiek in Praktijk*, 24-28.
- "Weg van de islam," *Socialisme & Democratie* 72, no. 2: 39-42.

### Lectures and guest courses

- [“Kleur, geur en sleur in Leiden, of de noodzaak van diversiteit,”](#) lecture at the opening of the academic year of the Honours Academy, Leiden University, 6 October 2015.
- “Towards a European Islam,” Leiden History Department.

#### OUTSIDE THE NETHERLANDS:

- Lecture series “Islam in Europe,” University of Lahore, Pakistan.
- Course “Political Islam” for EU diplomats of the European Diplomatic Agency.

#### AT OTHER UNIVERSITIES IN THE NETHERLANDS:

- “The Islamic world in 2030,” The Hague University of Applied Sciences.
- “Islamic extremism,” The Hague University of Applied Sciences.
- “Sharia,” University of Amsterdam.
- “Islam and Violence,” Campus The Hague.
- “Islam in Europe,” The Hague University of Applied Sciences.
- “ISIS,” Campus The Hague.
- “Islamofobia,” University of Applied Sciences, InHolland.

### Public lectures

- “Islamitische staat en het kalifaat,” Islamic Student Association.
- “Islamitisch extremisme in het Midden-Oosten,” Saxion College Deventer.
- Opening lecture at exhibition “1001 Inventions,” Rotterdam Museum.
- [“Meten met twee maten: het Palestijns-Israëlisch conflict,”](#) lecture at MetenMet2Maten meeting, Rotterdam, 28 oktober 2015.

### Courses for professionals

- “Islam en radicalisering,” Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- “Islam in Europe,” Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- “A counter narrative to Islamic radicalism,” Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- “De aantrekkingskracht van ISIS voor Nederlandse moslims,” Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment.
- “Islamitisch sectarisme,” AIVD.
- “Islamitische staat,” Netherlands School of Public Administration (NSOB).
- “Tolerantie aan de macht,” Netherlands School of Public Administration (NSOB).
- “Islam en radicalisering,” Municipality of Maastricht.
- “Waarom gaan Nederlandse moslims naar ISIS,” Municipality of Gouda.
- Police: 3 courses.
- “Sharia in Nederland,” Amsterdamse Juristen Vereniging.
- “Situatie in het Midden-Oosten,” NOS redactie.
- “Interreligieuze dialoog,” Protestantse Kerk in Ypenburg.



## Consultancy

### PERMANENT:

- Member of Advisory Council on International Affairs for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Advisor to the Police Unit “Honour related Violence”.

### INCIDENTAL:

- Joint workgroup of Ministers of Justice, Interior and Social Affairs (radicalisation).
- Defense lawyer of Dutch Muslim ‘jihadist’.
- Security agencies AIVD and NCTV (Dutch Muslim radicalism).
- The Hague municipality (radicalism at schools).
- Department of Integration, Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment.

## Conferences

- “Islam Studies –the Leiden experience,” BRISMES conference, London, March 2015.
- Keynote speaker at Cambridge Symposium “Muslims in the UK and the West” (16-18 May).
- “Islam education for all: the Leiden Islam Academy,” International Conference on Intercultural
- “Religious Education and Islamic Studies,” Kavala, Greece, 10-11 October 2015.
- 5th anniversary of *Tijdschrift voor Religie, Recht en Beleid*, Dutch Senate, 5 November 2015.

## PhD projects in progress

- Marietje Beemsterboer  
*Identity of Islamic Primary Schools in the Netherlands*  
NWO PhD scholarship for teachers.
- Ernesto Braam  
*The Salafi Movement in South Thailand*, together with Dr. Nico Kaptein.
- Sami Al-Daghistani  
*The concept of Social Justice in the Islamic milieu –epistemological inquiries and their practical relevance for contemporary notion of Islamic Economics.*
- Marija Šerić  
*Islamic discourse among Bosnian women 1880-1950*, (external PhD candidate).

Berger is director of the [Leiden Islam Academie](#) and editor-in-chief of *Tijdschrift voor Religie, Recht en Beleid*.

## Prof. L.P.H.M. (Léon) Buskens (LIAS/VVI)

### Current research projects and grant applications

- 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.

### Organisation of conferences

- 6-8 November 2015, organisation (with Robert Gleave, Ruud Peters and Petra Sijpesteijn) of 6th annual LUCIS conference /8th ISILS conference “Islamic Law and Ethics,” Leiden University.

### Lectures

- 9 December 2015, “Constructing a colonial Shāfi‘ī law canon in Indonesia,” lecture at conference “Ocean of Law: Intermixed Legal Systems across the Indian Ocean world, 1550-1950,” Leiden University.

### PhD candidates

#### COMPLETED PHD PROJECTS IN 2015

- Mayuka Tanabe  
external PhD candidate, private funding  
*A Century of Hands: Work, Communities, and Identities among the Ayt Khebbash Fossil Artisans in a Moroccan Oasis*  
PhD defence on 17 June 2015.
- Chaider Bamaalim  
external PhD candidate, private funding  
*Negotiating Islamisation and Resistance: A Study of Religions, Politics and Social Change in West Java from the Early 20th Century to the Present*  
co-promoter, together with Dr. Nico Kaptein, PhD defence on 9 September 2015.

**PHD PROJECTS IN PROGRESS**

- 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 defence planned for autumn 2017.
- Arshad Muradin  
NWO project “Making Islam Work in the Netherlands,” with Prof. Thijs Sunier, VU University  
*The Creation and Application of Islamic Law in the Context of Counseling and Mediation*  
Leiden University, from 1 November 2013; PhD defence planned for autumn 2017.
- 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 defence planned for December 2016.
- Francesca Rosati  
external PhD candidate, private funding  
*Quranic Feminine Schools in China’s Northwestern Islam: the case of Linxia Nuxiao*  
together with Prof. Frank Pieke. Started September 2014.
- Nor Ismah  
*Flourishing Female Ulama: Practices, Authorities, and Institutions in Indonesia*  
together with Dr. Nico Kaptein.
- Ade Jaya Suryani  
*Muslim Baduy: Da’wa, Conversion, and Their Consequences*  
together with Dr. Nico Kaptein.

## Dr. N.J.G. (Nico) Kaptein (LIAS)

### Publications

- With Kees van Dijk (eds.), *Islam, Politics and Change: The Indonesian Experience 1998-2013*. Leiden: Leiden University Press.
- Review of *Naik Haji di Masa Silam: Kisah-kisah Orang Indonesia Naik Haji (1482-1964)*, edited by Henri Chambert-Loir (2013), *Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde* 171, no.1: 121-123.
- [Digital exposition](#) together with Arnoud Vrolijk a.o., "Sayyid Uthman of Batavia (1822-1914): A Life in the Service of Islam and the Colonial Administration," online since 7 June 2015.
- "A taqîṣ for a Nineteenth Century Indonesian Manuscript," *Heritage of Nusantara. International Journal of Religious Literature and Heritage* 4, no.1: 1-12.

From September 2015 onwards, Kaptein is section editor Southeast Asia for the *Encyclopedia of Islam*, Third Edition (Brill, Leiden).

### Lectures

- 7 March 2015  
"Visualizing the Homeland: The Atlas of Sayyid Uthman of Batavia (1822-1914)," Conference "Rediscovering Hadhramaut," organised by the Hadramaut Research Centre in association with the London Middle East Institute, SOAS, University of London.
- 24 August 2015  
"Letters as a Source for the Study of Islam in Southeast Asia," NISIS Summer School, Leiden.

### PhD candidates

#### COMPLETED PHD PROJECTS IN 2015

- Chaider Bamaalim  
(external PhD candidate, private funding)  
*Negotiating Islamisation and Resistance: A Study of Religions, Politics and Social Change in West Java from the Early 20th Century to the Present*  
co-promoter, together with Prof. Léon Buskens, PhD defence on 9 September 2015.

**PHD PROJECTS IN PROGRESS**

- Mushlihin Amali  
*Responses to Islamic radicalism and terrorism in contemporary Indonesia*  
co-promoter, together with Prof. Kees van Dijk (Leiden University).
- Iis Istiqomah  
(University of Groningen)  
*The Hadrami Arabs of Ambon: An ethnographic study of diasporic identity construction in everyday life practices*  
together with Dr. Marjo 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. Dick Douwes (Erasmus University Rotterdam).
- Sujadi  
*Persatuan Pemuda Muslim se-Eropa (PPME) in perspectives of Indonesian Muslims in the Netherlands and Indonesia: a comparative study of its roles and strategies*  
together with Prof. Kees van Dijk (Leiden University).
- Ernesto Braam  
*The Salafi Movement in South Thailand*  
together with Prof. Maurits Berger.
- Nor Ismah  
*Flourishing Female Ulama: Practices, Authorities, and Institutions in Indonesia*  
together with Prof. Léon Buskens.
- Ade Jaya Suryani  
*Muslim Baduy: Da'wa, Conversion, and Their Consequences*  
together with Prof. Léon Buskens.

## Prof. J.M. (Jan Michiel) Otto (VVI)

### Publications

- “Indonesian Opposition in the Colonial Municipality: A Minahasser in Bandung,” *Asian Journal of Law and Society* 2, no. 1: 169-193.
- “Shari’a Police in Banda Aceh: Enforcement of Islam-based Regulations and People’s Perceptions,” in *Islam and the Limits of the State. Reconfigurations of Practice, Community and Authority in Contemporary Aceh*, edited by R. Michael Feener, David Kloos & Annemarie Samuels, Leiden Studies in Islam and Society series no. 3. Leiden: Brill, 185-213.

### Current research projects and grant applications

- Asian Modernities and Traditions (AMT)  
Project title: *Law and Governance in China*  
together with Prof. Frank Pieke  
project duration: 1 Sept 2015 – 1 Sept 2017
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Royal Netherlands Embassy Tripoli)  
Project title: *Solving the Real Property Conflicts in Post-Ghaddafi Libya in the Context of Transitional Justice*  
project duration: Dec 2015 – June 2017.

### Lectures

- 11 March, “Sharia and National Law in Asia: A view from the South East,” lecture at the National University of Singapore.

### PhD candidates

#### COMPLETED PHD PROJECTS IN 2015

- Stijn van Huis  
*Islamic Courts and Women’s Divorce Rights in Indonesia. The cases of Cianjur and Bulukumba*  
co-promotor: Dr. Adriaan Bedner, PhD defence on 8 September 2015.

## PHD PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

- Elizabeth Alividza  
*Judicial Performance in Uganda*  
co-promotor: dr.mr. C.T. Nijenhuis.
- Najibullah Amin  
*Imprisonment and Rehabilitation. A case study of Afghanistan's Pol-e-Charkhi Prison*  
promotor together with Prof. P.M. Schuyt.
- Annelien Bouland  
*Women's Rights and Access to Justice in a Plural Society. Maisons de Justice in Senegal*  
co-promotor: dr.ir. C.I.M. Jacobs.
- Bernardo Almeida  
*Land Tenure Security – The Road to Development in Post-Conflict Countries*  
co-promotor: Dr. Adriaan Bedner.
- Joseph Boakye  
*Environmental Law and Sustainable Forest Tenure Management*  
co-promotor: Dr. J.G. van Erp.
- Bruno Braak  
*Primary Justice in South Soudan*  
co-promotores: dr. ir. C.I.M. Jacobs and dr. C. Leonardi.
- Anton Cahyadi  
*Legal Identity of Religious Minorities in Indonesia*  
co-promotor: Dr. Adriaan Bedner.
- Laure d'Hondt  
*Empowering Victims of Environmental Pollution in Indonesia: the Role of Rights Mobilisation Organisations in the Quest for Justice*  
co-promotor: Dr. Adriaan Bedner.
- Santy Kouwagam  
*Litigation Strategies in Individual Land Disputes about Certified Land in Indonesia*  
co-promotor: Dr. Adriaan Bedner.
- Willem van der Muur  
*Securing Land Rights: Land Conflicts in Democratizing Indonesia*  
promotor: Prof. Jan Michiel Otto; daily supervisor: Dr. Adriaan Bedner.
- Loes van Rooijen  
*Claims and Facts on Land, Water and Environment: Socio-legal Issues on Jatropha Cultivation in Indonesia*, co-promotor: Dr. Jacqueline Vel.
- Ahmed Tawfik  
*Women in the Judiciary in Egypt*, co-promotor: Dr. Baudouin Dupret.
- Jacob Tobing  
*Constitutional Democracy and the Rule of Law. The Essence of 1999 - 2002 Constitutional Reform in Indonesia*  
co-promotor: Dr. Adriaan Bedner.

## Prof. P.M. (Petra) Sijpesteijn (LIAS)

### Publications

- "A Ḥadīth Fragment on Papyrus," *Der Islam* 92: 321-331.
- With James Montgomery & Geert Jan van Gelder, *Wit and Wisdom in Classical Arabic Literature. Leiden Lectures on Arabic Language and Culture*. Leiden: Leiden University Press.
- Review of *From Byzantine to Islamic Egypt* by Maged S.A. Mikhail, in *Bulletin of the School for Oriental and African Studies* 78: 608-610.
- Review of *Arabische Steuerquittungen des 8. Bis 11. Jahrhunderts*, by W. Diem, in *Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsgeschichte Romanistische Abteilung* 132: 540-544.
- "Islam" in *Ein Gott – Abrahams Erben am Nil. Juden, Christen und Muslime in Ägypten von der Antike bis zum Mittelalter*, edited by Cäcilia Fluck, Gisela Helmecke and Elisabeth R. O'Connell. Berlin: Museum für Islamische Kunst der Staatlichen Museen zu Berlin, 38-42.
- "Islam" in *Egypt: Faith after the pharaohs*, edited by Cäcilia Fluck, Gisela Helmecke and Elisabeth R. O'Connell. London: the British Museum, 38-42.

### Current research projects and grant applications

#### APPLICATIONS

- ERC Consolidator Grant proposal entitled "Embedding Conquest: Naturalising Muslim Rule in the Early Islamic Empire," submitted 12 March 2015 and awarded in December 2015; starting date: January 2017.
- Participant in collaborative Marie Curie Innovative Training Networks proposal entitled "Imperial Languages of Medieval Europe," submitted 12 January 2016, not awarded.
- Marie Curie Individual Fellowships proposal entitled "Anthropology of traditional Arabic poetry" (Maxim Yosefi), not awarded.
- Internal competition NWO programme PhD in Humanities (Haneen Omari), not awarded.



### Lectures, public appearances, consultancy

- 29 January 2015  
De Balie Podium: Gerard Russell on religious minorities in the Middle East, conversation with Gerard Russell, a former British diplomat and writer of the book *Heirs to Forgotten Kingdoms. Journeys Into the Disappearing Religions of the Middle East*, and Yoeri Albrecht, director of De Balie, Amsterdam. [Video](#) available on De Balie TV.
- February 2015  
“The Arab conquest at eye level: Evidence from the Egyptian papyri,”  
University College London in Qatar, Doha.
- June 2015  
“The caliph in Egypt,” lecture presented at conference “Egypt Connected. Cultural, Economic, Political and Military Interactions (500-1000 CE),” co-organised with Jelle Bruning and Janneke de Jong, LUCIS, Leiden University.
- 19 September 2015  
Debate with publicist Thierry Baudet at the “Night of Art and Knowledge” (Nacht van Kunst en Kennis, this year related to Leiden University’s 440th anniversary themed “Freedom”), during which discussions were held in the Academy Building. Topics included freedom in academia, big data, immigrants, freedom in the Middle East and the question of whether someone is a freedom fighter or a terrorist. For an online report, click [here](#).
- October 2015  
“The meaning of hair in medieval Islam,”  
Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study, Wassenaar.
- 6-8 November 2015  
organisation (with Léon Buskens, Robert Gleave and Ruud Peters)  
of 6th annual LUCIS conference / 8th ISILS conference  
“Islamic Law and Ethics,” Leiden University.
- December 2015  
“Visible identities: in search of Egypt’s Jews in papyri from early Islamic Egypt,”  
British Museum, London.

## PhD candidates

### COMPLETED PHD PROJECTS IN 2015

- Dorrit van Dalen  
*There is no doubt. Muslim scholarship and society in 17th central Sudanic Africa*  
supervised together with Prof. Robert Ross (Institute for History, Leiden University)  
PhD defence on 22 April 2015.

### 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.
- Abdullah AlHatlani  
*Archaeology of Arabia: The Transition to Islam.*
- 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*  
co-promotor, together with Dr. Asghar Seyed Gohrab.
- Shuqi Jia  
*The Long Arab Conquest of Central Asia: Urban Change in Merv, Paikent, Balkh and Samarkand (651-821)*, together with Prof. Hugh Kennedy.
- Judith Kindinger  
*Dress under Stress? Dress and Identity among Egyptian Muslims and Christians from the Sixteenth to the Twentieth Century*, part of the NWO project "Fitting Majority and Minority Dress Codes among Egyptian Muslims and Christians," co-promotor, together with Prof. Bas ter Haar Romeny (VU University Amsterdam).
- Fokelien Kootstra  
*Ancient North Arabian inscriptions from the oasis of Dadan in the northern Hijaz*  
co-promotor, together with Dr. Ahmad Al-Jallad.
- Eftychia Mylona  
*Greeks in Egypt: Their Final Departure 1952-1970*  
co-promotor, together with Dr. Tsolin Nalbantian.
- Haneen Omari  
*In Search of the Truth: A Sufi Reading of Modern Palestinian Literature, 1950-2010*  
together with Ziad Elmarsafy.
- Alexandra Plesa  
*Dress and identity of religious groups in Late Antique and Early Islamic Majority and Minority Dress Codes among Egyptian Muslims and Christians*  
co-promotor, together with Prof. Bas ter Haar Romeny (VU University Amsterdam).
- Marcela García Probert  
*The use of amulets and talismans by Palestinian Muslim women. Based on the Tawfik Canaan Collection of Amulets*  
together with Prof. Salim Tamari.

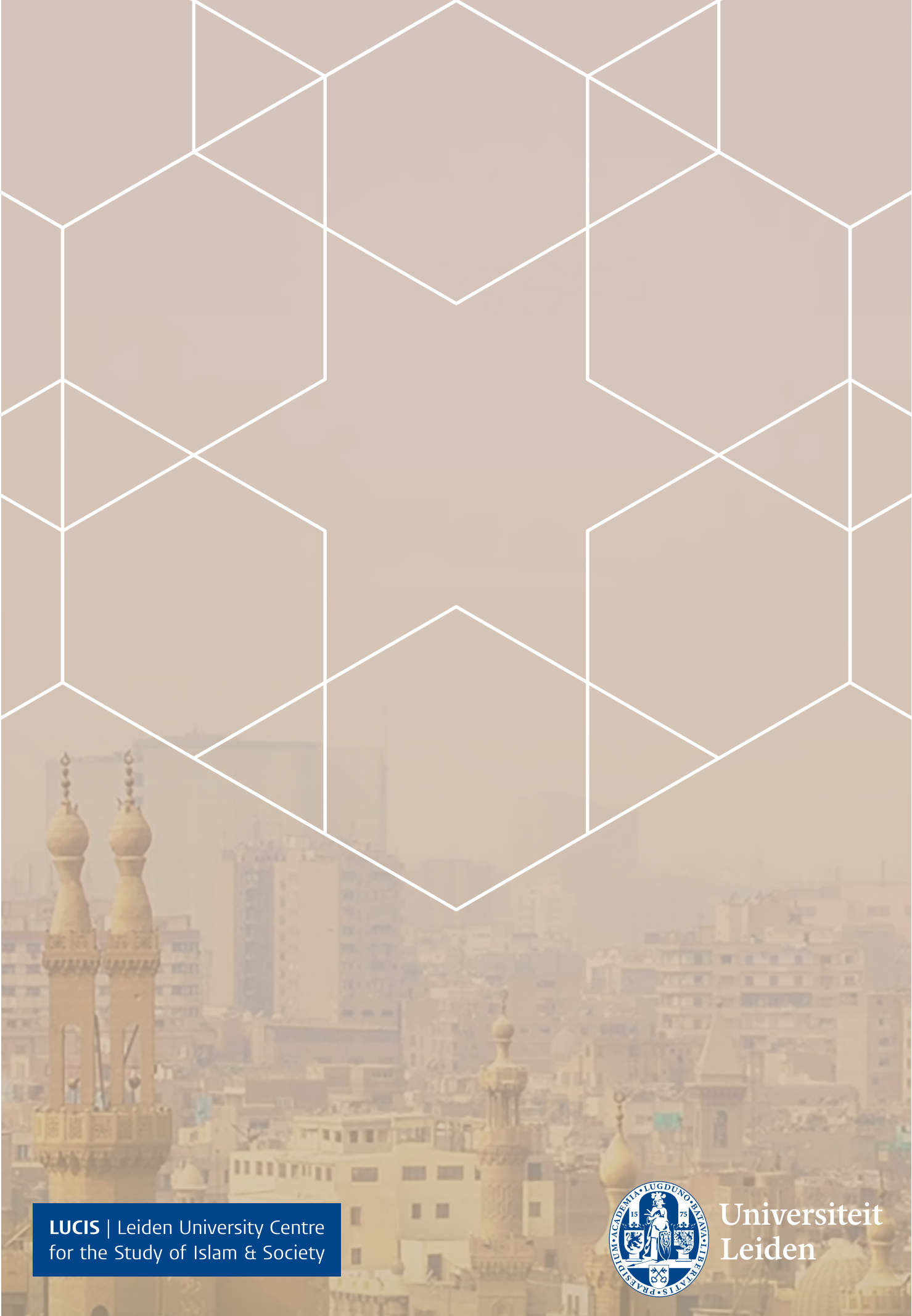
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3. Sander van Hoorn, NOS Middle East correspondent and LUCIS Journalist Fellow 2015.
4. Geert Jan van Gelder, professor emeritus of Arabic at the University of Oxford, delivering the third Leiden Lecture on Arabic Language and Culture in the Academy Building (8 October 2015).
5. Petra Sijpesteijn, professor of Arabic and director of LUCIS, showing samples of manuscripts to Shawki Allam, the Grand Mufti of Egypt (20 April 2015).
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