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## List of abbreviations

<b>AMT</b>	Asian Modernities and Traditions (research profile Leiden University)
<b>ASCL</b>	African Studies Centre Leiden
<b>CA-DS</b>	Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology
<b>FSBS</b>	Faculty of Social and Behaviourial Sciences
<b>GLASS</b>	Global Asia Scholar Series
<b>GI</b>	Global Interactions (research profile Leiden University)
<b>IIAS</b>	International Institute of Asian Studies
<b>KNAW</b>	Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences
<b>KITLV</b>	Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies
<b>LIAS</b>	Leiden University Institute for Area Studies
<b>LUCIS</b>	Leiden University Centre for the Study of Islam and Society
<b>LUF</b>	Leiden University Fund
<b>LUP</b>	Leiden University Press
<b>LURIS</b>	Leiden University Research and Innovation Services
<b>LUCSoR</b>	Leiden University Centre for the Study of Religion
<b>LUCL</b>	Leiden University Centre for Linguistics
<b>MES/MOS</b>	Middle Eastern Studies (MA) and Midden-Oostenstudies (BA)
<b>NIMAR</b>	Netherlands Institute in Morocco
<b>NISIS</b>	Netherlands Interuniversity School for Islamic Studies
<b>NWO</b>	Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research
<b>SMES</b>	School of Middle Eastern Studies
<b>VVI</b>	Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance and Society (Faculty of Law)

## About the Leiden University Centre for the Study of Islam and Society (LUCIS)

LUCIS was established by the Executive Board of Leiden University in 2009 as an interfaculty knowledge and networking centre that brings together academics from various faculties of Leiden University, offering a multidisciplinary and comparative view on Islam and Muslim societies.

### Mission statement

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

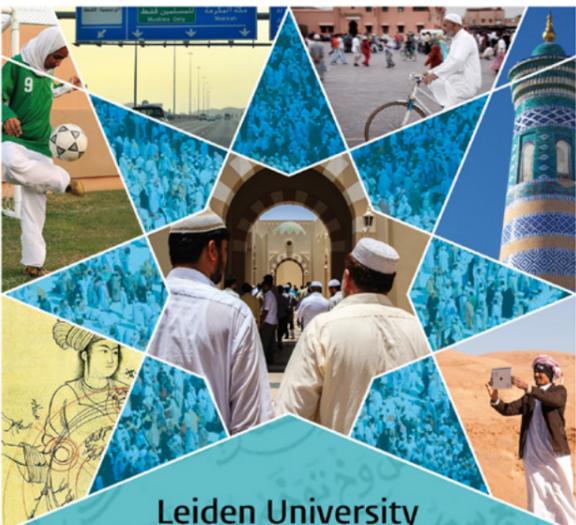
The university's historical leadership in the field of Islamic studies has resulted in exceptional scholarly resources, including extensive and very important library holdings, as well as specialty expertise in each of the regions in which Islam plays a pivotal role, from the Arabian Peninsula and the 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.

The aims of LUCIS are:

- to strengthen research on Islam and Muslim societies, in the broadest sense, at Leiden University;
- to enhance cooperation between Leiden scholars working on Islam and Muslim societies;
- to increase national and international visibility of Leiden University's expertise in the field of the study of Islam and Muslim societies.

### A multidisciplinary and comparative view on the Muslim world



Understanding Muslim societies is essential in a globalised world. Drawing upon tradition and unparalleled resources, the Netherlands' premier knowledge that understanding.

One of the largest teaching centres in Middle Eastern and Islamic studies, Leiden University is a world leader in the languages, legal systems, and cultures of Muslim societies. Leiden's leadership in the field has resulted in exceptional scholarly resources, including extensive library holdings, as well as specialty expertise in each of the regions in which Islam plays a pivotal role, from the Arabian Peninsula and the Maghrib, to Europe and Southeast Asia.

The diversity of Muslim societies is the focus of our research. By bringing together scholars from diverse backgrounds – including linguists, historians, and social scientists – we increase knowledge, and promote a better understanding of Islam as a religion, a political force, and a cultural phenomenon. By actively communicating our research to a wider audience, LUCIS aims to enhance the public debate throughout the public arena.

We invite and challenge you in our varied lectures, conferences, and expert meetings. On our Leiden Islam blog, we respond to current affairs in Muslim societies while also sharing our research.

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- > Read our Leiden Islam Blog: [leiden-islamblog.nl](http://leiden-islamblog.nl)
- > Check out our research dossier: [www.onderzoekgebieden.leidenuniv.nl/islam-and-society](http://www.onderzoekgebieden.leidenuniv.nl/islam-and-society)
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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, scholarly exchange, etc., in the field of Islamic studies;
- dissemination of Leiden expertise in the field via public debates, media and the like.

## Introduction by the director



It is a great pleasure to present to you this seventh annual report of the Leiden University Centre for the Study of Islam and Society (LUCIS), which provides a comprehensive account of the wide range of our activities in 2016. The past year has been marked by the involvement of a growing number of cooperative partners, both from within and outside Leiden University. Their willingness to work together shows that LUCIS has established itself as a highly valued expertise centre which undertakes high-quality scholarly and public outreach activities about Islam and Muslim societies, in past and present, and from various academic disciplines.

Internal partners who generously supported our programme were the Leiden University Fund (LUF), Global Interactions (GI), the Leiden Institute for Area Studies (LIAS), and the Institute for History. Our external partners – based in industry, public service and the non-profit sector – include Saudi oil company Aramco, the Indonesian Ministry of Religious Affairs, the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), the Lorentz Center, the Juynboll Stichting, the Oosters Instituut, the Lutfia Rabbani Foundation, and the A.M. Qattan Foundation. Their readiness to support LUCIS has resulted in an exceptionally productive year in terms of gaining support and earning capacity, summed up in a total extra income of € 136.391 as a result of successfully applying for donations and co-funding ([see 3.5](#)).

This would not have been possible without the solid base and infrastructure that we can maintain with the generous support of Leiden University's Executive Board ever since the establishment of LUCIS in 2009. We are extremely pleased that the Executive Board has committed itself to continue to support LUCIS from 2018 until 2020, with matching funding from the Faculty of Humanities. We also very much appreciate additional contributions to the LUCIS programme from the Van Vollenhoven Institute (VVI, Leiden Law School) and the African Studies Centre Leiden (ASCL) as from 2018. Their shared commitment enables LUCIS to continue to strengthen and extend Leiden's historical commitment to research on Islam and Muslim societies.

In addition, the engagement of the continuously growing LUCIS community is essential to the success of our scholarly and public outreach activities. 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 successfully supports grant applications of LUCIS members, such as Corey Williams' NWO-Veni application, LUCIS board member Gabrielle van den Berg's NWO-Vici application, [awarded](#) late 2015, and the NWO-Vidi grant which has recently been [awarded](#) to LUCIS member Karène Sanchez ([see 3.2](#)). LUCIS board members work together with their constituencies

to involve scholars throughout the university. The annual members' meeting and the network lunches are another way to solicit ideas and involve Leiden staff.

Moreover, we will continue to substantially invest in a solid publicity strategy which greatly contributes to LUCIS' prominence and impact. Science on Air will continue to support us in positioning our members in the media to showcase their various expertises, quickly responding to media requests and linking an increasing demand for substantiated information about Islam and society to an established platform of experts.

Now that LUCIS has established itself as a solid platform for cooperation and outreach with a well-oiled infrastructure earning a reputation of trustworthiness and professionalism over the years, it is time to further reach out to other research programmes and units within the university to boost interfaculty and interdisciplinary cooperation. By expanding venues for academic cooperation across the university we aim to widen the involvement of LUCIS members and invite them to actively explore new research approaches in seven areas which we have identified as important for the next period of funding. These areas are:

1. Law and governance in Muslim societies (led by Jan Michiel Otto and in cooperation with VVI)
2. Negotiating Islam (led by the undersigned)
3. Shi'i studies (led by Gabrielle van den Berg)
4. Islam in the West (led by Maurits Berger)
5. Islam in Southeast Asia, particularly in Indonesia (led by Nico Kaptein)
6. Islam in North Africa (led by Léon Buskens and in cooperation with the Netherlands Institute in Morocco, NIMAR)
7. Islam in Sub-Saharan Africa (in cooperation with ASCL).

We trust that our LUCIS members will enthusiastically take up this task and look forward to a variety of promising activities in the future!

Petra Sijpesteijn  
Academic director LUCIS

## 1. Sharing Leiden's knowledge: visibility and outreach

Through its various activities LUCIS addresses different target groups, both in the Netherlands and beyond. It engages with academic circles by organising international academic conferences and through its international publications in the LUCIS series published by Brill and Leiden University Press (LUP). Our series at LUP is entirely available in open access, and from 2018 onwards we have made available funds to publish our series at Brill in open access too.

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 evaluations of institutions, individual scholars, publications and research proposals – both in the Netherlands and abroad. They lecture and write about their research, and regularly speak at international conferences and 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 – journalists, representatives of NGO's and industry, politicians, and policymakers – LUCIS explicitly aims to bring its members in conversation with experts with a different professional background, 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 Dutch ministry of Foreign Affairs, offering advice to policy-makers and cooperating in research projects, lectures and public outreach events with Dutch embassies abroad. LUCIS members are consulted on a regular basis by ministries, municipality councils, the judicial power, police and security forces.

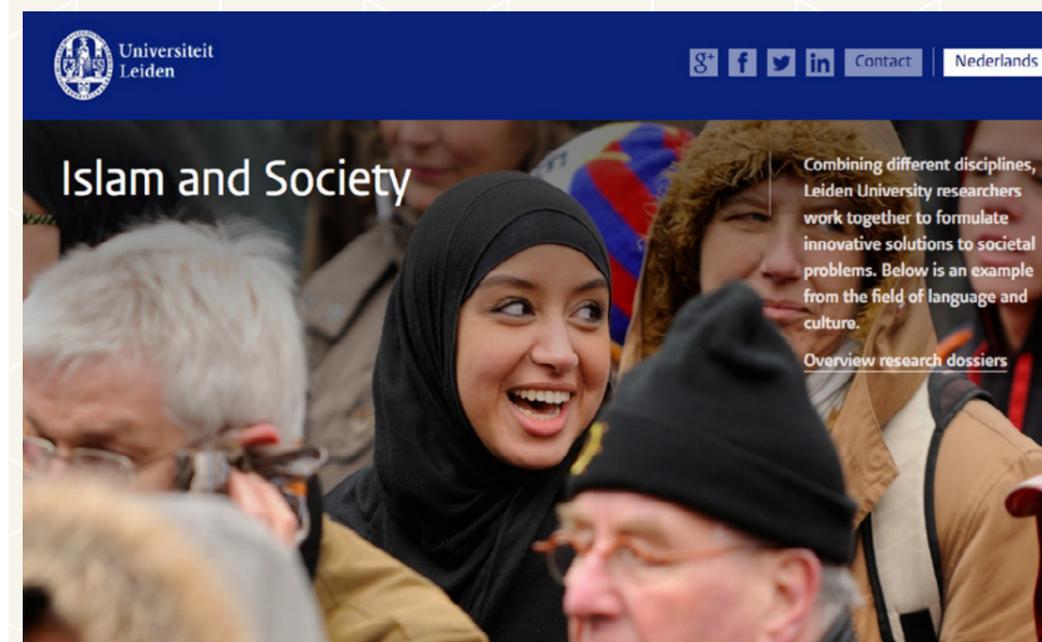
Furthermore, LUCIS engages with the public debate about Islam and society through its Leiden Islam Blog (mostly in Dutch with some English contributions) and by organising public activities about current topics, which address the public demand for verified information about Muslim communities in the Netherlands and abroad. LUCIS members also take part in the public debate through various media outlets, including national newspapers, radio and television programmes. Through a programme of informative videos, online interviews and online teaching, LUCIS members make full use of the opportunities that social media offer.

LUCIS activities are 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, posters, the bi-weekly newsletter which reaches approximately 1100 subscribers, and social media channels ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)). In addition, LUCIS activities are promoted through various faculty and university-wide channels, such as their websites, newsletters, and the university's weekly magazine *Mare*, and through external channels, such as local media ([Sleutelstad](#), [Podium071](#)).



Since 2015, the research dossier "[Islam and Society](#)" has been online. This dossier is [one out of twenty-one](#) multidisciplinary research areas that Leiden University's central department has chosen to put in the public spotlight.

The activities summed up in this paragraph have measurably contributed to LUCIS' reputation and impact: LUCIS activities are better recognisable and more often reported on in university, local 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.





### Science on Air

LUCIS has been working with [Science on Air](#) since spring 2015 to connect its members to Dutch media. For that purpose, seven online video and text profiles of LUCIS members – who also received an intensive media training – have been produced: [Maurits Berger](#); [Gabrielle van den Berg](#); [Petra de Bruijn](#); [Asghar Seyed Gohrab](#); [Jan Michiel Otto](#) (above); [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. Through these initiatives 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 substantiated information about Islam and society to an established platform of experts.



Iran specialist Maaïke Warnaar (left), wrote a weekly column which was published in regional and local newspapers of the Holland Media Combinatie (HMC), which includes *Leidsch Dagblad*, *Noordhollands Dagblad*, *Haarlems Dagblad*, *Dagblad Waterland/Zaanstreek* and the *Gooi- en Eemlander*, and which has a circulation of more than 230.000 copies. Her columns also appeared on the separate websites of the various daily

newspapers. In addition, Maaïke Warnaar acted as an expert when Iran, Yemen and Syria were in the news. She was interviewed by newspapers *De Volkskrant* (“[De Iraniërs hebben weer nieuwe hoop](#)”, 29 February 2016) and *Het Financieele Dagblad* (“[Kiezers zetten deur Iran voor hervormingen economie op kier](#)”, 1 March 2016), by news website NU.nl (“[In de schaduw van Syrië: Jemen hoopt op verandering na fragiel bestand](#)”, 15 April 2016), and by TV broadcasting agency RTL Nieuws (“[Waarom niemand ingrijpt in Syrië](#)”, 18 August 2016).

Petra de Bruijn (right), was launched as a Turkey expert in 2016. News website NU.nl interviewed her about the closure of Turkish newspaper *Zaman* (“[Achtergrond: Turkije is hard op weg naar een autocratie](#)”, 5 March 2016), and *De Telegraaf* talked to her about the position of Turkish young people in the Netherlands (“[Erdogan splitst Nederturken](#)”, 30 April 2016). “De Kennis van Nu,” a radio programme about science on Dutch public service broadcaster NTR, interviewed Petra de Bruijn about the influence of Turkey on Turkish scholars in the Netherlands (“[Hebben Nederlandse academici ook last van de Turkse arm?](#)”, 14 May 2016). In the period after the failed *coup d'état* in July 2016 she regularly acted as an expert in various media outlets. Regional and local newspapers of the Holland Media Combinatie published an article about the influence of Erdogan in the Netherlands (“[De lange arm van Erdogan](#)”, 30 July 2016) and about the Gülen movement (“[Waarom is iedereen tegen Gülen?](#)”, 2 August 2016).



On the occasion of the LUCIS workshop “The Meaning of Hair in Medieval Islam” in December 2016, Petra Sijpesteijn was invited as a guest in the history radio programme “OVT” of Dutch broadcasting organisation VPRO. This resulted in a [wonderful interview](#) by Paul van der Gaag about burqa’s and beards in the Muslim world.

Finally, Jan Michiel Otto acted as an expert in various media when Libya was in the news. He was interviewed by RTL Nieuws about the position of Islamic State in Libya (“[IS in Libië, moet het Westen ingrijpen?](#)”, 4 February 2016) and appeared as a guest in the radio programme “Dit is De Dag” of NPO Radio 1 (“[Voorzichtig met ingrijpen in Libië](#)”, 8 February 2016).

## 1.1 International cooperation: academic activities

As in previous years, in 2016 LUCIS again organised several prestigious international academic activities, reflecting LUCIS' prioritised research themes (see [appendix A1](#)). In the following paragraphs examples of various activities are highlighted. For a full overview, see [appendices A2](#) and [A3](#).

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

In cooperation with Leiden's Middle East Studies BA and MA programmes (MES), LUCIS organised 20 lectures in its What's New?! lecture series in 2016 (see [appendix A3.1](#)), which reflect a continuous cooperation between LUCIS and MES 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 work on Islam and the Middle East beyond their individual fields of interest. At the initiative of LUCIS, the What's New?! lectures are integrated in the regular curriculum. The lecture series draws students and colleagues from faculties across the university and beyond.

### 1.1.2 Academic conferences

The significance of amulets and talismans in the Muslim world was the topic of a multidisciplinary conference in May 2016. This conference was organised at the initiative of Hayat Ahili and Marcela Probert, and brought together specialists from Europe, the US, and the Middle East.

Together with colleagues from Italy (University of Salento and Università L'Orientale of Naples) Petra de Bruijn and Asghar Seyed Gohrab organised an international conference in June 2016 which explored how interfaith love is perceived and represented in historical, religious, legal, literary and artistic sources in the Muslim world. Over the course of three days, six keynote lectures were given and 12 thematic sessions, scheduled parallel in pairs of two, took place, with more than forty papers presented.



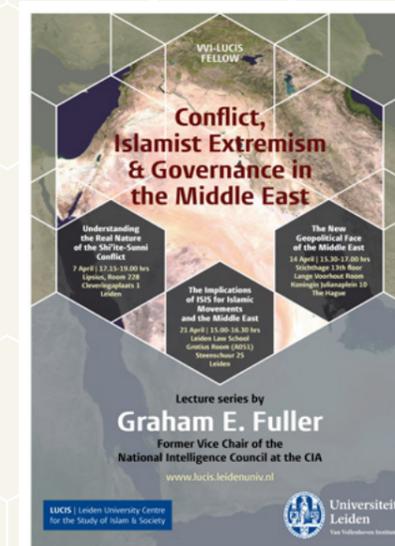
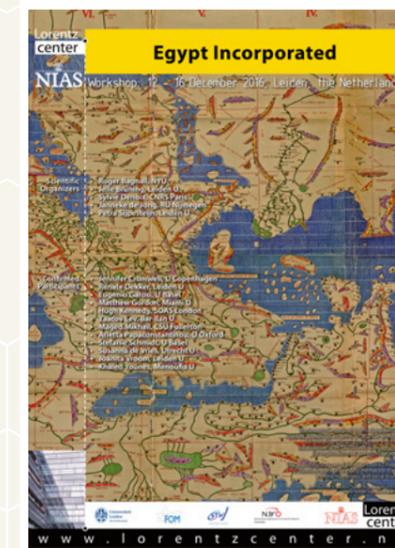
In December 2016, LUCIS co-funded a four-day interdisciplinary workshop at the Lorentz Center, a national center that supports innovative scientific workshops in all disciplines. The meeting aimed to reassess Egypt's economic, political and cultural position in the Mediterranean between ca. 600 and 1000 CE. The workshop, convened by Petra Sijpesteijn and Jelle Bruining, was 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), and brought together a varied group of international experts and young scholars in a highly interactive, collaborative and dialogue-driven academic climate.

### 1.1.3 Visiting fellowships

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 on topics that are not explicitly covered at Leiden University, but that connect with the work of Leiden scholars.

The fellowships also offer students and junior researchers the opportunity to get to know scholars with an outstanding academic track record during their master classes. 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 international scholarly networks.

Graham E. Fuller, former Vice Chair of the National Intelligence Council at the CIA who lived and worked in the Middle East for nearly two decades, and Wen-Chin Ouyang, professor of Arabic and Comparative Literature at SOAS in London, were this year's visiting fellows. They lectured about conflict, Islamist extremism and governance in the Middle East (Fuller) and about reading Arabic literature in a global context (Ouyang). For more information on the content of their fellowships, see [appendix A3.2](#). In February 2017, Graham Fuller's lectures were published by Leiden University Press as *Understanding Contemporary Islamic Crises in the Middle East. The Issues Beneath the Surface*.



## 1. GLASS

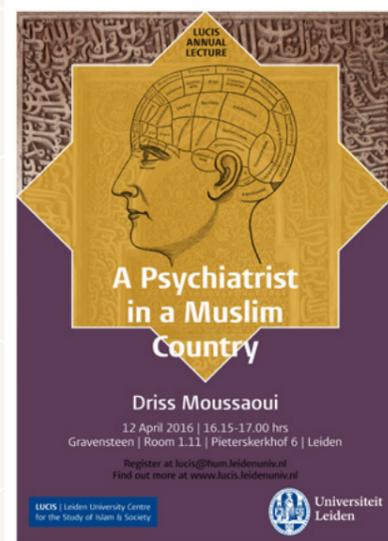
Global Asia Scholar Series, a joint initiative of Leiden's research profile areas Asian Modernities & Traditions (AMT) and Global Interactions (GI).

### 1.1.4 Visiting scholars

Following the successful format of activities organised around the visiting GLASS<sup>1</sup>-Islam scholar in previous years (which has been continued in 2017), in 2016 LUCIS invited two scholars from abroad to share their work with different audiences in Leiden. In September, Salim Tamari, a senior fellow at the Institute for Palestine Studies, visited Leiden. He gave a public lecture in the What's New?! lecture series about autobiographical narratives in the Great War, a masterclass for graduate students about Ottoman and colonial modernities in the transformation of the urban sphere during the Mandate period, and participated in a faculty roundtable about working with diaries in research.

In November, Jürgen Paul, a retired professor of Islamic Studies at Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, came to Leiden to give a lecture in the What's New?! lecture series about local and imperial rule in Fars in the 9th and 10th centuries. In addition, he gave a masterclass in which he discussed *khidma*, a term for a relationship between a lord and his servant, from a theoretical point of view, and participated in a faculty roundtable which addressed the assumed dichotomy between the nomadic and sedentary worlds.

Organising such a series of public and more specialised events around a visiting scholar again proved to be very successful in facilitating a thoughtful and productive exchange between senior and more junior Leiden scholars.



### 1.1.5 Annual lecture and annual conference

In this year's annual lecture Moroccan psychiatrist Driss Moussaoui discussed the need to address religious issues in health care and the practice of medicine, especially in a society that is deeply rooted in religion such as Morocco. In addition he talked about his work in civil society, during his time as president of the Collectif Démocratie et Modernité. For an interview with Driss Moussaoui, read this article: "[Driss Moussaoui: Moroccan psychiatrist with a mission](#)". His visit to Leiden also resulted in an [article](#) on the Leiden Islam Blog ("Crossing boundaries between psychiatry, religion and society") and a recorded interview which can be viewed on our [YouTube channel](#).

In November, the seventh annual LUCIS conference was convened by Gabrielle van den Berg and Elena Paskaleva. It focused on Islamic Central Asia, both from a historical and contemporary perspective, taking the notion of memory and commemoration in Central Asia as a central theme to shed light on the complexities of this fascinating and understudied region. Over the course of three days, nine panels were organised,

thematically arranged from a comparative and connected perspective, with more than twenty-five papers presented. The papers are currently prepared for publication in our peer-reviewed series at Brill.

### 1.1.6 Cooperation with Indonesia

At the request of Zainul Fuad, dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the State Islamic University of North Sumatra in Indonesia, 14 lecturers from Indonesia visited Leiden University from 3 until 17 August to do research at the University Library in order to finish their dissertations. LUCIS arranged their library membership and organised a lecture by Nico Kaptein on 5 August entitled "The Study of Islam in the Netherlands: Past Developments and Future Challenges." For providing and arranging this, LUCIS charged a fee of € 100 per person.

In November and December 2016 LUCIS hosted a five-week academic training programme for a diverse group of 17 Indonesian participants whose participation was funded by the Indonesian Ministry of Religious Affairs. The aim of this programme, which was set up and coordinated by Petra de Bruijn and Karin Schuitema, was to advance the participants' academic English and academic writing skills.



The programme consisted of mainly four aspects:

1. English grammar (Mara van Schaik) and English writing (Marielle Matthee) at Leiden University's Academic Language Centre;
2. academic writing (structuring a paper, evaluating sources and qualitative research methods in social sciences) by Karin Schuitema;
3. some workshops/instructions about catalogues, finding sources at the University Library, and guest lectures by scholars in the fields of Southeast Asian studies (Ben Arps, Adriaan Bedner, David Henley, Nico Kaptein, and Gerard Persoon);
4. individual supervision of the participants during individual meetings and revision of their proposals/articles/presentations.

During the programme a workshop about structuring a paper by Grace Rowicka from the Writing Centre at Leiden University's Expertise Centre for Academic Skills was added, as well as an instruction about evaluating sources by Els Koeneman at the University Library.

Although it was difficult to cater all the individual needs of such a diverse group of participants – in terms of their level of English, the stage of their academic career, and their disciplinary and thematic academic background – the course was very well received by the participants who were enthusiastic and participated actively, despite their differences in background. Additionally, the programme enabled Leiden faculty to identify potential cooperative projects on an individual (PhD, exchange) or collaborative basis.

## 1.2 Opening up the academy: public engagement

In 2016 LUCIS continued to organise several events that were specifically aimed at a larger audience beyond the academy, including politicians, policy-makers, journalists and high school students. A cultural programme, partially run within the Leiden-Aramco sponsorship programme, and events addressing current affairs related to Islam and Muslim societies form the core of our public outreach activities. For a full overview, [see appendices A3.2](#) (journalist fellow lecture series) and [A3.4](#) (activities relevant for debates in society or related to current events).

### 1.2.1 Current events panel discussions

At our current events panels we aim to bring together scholars and other experts on a topic that captures the current interest of the general public as well as university members. No less than five current events panel discussions were organised in 2016, which covered a wide range of regions and themes. In February a panel about the current state of affairs in Tunisia – five years after the start of the Arab Spring – was organised with Tunisian academics and activists participating. A panel convened and moderated by Maaïke Warnaar on the present-day relationship between Iran and the Arab world followed in March. On the occasion of the publication of the report *Destination Syria: An Exploratory Study into the Daily Lives of Dutch 'Syria Travellers'* by Daan Weggemans, Ruud Peters, Edwin Bakker and Roel de Bont, LUCIS organised a panel discussion to share the results of this report with a broad audience and to discuss it from various perspectives. The discussion was moderated by Maurits Berger.

In September, Tsolin Nalbantian organised a panel discussion which brought together academics, journalists, and activists to examine how Yemen has become a site for struggle between competing local, regional and international powers to exercise control. Finally in December, Tsolin Nalbantian organised another panel discussion with academics, journalists, activists, and human rights workers to explore the creation and dynamics within entry, exit, and holding points in the regions surrounding the Mediterranean, aimed at offering texture to the Dutch and larger global media coverage on the ongoing movement of refugee and displaced populations.

### 1.2.2 Journalist fellow

In order to complement scholarly knowledge with journalistic insights, LUCIS invited investigative journalist and documentary maker Sinan Can as its third visiting journalist fellow in 2016 to share his experiences as a journalist in Libya, Iraq, Afghanistan and Yemen. In a series of three lectures (in Dutch) Sinan Can addressed the issue of Western intervention in the Middle East, with a particular focus on the role of the post-World



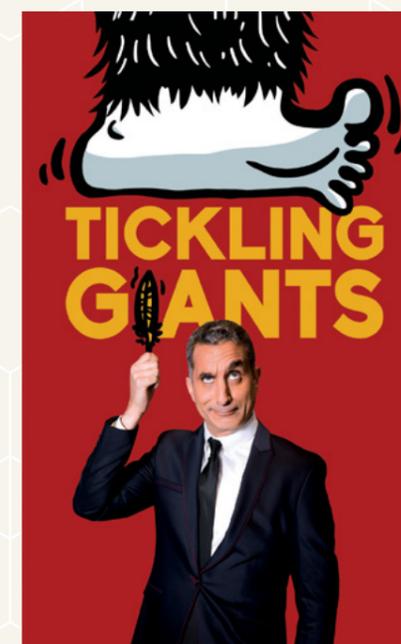
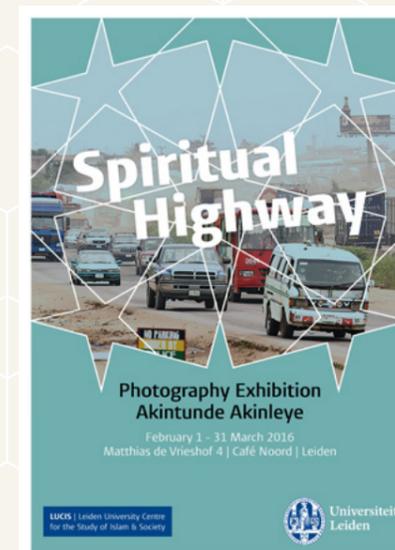
War I borders. He also analysed the current situation in Afghanistan, based on his recent journalistic fieldwork at place in preparation for the documentary [“Onze missie in Afghanistan”](#) which was screened on Dutch television in December 2016. Having become well-known to a Dutch audience after successful previous documentaries ([“Bloedbroeders”](#) and [“De Arabische Storm”](#)), Sinan Can drew in large audiences and provided fresh views through his fieldwork as an investigative journalist in the Middle East. In 2016 he was proclaimed “Journalist of Peace” by the Humanistisch Verbond.

### 1.2.3 Cultural activities

Various activities in the cultural realm marked the LUCIS programme in 2016. The year started with a photo exhibition from 1 February until 31 March which showed the numerous Christian and Muslim prayer camps which have sprung up along the most important and busiest Nigerian road, the 120-kilometer long Lagos-Ibadan Expressway. The exhibition visualised how the convergence of Christian and Muslim elements makes the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway a true crossroads. Early May, Saudi-Arabian writer Taghreed Al-Tasan came to Leiden to introduce her new book *Philosophy of Happiness* in which she comments on recent matters of Arabic societies, relying on an enlightened understanding of Islam.

Film screenings also included this year's cultural programme at LUCIS, including the screening on 23 September of *The Mulberry House*, a film by Sara Ishaq which focuses on the events that led to the ousting of president Ali Abdullah Saleh in Yemen. In addition, in cooperation with the Leiden International Film Festival, LUCIS offered a special programme of films about humour in the Middle East. The films that were screened were *The Lizard* (Iran, 2014), *Barakah Meets Barakah* (Saudi Arabia, 2016) and *Tickling Giants* (Egypt, 2016).

Finally, LUCIS organised a poetry event in October which brought together the two young and talented poets Najwan Darwish (Palestine) and Mia You (South Korea) for a [poetry-reading session](#) at Perdu, a literary foundation in Amsterdam, followed by a discussion which addressed questions regarding commitment in literature, fluid identities, and the power of the word as a way of representation and a vehicle for change. This event was complemented with a workshop in the University Library in Leiden, in which Najwan Darwish and Anne Vegter (“National Poet” of the Netherlands) read and analysed a selection of their poetry with an international group of students from Leiden University and Birzeit University through a livestream connection.



### 1.2.4 Cooperation with Leiden museums

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



Above: Museum of Ethnology, Leiden

In 2016, LUCIS financed a part of the remaining six months appointment of Luit Mols as curator at the Museum of Ethnology. This financial contribution is part of a collaboration 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. In 2016 she

published a book at Leiden University Press, co-authored with Arnoud Vrolijk (Leiden University Libraries) and entitled *Western Arabia in the Leiden Collections: Traces of a Colourful Past*, which was presented at LUCIS in January 2017. Five hundred copies of the book have been published and it is available to all through this [open access link](#). This book project was also sponsored by Aramco.

Cooperation with the National Museum of Antiquities was also continued in 2016. In November, LUCIS organised the first Middle East Culture Market – part of the Leiden-Aramco sponsorship programme – in the beautiful Temple Hall of the museum. The market featured vendors who sold authentic Arab products from different parts of the Middle East, a special children's corner where children learned about the miraculous stories, fairy tales and handicrafts from the Middle East, music, dancing and poetry performances, workshops, lectures, and language lessons. The market attracted a large and very diverse audience of over 1000 people.



Right: Museum of Antiquities, Leiden

### 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 with good relations having been built up between the ministry's experts and LUCIS (board) members. As a result, an expert

meeting on the occasion of the Henriette van Lynden lecture *Democracy in the Middle East: A Distant Dream?* was co-organised by the ministry and LUCIS on 17 June. On 24 November, LUCIS hosted a visit of six Tunisian journalists to Leiden University which was part of a three-day visitors' programme organised by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency on behalf of the ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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 and its representatives in Rabat. 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.

In November 2016 LUCIS successfully submitted a proposal for a jointly organised series of events in 2017 on current affairs in the Middle East, for which the ministry has made available half of the necessary budget. With this joint series of events in 2017, LUCIS cemented and further consolidated cooperation with the ministry.



Left: NIMAR, Rabat, Morocco.

Right: Beatrice Gründler.



### 1.2.6 Leiden-Aramco sponsorship programme

This year's Leiden-Aramco sponsorship programme\* included a public lecture in February by Beatrice Gründler about the ninth-century poet Abu Tammaam, the first edition of the Middle Eastern Culture Market in November, the second "1001 Secrets of Arab Culture" programme for high school students in close cooperation with Technolab, and the release of three video's in the Leiden | Islam interview series. For a short impression about the high school programme with [Technolab](#), watch [this video](#). For a more specific overview of activities, [see appendix A3.5](#).

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 fifth donation from Aramco which will fund a next series of activities in cooperation with LUCIS in the second half of 2017 and the start of 2018.

\* The Leiden-Aramco sponsorship programme is funded by Saudi Arabia's national oil company, 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.

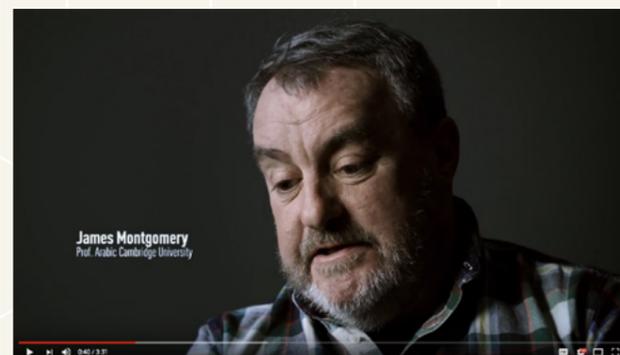


Above: Scenes from the Middle Eastern Culture Market at the Museum of Antiquities, Leiden.

Below left: Still from the High School Programme run by Technolab.

### Leiden | Islam interview series

The Leiden | Islam interview series, sponsored by Aramco, 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 issues in society. 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. *“If there is anything that can make the situation worse it is the continued inability to communicate. I think that Arabic poetry can offer us a different way of thinking about how important communication is.”*



In the [second video](#), [released](#) in August 2016, Michael Macdonald, a world-renowned expert in ancient Arabian languages, explains the relevance of uncovering the thousands of undiscovered inscriptions of ancient Arabia, many of them written by nomads. Macdonald calls them “tweets from the desert,” as if he is communicating over 2000 years ago with somebody. *“The people who live in Arabia should know about their background. More people per head of population could read and write in ancient Arabia than in any other part in Antiquity, which is a very remarkable thing.”*



The [third video](#) was [released](#) in October 2016, and portrays Driss Moussaoui's mission as a psychiatrist in Morocco. He explains why it is important for psychiatrists to be sensitive about their patients' religious beliefs. Moussaoui conducted extensive research on the impact of Ramadan on patients with a bipolar disorder and showed that the relapse rate among bipolar fasters was 42%. *“I recommend bipolar patients not to fast during Ramadan, and to maintain their usual day-and-night rhythm.”*

In April 2017 the [fourth and final video](#) in the Leiden | Islam interview series was produced featuring Petra Sijpesteijn. In this video, she explains why papyri are important for the study of the earliest centuries of Islam. Recording aspects of daily life and reflecting many levels of society, they reveal the diversity of the early Islamic world.

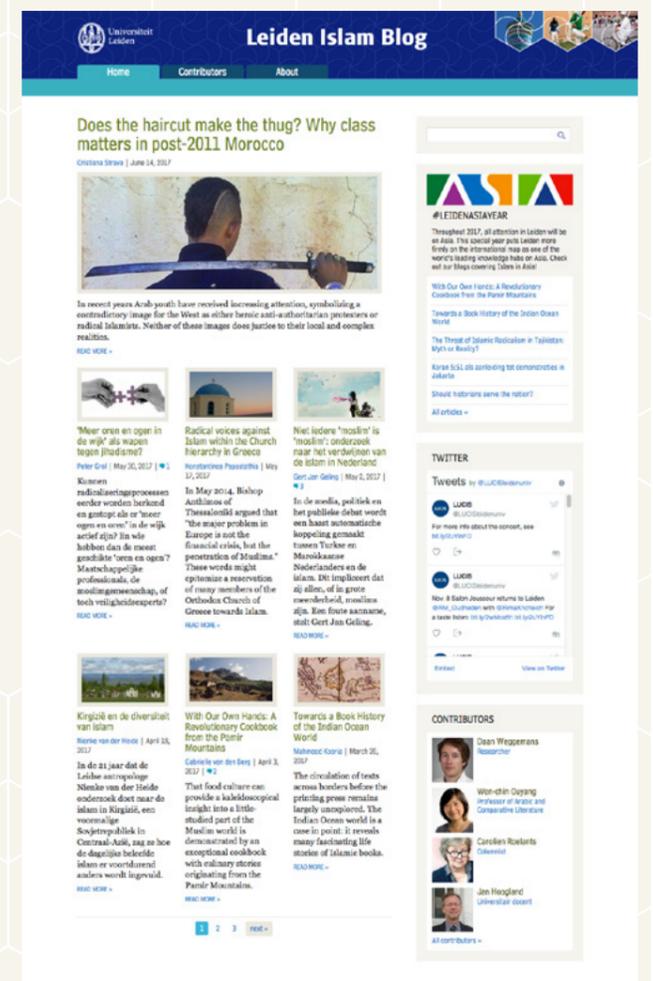
### 1.2.7 Media exposure & Leiden Islam Blog

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 the *coup d'état* attempt in Turkey in July 2016 and the debate on the position of various Islam experts at Dutch universities (October 2016). For a complete overview of media contributions by LUCIS members, [see appendix A4](#).

The editorial team of the Leiden Islam Blog was also productive in 2016. In total, 22 blog entries were published in 2016 (approximately one every other week), written by contributors from Leiden University and beyond. Geographic areas covered on the blog vary from the Netherlands, Syria, Tajikistan, Nigeria and Indonesia, addressing topics ranging from the Islamic call to prayer in the Netherlands (see both [Pooyan Tamimi Arab's](#) and [Roemer van Oordt's blog](#)), to the position of Muslim slaves in the early modern world ([Felicia Roşu's blog](#)). Blogs published in 2016 generated an average of 7.373\* views, with a peak of 39.760 views for [Petra Sijpesteijn's blog](#) about the success of the early Islamic Empire. For an overview of Leiden Islam Blog articles in 2016, [see appendix A5](#). 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 a romance in Arabic studies in sixteenth century Amsterdam ([Dorrit van Dalen's blog](#)) and [Gerard van de Bruinhorst's "Moonsighting" blog](#) on the debates about how to determine the beginning of the new lunar month.

\* Reference date 31 July 2017.



## 2. Islam and society expertise centre: organisation, internal cohesion and cooperation

### 2.1 Organisation

In its capacity as an interfaculty expertise and networking centre, LUCIS offers a platform 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 (LIAS) 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 Gabrielle van den Berg, Maurits Berger, Léon Buskens, Jan Michiel Otto, Petra Sijpesteijn, and Nico Kaptein. In 2016, the board convened two 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 project manager of LUCIS, also supervises the centre’s budget. In 2016, Petra Sijpesteijn acted as director of LUCIS.

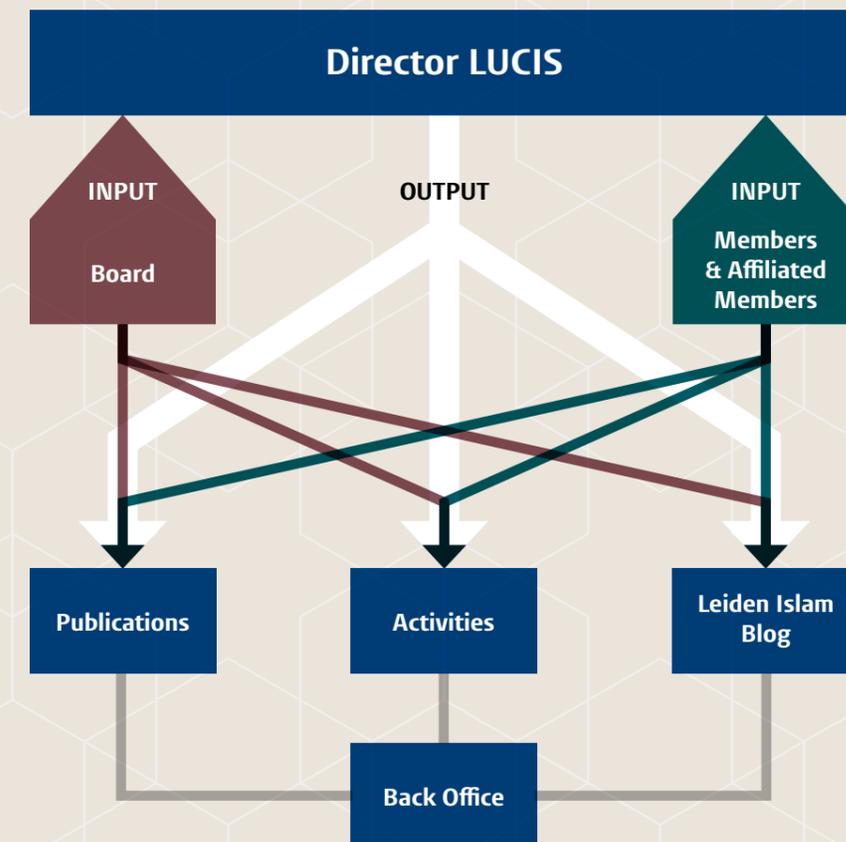


Chart 2. Organisation of LUCIS

## 2.2 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](#)). LUCIS currently has 101 members from 5 faculties, the African Studies Centre Leiden and Leiden University Libraries. 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.

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. At the annual members' meeting LUCIS members reflect on the LUCIS programme and its direction as proposed by the director and the board.

## 2.3 Engaging the LUCIS community: annual members' meeting & network lunches

In order to stimulate and strengthen members' involvement in the LUCIS' programme, an annual members' meeting is organised to reflect on past activities and to receive input for future events. This year's members' meeting, which convened on 12 April, was followed by the 2016 annual lecture by Moroccan psychiatrist Driss Moussaoui.

During the members meeting, director Petra Sijpesteijn once again drew attention to the mission statement of LUCIS and the centre's prioritised research themes ([see appendix A1](#)). In addition, she talked about the changes and continuities in the LUCIS programming since her directorship, and about the importance of involving students and colleagues from other faculties in light of the future of LUCIS after 2017. Finally, she encouraged LUCIS members to apply for available LUCIS grants in the [funding scheme](#).

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 2016:

- 19 February: Adriaan Bedner (VVI), Judith Frishman (LUCSoR), Elena Paskaleva (LIAS), Rizal Shidiq (LIAS)
- 1 April: Petra de Bruijn (LIAS), Haneen Omari (LIAS), Felicia Roşu (History), Rebekah Tromble (FSBS)
- 28 September (about experiences in the media): Bart Barendregt (FSBS), Maurits Berger (LUCSoR), Petra de Bruijn (LIAS)
- 4 November: Nadia Bouras (History), Ali Al Tuma (History), Mayke Kaag (ASCL).

## 2.4 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). In September 2016, the brand new English-taught minor "[Culture and Society in Morocco](#)" started at the NIMAR in Rabat, which gives students the opportunity to immerse themselves in Moroccan culture during three months and to become specialists on contemporary Morocco.

The [Leiden Islam Academy](#) (LIA), 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.

## 2.5 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 conflict, Islamist extremism and governance in the Middle East, as reflected in the organisation of the VVI-LUCIS Spring Fellow lecture series by former vice-chair of the CIA's National Intelligence Council Graham E. Fuller in April 2016.

In addition, collaboration has continued with colleagues from the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, reflected by a lecture by Judi Mesman about the role of Islam in parenting 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 as from 2018, 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](#)). This cooperation takes shape in Petra Sijpesteijn's role as a GI coordinator and in jointly organised events, such as a workshop on classical and modern interpretations of Jihad convened by Jelle Bruning as well as the GLASS-Islam visiting scholar. Different activities were organised in cooperation with the Central Asian Initiative sponsored by AMT.

## 2.6 PhD environment

With its activities, LUCIS clearly enriches Leiden's research environment in the field of Islam and Muslim societies, which attracts PhD candidates from all over the world 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 (KEMENAG; Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the European Commission's Marie Curie [Innovative Training Networks](#)). Opportunities for PhD positions for Indonesian citizens are especially interesting for LUCIS and are the subject of a special scholarship programme currently in preparation.

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 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. In 2016, PhD students were closely involved in the organisation of several conferences, such as a conference in January on scholarly personae in the history of Orientalism co-organised by Christiaan Engberts, and a conference in May on amulets and talismans in the Muslim world convened by Hayat Ahlili and Marcela Probert.

Finally, LUCIS made available funds in 2016 to support a panel at the annual meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) in Boston from 17-20 November 2016. The panel, entitled "Between Folklore, Literature, and Politics: Circulation of Narratives in the Eastern Mediterranean," was organised by Tsolin Nalbantian. Three PhD candidates from Leiden University, Marcela Garcia Probert, Eftychia Mylona and Haneen Omari, together with Elena Chiti from Oslo University, presented their papers in this panel, and Nader Uthman from New York University served as a discussant. LUCIS funded travel and accommodation costs of all six participants. The PhD students' participation in this major international conference enabled them to expand their international scholarly network and to gain invaluable experience in presenting their work in front of an international scholarly audience. It was also an excellent way to showcase Leiden research.

### 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: by securing a coherent research programme through the identification of core research themes (3.1); by offering a regular and competitive funding scheme for individual LUCIS members (3.2); and 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 2016, David Kloos (LUCIS affiliated member) received a Guarantee Grant to co-fund the workshop "Violence, Displacement and Muslim Movements in Southeast Asia," organised by the KITLV. The workshop, which took place on 15 June, focused on how diverse manifestations of violence – such as warfare, enclosure, insurgency, rebellion, and displacement – influenced the construction of Muslim subjects and movements in Southeast Asia, from the mid-colonial period to the early years of independent nation-states.

Corey Williams (LUCSoR) was a beneficiary of Seed & Breed funding to support his NWO-Veni research application about West African immigrants and religion in the US. Therefore, LUCIS funded a double lecture in Leiden on 16 December by Jacob Olupona and Afe Adogame, who both serve as expert advisory committee members for Corey Williams' research plans. Bringing both scholars to Leiden allowed Corey Williams to critically discuss and review his Veni application with his colleagues. In January 2016 he submitted a proposal entitled "African Immigrant Religious Networks: The Social and Political Engagement of African Initiated Churches in California."

Next to its regular funding opportunities, LUCIS additionally made available funds for its members to cover travel, accommodation and living costs for inviting an international colleague to come to Leiden in 2016 for a lecture, and to gain input for research proposal writing. This opportunity resulted in three fruitful academic exchanges in the summer and fall of 2016.

Karène Sanchez invited her colleague Konstantinos Papastathis to Leiden for a period of three weeks in July and October. The general topic of his research visit was "Orthodox/Melkite Communities in Syria and Palestine in Late Ottoman and Mandate period: a Comparative Study between the Orthodox and Catholic Greek Churches in Palestine, and Syria." Papastathis, a researcher at Luxembourg University, helped Karène Sanchez to advance her NWO-Vidi grant proposal submitted on 5 October. They also worked on a joint article to be published in the *Jerusalem Quarterly*, which they also discussed with Salim Tamari (Institute for Palestine Studies) while he was in Leiden as a visiting scholar. In addition, Konstantinos Papastathis gave the 6th What's New?! lecture on 20 October entitled "Nationalizing the Sacred: the Jerusalem Orthodox Church Controversy." Recently, Karène Sanchez has been awarded a large NWO-Vidi grant to realise her research project entitled "[CrossRoads: European cultural diplomacy and Arab Christians in Palestine.](#)"

From 2 October until 30 November [Cem Emrence](#), a historical sociologist from Turkey, stayed in Leiden as a guest of Erik-Jan Zürcher. His stay in Leiden proved to be very productive and informative, resulting in the writing of three papers and the finishing up of a major data collection on the PKK violence in Turkey during the 1980s. His first paper explored the evolution of the Justice and Development Party's (AKP) approach to the Kurdish issue between 2002 and 2016 and was published as "[Two Routes to an Impasse: Understanding Turkey's Kurdish Policy](#)" in the Brookings Institution's Turkey Project Policy Series in December 2016. His second paper analysed the political rationale behind curfew announcements in 2015 and showed that electoral priorities of the AKP government guided the curfew decisions. [Politics of Confinement: Curfews and Civilian Control in Turkish Counterinsurgency](#) was published by Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) in December 2016 as part of its special issue on contemporary Turkish politics. The third paper examined the impact of Hizbullah killings on Kurdish political loyalties in the 1990s. It will appear as "Killing the Movement: How Islam Became a Rival of Ethnic Movement in Turkey, 1991-2002" in *Social Movements, Conflicts and Change*, a premier journal of social movement studies. In addition, Cem Emrence also participated in a variety of public events as a speaker, moderator or as an audience member for which LUCIS provided the perfect setting. He delivered the 5th What's New lecture on 13 October entitled "Who Pays the Price: Civilian Control in Ottoman-Turkish Counterinsurgency," and served as a moderator and attended other What's New?! lectures that dealt with early modern Ottoman Empire and inter-war Iraq respectively. Finally he was present at the farewell conference in honour of Jan Schmidt on 18 November.

The third researcher who visited Leiden was Francesco Zappa, assistant professor in Islamic Studies at Aix-Marseille University in France whose research domain bridges African and Islamic studies. Zappa stayed in Leiden from 7 until 10 December on the invitation of Benjamin Soares of Leiden's African Studies Centre. As part of his visit, he delivered the 11th What's New?! lecture entitled "Islamization as Epic Tale in Mali: the Verbal Arts of Contemporary Bard, Almamy Bah." He received valuable and thought-provoking feedback on his lecture as well as on other research issues during the debate that followed the lecture and in the subsequent drinks and dinner with various LUCIS members. In a separate meeting, he met with Jan Jansen, Director of Studies at the Faculty of Social and Behavioral Science and one of the leading specialists in the field of oral tradition in Mali, and received a proposal to publish the transcription and annotated translation on the main oral source he had discussed in his lecture within the *African Sources for African History* series at Brill. He also visited part of the Leiden African Studies Assembly annual meeting at Museum Volkenkunde and spent a full day at the African Studies Centre Library, which proved full of exciting surprises. Finally, he had some fruitful academic exchanges with Dorrit van Dalen.

Please find below an overview of expenses related to our funding scheme:

Type of funding	Amount	Beneficiary
Guarantee Grant	€ 3.275	David Kloos
Seed & Breed funding	€ 2.190	Corey Williams
Research visitors funding	€ 2.365	Konstantinos Papastathis
Research visitors funding	€ 3.097	Cem Emrence
Research visitors funding	€ 444	Francesco Zappa
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 11.371</b>	

### 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 intends to coordinate and support grant writing well in advance to realise more joint applications. LUCIS therefore allocated part of its budget to support a joint application for the European Commission's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme. To this end, LUCIS organised and facilitated a workshop on 29 February in preparation for a collaborative research proposal falling under the topic "Religious diversity in Europe – past, present and future," which is part of the Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 6 Work Programme "Europe in a changing world – Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies." This workshop, convened by Maurits Berger – the intended scientific coordinator of the project – brought together four potential academic partners from Spain, Poland and Greece, and two prospective societal partners from the Netherlands (European Association of History Educators; Institute for Historical Justice and Reconciliation). The workshop resulted in stimulating and promising discussions and thoughtful deliberations with several colleagues at Leiden University in the following months after the workshop. However, in June LUCIS decided to suspend the plans to manage the submission of a proposal as we came to the conclusion that Leiden University currently does not have the expertise available to coordinate and write a competitive proposal.

In addition, LUCIS board members were involved in applications for Marie Curie [Individual Fellowships](#), Marie Curie [Innovative Training Networks](#) grants, Humanities in the European Research Area funding ([HERA](#)), European Research Council grants ([ERC](#)) and for the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme of NWO (Veni, Vidi and Vici grants). The LUCIS environment greatly enhances these initiatives, offering scholars a host of experts in their field they can draw on.

### 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. In addition, LUCIS lectures have appeared as scholarly articles and have initiated blogs or online interviews.

#### Debates on Islam and Society (LUP)

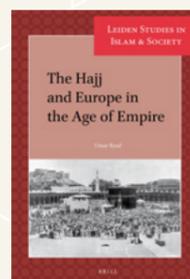
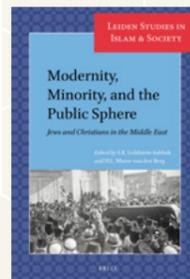
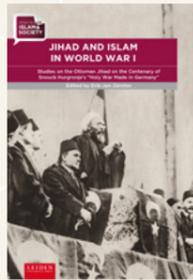
In 2016, *Jihad and Islam in World War I. Studies on the Ottoman Jihad on the Centenary of Snouck Hurgronje’s “Holy War Made in Germany,”* edited by Erik-Jan Zürcher and available through open access via [this link](#), was published in this series. This book is the result of the fifth annual LUCIS conference entitled “Jihad and other Uses of Islam in World War I: Instrumentalization of Religion by the Ottoman Empire, its Allies, and its Enemies,” which took place in November 2014. Other books that are currently being prepared in the “Debates on Islam and Society” series are:

- Ahmad Syafii Maarif, *Islam in the Frame of Being Indonesian* (translated by George Fowler), to be published as a source text of an influential Indonesian intellectual.
- Adlin Sila, *Being Muslim in Bima of Sumbawa, Indonesia*.
- Proceedings of the conference “[Innovative Forms of Islamic Higher Education in Western Europe](#),” which took place on 3-4 April 2017 and was organised by Welmoet Boender.

#### Leiden Studies in Islam and Society (BRILL)

In 2016, two books were published in the Leiden Studies in Islam and Society series:

- Volume 4: S.R. Goldstein-Sabbah & H.L. Murre-van den Berg (eds.), *Modernity, Minority, and the Public Sphere: Jews and Christians in the Middle East*. Proceedings of the fourth annual LUCIS conference entitled “Common ground? Changing interpretations of public space in the Middle East among Jews, Christians and Muslims in the 19th and 20th Century” in September 2013 – available in [open access](#).
- Volume 5: 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) – available in [open access](#).



Work-in-progress:

- Barbara Casciari & Mohamed A. Babiker (eds.), *Anthropology of Law in Muslim Sudan. Land, Courts and the Plurality of Practices*.
- Alain Delattre, Marie Legendre & Petra Sijpesteijn, *Authority and Control in the Countryside: Late Antiquity and Early Islam, Continuity and Change in the Mediterranean 6th-10th Century*.
- John Bowen and Arskal Salim (eds.), *Women and Property Rights in Indonesian Islamic Legal Contexts*.
- Camilla Adang, Léon Buskens & Petra Sijpesteijn (eds.), *Islam anno 250. Studies in Memory of G.H.A. Juynboll*.
- Léon Buskens & Jan Just Witkam (eds.), *Scholarship in Action. Studies on the Life and Work of Christiaan Snouck Hurgronje (1857-1936)*.
- Gabrielle van den Berg & Elena Paskaleva (eds.), *Memory and Commemoration in Islamic Central Asia*, proceedings of the [sixth annual LUCIS conference](#) in November 2016.
- Mahmood Kooria and Sanne Ravensbergen (eds.), *Ocean of Law II: Islamic Legal Crossings in the Indian Ocean World*, proceedings of the [2nd Ocean of Law conference](#) in December 2016.
- Marcela Probert & Petra Sijpesteijn (eds.), *Amulets and Talismans in the Muslim World*, proceedings of a [conference](#) in May 2016 – papers are currently being collected.
- Léon Buskens, François Pouillon & Mercedes Volait, *Collecting the Muslim World. Studies in Honour of Jan Just Witkam* – proceedings of a conference scheduled in November 2017.

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* (fall 2009).
- Robert Hoyland, *The Rise of Islam. A Guide to the Sources* (fall 2010).
- Marina Rustow, *Fatimid State Documents from the Cairo Geniza. From Petition to Decree* (spring 2011 fellow).
- Muhammad Khalid Masud, *Islamic Law: A Social Construction* (fall fellow 2012).
- Sabine Schmidtke, *Doctrinal History of Imāmi Shi'ism: Four Case Studies* (spring 2013 fellow).
- Ulrike Freitag, *Approaching a Walled City: Perspectives in the Urban History of Jeddah* (spring 2014 fellow).
- Angeliki Ziaka, *The Philosophy of the Ibadi Kala* (fall 2014 fellow).
- Hugh Kennedy, *Towards an Economic History of the early Abbasid Caliphate (c. 700-950 CE)* (spring 2015 fellow).
- 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).

In the course of 2016, 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 reviewed and revised, and was published in Brill's "Studies in Islamic Law and Society" series in June 2017. The preparation of this volume was made possible by LUCIS.

### 3.5 Earning capacity

In 2016, LUCIS earned a total income of € 110.991 as a result of successfully applying for donations, grants and contributions at both internal and external parties. In addition, LUCIS earned fees-related income (€ 25.400) in the framework of academic cooperation with Indonesian partners. Please note that this income is not (fully) included in our financial report ([appendix 8](#)) as this report only takes into account transactions which took place in 2016, whereas the transfer of fees and grants in some cases took – or will take – place in 2017. Also, in 2016 income and expenses related to the Leiden-Aramco sponsorship programme were booked on a separate SAP order number which is not included in the financial report in appendix 8.

Source of income	Amount	Type	Target
Aramco	€ 61.422	Donation	Leiden-Aramco sponsorship programme (1.2.5)
Indonesian Ministry of Religious Affairs	€ 24.000 € 1.400	Fees Fees	Short course on academic skills (1.1.5) Visit 14 lecturers from ISU North Sumatra, Indonesia (3-17 Aug)
Research Traineeship Programme (Faculty of Humanities)	€ 14.617	Internal faculty funding	Research traineeship programme "Disclosing Arabic Papyri from the Leiden University Library" ( <a href="#">see p. 101</a> )
Juynboll Stichting	€ 5.000	Grant	13th conference School of Abbasid Studies (July 2016): € 2.500 Egypt Incorporated: Economic, Political & Cultural Developments from Late Antiquity to Islam (Dec 2016): € 2.500
Oosters Instituut	€ 4.000	Grant	13th conference School of Abbasid Studies (July 2016): € 2.000 Egypt Incorporated: Economic, Political & Cultural Developments from Late Antiquity to Islam (Dec 2016): € 2.000
KNAW	€ 5.000	Grant	13th conference School of Abbasid Studies (July 2016)
Lorentz Centre	€ 5.000	Grant	Egypt Incorporated: Economic, Political & Cultural Developments from Late Antiquity to Islam (Dec 2016)
Leiden University Fund (LUF)	€ 5.490	Grant	Conference Interfaith Love (May 2016): € 1.275 Conference Amulets & Talismans (May 2016): € 1.715 Egypt Incorporated: Economic, Political & Cultural Developments from Late Antiquity to Islam (Dec 2016): € 2.500
Global Interactions	€ 5.000	Contribution	Egypt Incorporated: Economic, Political & Cultural Developments from Late Antiquity to Islam (Dec 2016)
LIAS	€ 1.792	Contribution	Conference Amulets & Talismans (May 2016)
Institute for History	€ 1.000	Contribution	Conference Ocean of Law II: Islamic Legal Crossings in the Indian Ocean World (Dec 2016)
Lutfia Rabbani Foundation	€ 1.466	Grant	Poetry events (Oct 2016) (A3.4)
A.M. Qattan Foundation (Palestine)	€ 1.204	Grant	Poetry events (Oct 2016) (A3.4)
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 136.391</b>		

## Appendices

### Appendix A1. 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 and 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.

## A2. Chronological overview of activities in 2016

Categorisation of activities by colour	Total
What's New?! lecture series	20
Lecture series LUCIS visiting fellows 2016	8
Lecture series LUCIS journalist fellow 2016	3
Scholarly meetings	20
Activities relevant for debates in society or related to current events	16
Leiden-Aramco sponsorship programme	8

Date	Co-organisator(s)	Type of activity	Subject, details	Attendees
8 January	Technolab, Aramco	4th workshop about Islamic science	"1001 Secrets of Arab Culture" Technolab Humanities programme	11
28-29 January	Leiden Institute of History	Conference	Scholarly Personae in the History of Orientalism, 1870-1930 <a href="#">Link</a>	30-38
1 February – 31 March		Photo exhibition	The Spiritual Highway: Religious World Making in Megacity Lagos <a href="#">Link</a>	n/a
4 February	Aramco	4th Leiden-Aramco Lecture on Arabic Language and Culture by Beatrice Gründler	Modernity in the Ninth Century: the Controversy around Abū Tammām <a href="#">Link</a>	60
5 February	Technolab, Aramco	Closing ceremony	"1001 Secrets of Arab Culture" Technolab Humanities programme	200
11 February	Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies	1st What's New?! lecture by Erik-Jan Zürcher	Unionists & Kemalists: Refugees, Killers & Nation Builders <a href="#">Link</a>	80
12 February		Panel discussion	Tunisia is the way <a href="#">Link</a>	75
18 February	Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies	2nd What's New?! lecture by Michael Feener	State Sharia & Its Limits <a href="#">Link</a>	70

Date	Co-organisator(s)	Type of activity	Subject, details	Attendees
25 February	Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies	3rd What's New?! lecture by Marloes Janson	The Spiritual Highway (Lagos) <a href="#">Link</a>	35
3 March	Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies	4th What's New?! lecture by Judi Mesman	The Role of Islam in Parenting <a href="#">Link</a>	45
10 March	Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies	5th What's New?! lecture by Paolo Sartori	Checking the Archive: the Khan & the Historian <a href="#">Link</a>	50
11 March	Global Interactions	Workshop	Jihad: Between Theory & Practice <a href="#">Link</a>	40
21 March		Panel discussion	Iran & the Arab world <a href="#">Link</a>	57
24 March	Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies	6th What's New?! lecture by André Wink	Saints of the Indus <a href="#">Link</a>	48
31 March	Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies	7th What's New?! lecture by Karin van Nieuwkerk	Moving Out: Agnostics & Atheists in Egypt <a href="#">Link</a>	40
7 April	VVI	1st lecture by VVI-LUCIS fellow Graham E. Fuller Series title: Conflict, Islamist Extremism & Governance in the Middle East	Understanding the Real Nature of the Shi'ite-Sunni Conflict <a href="#">Link</a>	50
12 April		LUCIS annual lecture by Driss Moussaoui	A Psychiatrist in a Muslim Country <a href="#">Link1</a> , <a href="#">Link2</a>	40
14 April	VVI	2nd lecture by VVI-LUCIS fellow Graham E. Fuller Series title: Conflict, Islamist Extremism & Governance in the Middle East	The New Geopolitical Face of the Middle East <a href="#">Link</a>	50
14 April	Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies	8th What's New?! lecture by Thomas Poell	Social Media & the Tunisian & Egyptian Revolutions <a href="#">Link</a>	40

Date	Co-organisator(s)	Type of activity	Subject, details	Attendees
21 April	VVI	3rd lecture by VVI-LUCIS fellow Graham E. Fuller Series title: Conflict, Islamist Extremism & Governance in the Middle East	The Implications of ISIS (the “Islamic State”) for Islamic Movements & the Middle East <a href="#">Link</a>	50
21 April	Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies	9th What’s New?! lecture by Dorrit van Dalen	A Cross-Cultural Romance in Arabic Studies (1609) <a href="#">Link</a>	40
28 April	Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies	10th What’s New?! lecture by Anais Massot	Negotiating Citizenship(s) during the Ottoman Tanzimat in Damascus <a href="#">Link</a>	40
4 May		Lecture by Taghreed Al-Tassan	Philosophy of Happiness <a href="#">Link</a>	30
19-20 May	LUF, Juynboll Stichting, Stichting Oosters Instituut	Conference	Amulets & Talismans in the Muslim World <a href="#">Link</a>	30
24 May		Panel discussion	Polder jihadi’s <a href="#">Link</a>	30
15 June	KITLV	Workshop	Violence, Displacement & Muslim Movements in Southeast Asia <a href="#">Link</a>	10
17 June	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Expert meeting	Related to Henriette van Lynden Lecture “Democracy in the Middle East: a Distant Dream?” on 16 June, with Eva R. Baha, Maha Yahya, & Iyad El-Baghdadi	15
22-24 June	LUF	Conference	Interfaith Love: Love, Sex & Marriage in the Islamicate World from the Middle Ages to the Present <a href="#">Link</a>	40
12-15 July	School of Abbasid Studies	Conference	Thirteenth Conference of the School of Abbasid Studies <a href="#">Link</a>	40

Date	Co-organisator(s)	Type of activity	Subject, details	Attendees
6 September		Lecture by Aaron Tugendhaft	The Idols of ISIS <a href="#">Link</a>	34
8 September	Brill	Book presentation	<i>Modernity, Minority, and the Public Sphere: Jews and Christians in the Middle East</i> <a href="#">Link</a>	20
15 September	Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies	1st What’s New?! lecture by Cristiana Strava	Disturbing Poses: Policing Youth on Casablanca’s Margins <a href="#">Link</a>	12
22 September		Film screening	<i>The Mulberry House</i> by Sara Ishaq <a href="#">Link</a>	40
22 September	Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies	2nd What’s New lecture by Karin Wester	The Responsibility to Protect: the Case of Libya <a href="#">Link</a>	105
23 September		Panel discussion	Yemen as a Battleground: Shifting Power Dynamics in the Gulf & Beyond <a href="#">Link</a>	72
28 September		Masterclass by Salim Tamari	Ottoman & Colonial Modernities in the Transformation of the Urban Sphere <a href="#">Link</a>	6
29 September	Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies	3rd What’s New lecture by Salim Tamari	Autobiographic Narratives & the Great War <a href="#">Link</a>	20
30 September	Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies	Faculty Roundtable with Salim Tamari	Working with Diaries in Research <a href="#">Link</a>	7
5 October		LUCIS Journalist Fellow lecture series   1st lecture by Sinan Can	<a href="#">Link</a>	100
6 October	Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies	4th What’s New lecture by Tijmen Baarda	Arabic, Arabism & the Syriac Churches: Integrating Into the New State of Iraq <a href="#">Link</a>	36

Date	Co-organisator(s)	Type of activity	Subject, details	Attendees
10 October		Poetry-reading session	Commitment & Poetry: Najwan Darwish & Mia You <a href="#">Link</a>	28
11 October		Workshop	Entangling Palestinian & Dutch Poetry: Najwan Darwish & Anne Vegter <a href="#">Link</a>	12
11 October		Lecture by Marwan Kraidy	The Naked Blogger of Cairo <a href="#">Link</a>	19
12 October		LUCIS Journalist Fellow lecture series   2nd lecture by Sinan Can	<a href="#">Link</a>	112
13 October	Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies	5th What's New lecture by Cem Emrence	Who Pays the Price: Civilian Control in Ottoman-Turkish Counterinsurgency <a href="#">Link</a>	27
19 October		LUCIS Journalist Fellow lecture series   3rd lecture by Sinan Can	<a href="#">Link</a>	82
20 October	Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies	6th What's New lecture by Konstantinos Papastathis	Nationalizing the Sacred: the Jerusalem Orthodox Church Controversy <a href="#">Link</a>	17
3 November	Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies	7th What's New lecture by Wen-chin Ouyang & 1st lecture in LUCIS Autumn Fellow lecture series: Reading Arabic Literature in a Global Context	The Love Mad in Arabic Literature <a href="#">Link</a>	22
5 November	Aramco		Middle Eastern Culture Market <a href="#">Link</a>	1061
6 November		Special programme about "Humour in the Middle East" at the Leiden International Film Festival	with screenings of <i>The Lizard</i> (Iran, 2014), <i>Barakah Meets Barakah</i> (Saudi Arabia, 2016) & <i>Tickling Giants</i> (Egypt, 2016) <a href="#">News item</a> (in Dutch)	250

Date	Co-organisator(s)	Type of activity	Subject, details	Attendees
9 November		Masterclass by Jürgen Paul	Local and Imperial Rule. Theoretical Approaches & Concepts <a href="#">Link</a>	6
10 November	Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies	8th What's New lecture by Jürgen Paul	Local & Imperial Rule. Examples from Fars (9th-10th Centuries) <a href="#">Link</a>	20
11 November		Faculty Roundtable with Jürgen Paul	Nomads & Sedentaries <a href="#">Link</a>	6
10 November	Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies	LUCIS Autumn Fellow lecture series: Reading Arabic Literature in a Global Context   2nd lecture by Wen-chin Ouyang	The Idiot in Arabic Literature <a href="#">Link</a>	20
10 November		8th What's New lecture by Jürgen Paul	Local & Imperial Rule. Examples from Fars (9th-10th Centuries) <a href="#">Link</a>	15
11 November	Technolab, Aramco	1st workshop about "Leiden and Arabia"	"1001 Secrets of Arab Culture" Technolab Humanities programme	11
17 November		LUCIS Autumn Fellow lecture series: Reading Arabic Literature in a Global Context   3rd lecture by Wen-chin Ouyang	Friendship Among Women in Arabic & Chinese Literatures <a href="#">Link</a>	20
17 November	Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies	9th What's New lecture by Tunç Sen	The Use of the Occult Sciences in the Ottoman-Safavid Conflict <a href="#">Link</a>	25
18 November		Conference	Conference in honour of dr. Jan Schmidt <a href="#">Link</a>	45
23-25 November		7th LUCIS annual conference	Memory & commemoration in Islamic Central Asia: past & present perspectives <a href="#">Link</a>	50

Date	Co-organisator(s)	Type of activity	Subject, details	Attendees
24 November	Netherlands Enterprise Agency	Visitors' programme at Leiden	Hosting of a visit of six Tunisian journalists to Leiden University which was part of a three-day visitors' programme organised by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency on behalf of the ministry of Foreign Affairs	6
25 November	Technolab, Aramco	2nd workshop about everyday Islam	"1001 Secrets of Arab Culture" Technolab Humanities programme	11
1 December		LUCIS Autumn Fellow lecture series + Gravensteen lecture: Reading Arabic Literature in a Global Context   4th lecture by Wen-chin Ouyang	Silk & Spice in Literary Writings <a href="#">Link</a>	20
2 December		Panel discussion	Refugees in the Middle East <a href="#">Link</a>	80
8 December		LUCIS Autumn Fellow lecture series: Reading Arabic Literature in a Global Context   5th lecture by Wen-chin Ouyang	Tammuz in Love <a href="#">Link</a>	20
8 December	Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies	11th What's New lecture by Francesco Zappa	Islamization as Epic Tale in Mali: the Verbal Arts of Contemporary Bard, Almamy Bah <a href="#">Link</a>	32
9 December	Technolab, Aramco	3rd workshop about Arabic science from the 9th century	"1001 Secrets of Arab Culture" Technolab Humanities programme	11
9-10 December		Conference	The meaning of hair in medieval Islam <a href="#">Link</a>	15
12-14 December		Conference	Ocean of Law II <a href="#">Link</a>	40

Date	Co-organisator(s)	Type of activity	Subject, details	Attendees
12-15 December	Lorentz Center	Workshop	Egypt Incorporated: Economic, Political & Cultural Developments from Late Antiquity to Islam <a href="#">Link</a>	25
13 December		Masterclass	A Thousand Times No. Masterclass on Arabic Revolutionary Graffiti by Bahia Shebab <a href="#">Link</a>	13
14 December		Symposium	Crossroads Arabia: Perspectives on cultural exchange between pre-Islamic Arabia & the outside world <a href="#">Link</a>	40
15 December	Leiden Center for the Study of Ancient Arabia, Nederlands Inst. voor het Nabije Oosten, Stichting Oosters Inst., Juynboll Stichting	3rd Leiden Lecture on Ancient Arabian Civilization by Arnulf Hausleiter	The oasis of Tayma, Northwest Arabia: 6000 years of cultural contacts & exchange <a href="#">Link</a>	70
15 December		Double lecture	Religion in Africa: Jacob Olupona & Afe Adogame <a href="#">Link</a>	21
16 December	Technolab, Aramco	4th workshop about Arabic & Islamic rituals and dress	"1001 Secrets of Arab Culture" Technolab Humanities programme	11

### Appendix A3. Report of activities in 2016

This appendix contains reports of activities in 2016 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 2016 (A4.2)
- Scholarly meetings (A4.3)
- Activities relevant for debates in society or related to current events (A4.4)
- Leiden-Aramco sponsorship programme (A4.5).

#### A3.1 What's New?!

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

##### Spring 2016: 10 lectures

11 FEBRUARY

1st What's New lecture by Erik-Jan Zürcher  
*Unionists and Kemalists: Refugees, Killers and Nation Builders*

Until the end of World War II Turkey was ruled by a political elite that shared a common background: that of having grown up in the Ottoman Balkans and Aegean and of becoming refugees when these areas were lost in 1911-1913, as well as that of having been members of the Committee of Union and Progress that brought about the constitutional revolution of 1908 and that ruled the Ottoman Empire in its final years. In the lecture Erik-Jan Zürcher looked at four members of this elite and tried to establish how their experiences in the Balkans before 1913 and in Anatolia during World War I shaped their policies in the republican era (1923-1938). Special attention was paid to the links between the Armenian genocide and the Kurdish policies the republic developed after 1925.

**Erik-Jan Zürcher** (PhD Leiden, 1984) has been a full professor of Turkish Studies at Leiden University since 1997. From 2008 until 2012 he was general director of the International Institute of Social History in Amsterdam. Since 2012 he has also been affiliate professor at Stockholm University. In 2008 he was elected a member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW).

His main research interest is the political and social history of the late Ottoman Empire and the early Turkish Republic on which he has written or edited thirteen books. Another research interest is the comparative history of military recruitment and employment, on which he published a 685 page volume entitled *Fighting for a Living*. His most recent publication (2015) is *Jihad and Islam in World War I. Studies on the Ottoman Jihad on the Centenary of Snouck Hurgronje's "Holy War Made in Germany"* which is the fifth book published in the Debates on Islam and Society series at Leiden University Press.

18 FEBRUARY

2nd What's New lecture by Michael Feener  
*State Sharia and Its Limits*

This presentation served as an introduction to the new volume *Islam and the Limits of the State* edited by David Kloos, Annemarie Samuels, and Michael Feener examining the relationship between the state implementation of Shari'a and diverse lived realities of everyday Islam in contemporary Aceh, Indonesia. Looking beyond the formal mechanisms of legislation and enforcement, the editors explored the dynamics of diverse actors ranging from NGOs and diaspora activists to female ulama and punk rockers to open new perspectives on the complexity of Muslim discourse and practice in communities that have experienced tremendous changes since the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami. This allowed us to develop a more nuanced understandings of the ways in which the state has been both a formative and a limited force with regard to religious and social transformation in this dynamic Muslim society.

**R. Michael Feener** is the Sultan of Oman Fellow at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies. Previously, he was Research Leader of the Religion and Globalisation Research Cluster at the Asia Research Institute, and Associate Professor in the Department of History at the National University of Singapore. He has also taught at Reed College and the University of California, Riverside, and held visiting professor positions and research fellowships at Harvard, Kyoto University, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris), the University of Copenhagen, The Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art (Honolulu), and the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) in Leiden, the Netherlands. He has published extensively in the fields of Islamic studies and Southeast Asian history, as well as on post-disaster reconstruction, religion and development.

12 FEBRUARY

3rd What's New lecture by Marloes Janson  
*The Spiritual Highway (Lagos)*

Marloes Janson delivered a lecture on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway in Nigeria, also called the "Spiritual Highway." The lecture was followed by drinks in the coffee room of Matthias de Vrieshof 4, where the photographs taken by Akintunde Akinleye and Marloes Janson were showed.

The exhibition mapped the conversion of Nigeria's former capital Lagos – often described in terms of an "apocalyptic megacity" – into a Prayer City. Since the late 1980s numerous Christian and Muslim prayer camps have cropped up along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway. Since then this highway has grown into a stage for the performance of public religiosity, earning it the name "Spiritual Highway." Visiting prayer camps as a means of solving problems related to health and wealth is practised on a grand scale in Nigeria, characterising the Pentecostal upsurge. Muslims reacted to the Pentecostalisation of Nigeria's cityscape by establishing their own prayer camps. The photographs shed light on the mutual borrowing of prayer styles and images between Christian and Muslim prayer camps. Janson argued that in order to grasp the ways in which religion is 'lived' in everyday living, we should bridge the division of labour between scholars studying Christianity and those studying Islam, bringing the two religious traditions together in a comparative framework.

**Marloes Janson** is Reader in West African Anthropology at SOAS, University of London, with her special area of interest in the intersection of anthropology and religion in the Gambia and Nigeria. She is the author of *Islam, Youth, and Modernity in the Gambia: The Tablighi Jama'at* (Cambridge University Press/International African Institute, 2014). Janson received a PhD in Anthropology from Leiden University, the Netherlands. She has worked as a post-doctoral researcher at the Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM) in Leiden and Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO) in Berlin, before joining SOAS in 2012.

3 MARCH

4th What's New lecture by Judi Mesman  
*The Role of Islam in Parenting*

The role of religion in parenting is rarely investigated systematically, and those studies that do examine how religion relates to parenting beliefs and practices, generally focus on Christianity. In one of my studies among Turkish-Dutch families, religious socialization practices were examined in relation to the general quality of videotaped parent-child interactions. The results of this study were presented in this lecture and were discussed in terms of the distinction between literal and symbolic interpretations of Islam. Further, Mesman discussed the design of a new series of studies on parenting in several Islamic countries, including Indonesia, Yemen, and Iran.

**Judi Mesman** is professor of Diversity in Parenting and Development. She received her PhD in 2000 at Erasmus University Rotterdam and did her postdoc at the Centre for Child and Family Studies at Leiden University. It was there that she developed a research program focusing on the role of culture and gender in early parent-child interactions, resulting in the foundation of the Leiden Diversity in Parenting Lab. Prof. Mesman's research focuses on the role of culture and gender in family processes, and on the ways that children learn about social categories of people and how these processes may lead to the acquisition of stereotypes and implicit bias.

10 MARCH

5th What's New lecture by Paolo Sartori  
*Checking the Archive: the Khan and the Historian*

While long ago have students of imperial and colonial history begun to investigate the culture of documentation that informed the production, disposition and concealment of text in archives, little has been done to understand how chancery practices and record keeping activities in the modern Perso-Islamic world relate to forms of governance. Material coming from Central Asia and, especially the Khivan archives, lends itself to provide for a corrective to this situation. By reflecting on local archival practices, Sartori addressed the following questions in his lecture: Why did Central Asian khanates create and run archives? What were the goals that the local dynasties wanted to achieve by developing and sustaining a project of documentation? These are pressing questions for anyone who sets out to make sense of trends of textualization in 19th-century Central Asia and beyond without succumbing to the somewhat facile narrative of modernization.

**Paolo Sartori**, a senior research fellow of the Institute of Iranian Studies at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, specializes in the history of Islamic Central Asia (17th-20th centuries), law, imperial history and colonialism. He is the author of *Visions of Justice: Sharia and Cultural Changes in Russian Central Asia* (Brill 2016). His current project is titled "Seeing like an Archive: Documents and Forms of Governance in Islamic Central Asia", for which he was awarded the START prize by the Austrian Science Fund in 2013. He is the editor-in-chief of *JESHO* (Brill).

24 MARCH

6th What's New lecture by André Wink  
*Saints of the Indus*

In this lecture André Wink provided a new interpretation of the rise and development of Islam in the Indus borderlands or what is today Pakistan and Indian Kashmir. He argued that the Islamic transformation of the Indus borderlands did not get under way until their ancestral Hindu-Buddhist culture and religious infrastructure were destroyed during the Mongol conquests. These conquests set off a widespread migration and dispersal of tribal populations of nomadic Mongols, Turks, Afghans, Baluchis, and others that did not subside until the 16th century, and it is in that context that Islam spread. Islam came to these regions through the institutionalized cult of saints and the shrines built over their tombs, but the saints and their descendants also emerged as power brokers and community builders in a medieval society that had been shattered and found itself in the throes of profound and violent demographic dislocation and upheaval.

**André Wink** (PhD Leiden, 1984) is a professor of history at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is the author of *Al-Hind: The Making of the Indo-Islamic World*, 5 volumes (1-3: 1989-2004; 4-5: forthcoming) and numerous other publications.

31 MARCH

7th What's New lecture by Karin van Nieuwkerk  
*Moving Out: Agnostics and Atheists in Egypt*

Since the Arab Spring the number of activist atheists and agnostics appears to have grown in Egypt. The revolutionary spirit and demands for change and human rights also inspired some atheists and agnostics to speak out. They have become particularly active on Facebook and YouTube channels in which they openly and visibly come out for non-believing. This "new trend" is caught up in a heated debate blaming the Brotherhood's one year period of rule under Mursi as the main cause. Based on Facebook and YouTube testimonials, supplemented with several interviews, Van Nieuwkerk analyzed the atheists' and agnostics' trajectories and narratives of religious doubt and non-believing as well as the media debate around this "new phenomenon." Is it a new and growing phenomenon? To what extent is the "growth" related to the revolution? How are non-believers portrayed in the media and what are non-believers' reasons for moving out?

**Karin van Nieuwkerk** is an anthropologist and professor of contemporary Islam in Europe and the Middle East at Radboud University. She is the author of *"A Trade like any Other": Female Singers and Dancers in Egypt* (UTP 1995) and of *Performing Piety, Singers and Actor in Egypt's Islamic Revival* (UTP 2013). She is also editor of *Women Embracing Islam: Gender and Conversion in the West* (UTP 2006), *Muslim Rap, Halal Soaps, and Revolutionary Theatre: Artistic Developments in the Muslim World* (UTP 2011) and co-editor of *Islam and Popular Culture* (ed. with Mark LeVine and Martin Stokes, UTP 2016). Her latest project deals with Moving in and out of Islam.

14 APRIL

8th What's New lecture by Thomas Poell  
*Social Media and the Tunisian and Egyptian Revolutions*

This lecture discussed how social media were involved in the 2011 uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt. First, it focused on the transnational Twitter communication on these protests. The examination showed how different publics were strategically addressed on this platform through a variety of languages. Second, the discussion shifted to the role of leadership in social media protest communication. Here most attention was devoted to Facebook, which is the most popular social platform in Tunisia and Egypt itself. Finally, the entire online and offline protest ecosystem was considered. The question addressed was: how were street protests mobilised and, subsequently, communicated to global audiences?

**Thomas Poell** is assistant professor of New Media and Digital Culture at the Department of Media Studies at the University of Amsterdam. His research is focused on social media and the transformation of public communication around the globe. He has among others published on social media and popular protest in Canada, Egypt, Tunisia, India, and China, as well as on the role of these media in the development of new forms of journalism. Together with professor José van Dijck, Poell leads the KNAW-'Over Grenzen' research program on Social Media and the Transformation of Public Space. He is one of the programme leaders of the Amsterdam Centre for Globalisation Studies, and part of the core team Audiovisual Data and Media Studies of the national infrastructural project CLARIAH (NWO). During the spring semester of 2015, Poell was Research Associate at UC Santa Cruz, and visiting lecturer at the University of Helsinki.

21 APRIL

8th What's New lecture by Dorrit van Dalen  
*A Cross-Cultural Romance in Arabic Studies (1609)*

In the winter of 1609-1610, the Moroccan diplomat 'Abd al-'Aziz b. Muḥammad spent four months in the home of the Mennonite Hebraist and Arabist Jan Theunisz. The written reflections of their discussions on religion and everyday matters present an extraordinary example of the shifting attitude towards Islam in the seventeenth century, of a practice of studying a language for which no textbooks were available, and of a remarkable friendship.

**Dorrit van Dalen's** field of research is the relations between Islam and other cultures, in the Netherlands and in Africa. She is currently guest-curator of the exhibition *Arabs in the West (Wijzen uit het Oosten)* which was opened in June 2016, in the Allard Pierson Museum, Amsterdam. Based at the University of Amsterdam, she is a member of the international project team *Encounters with the Orient*.

21 APRIL

10th What's New lecture by Anais Massot  
*Negotiating Citizenship(s) during the Ottoman Tanzimat in Damascus*

Conscription and taxation reforms were central to the Ottoman Tanzimat of the 19th century. In the province of Damascus various revolts took place against these transformations. The application of these measures to non-Muslims was the subject of lengthy negotiations between state officials, religious leaders, members of local communities and foreign representatives. They were underlined by conflicting interpretations of the social contract on which to build the new Ottoman citizenship. The different communities were internally divided regarding these reforms, especially among socio-economic classes. Christians and Jews of Damascus negotiated simultaneously their relation to the state and to the institution of the millet. Eventually, the ability of Christians and Jews to avoid these two reforms as a result of foreign intervention contributed to inter-confessional tensions and even violence in the mid-19th century. The reconstitution of these negotiations can improve our understanding of the various attempts at defining Ottoman citizenship during the Tanzimat.

**Anais Massot** is a PhD student at Leiden University and the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS). After a BA degree in Political Science at McGill University, she obtained a Research Master in Area Studies at Leiden University and a Master in Religious Sciences at the EHESS. Her PhD research, for which she received a doctoral contract funded by Hesam Université (Paris Nouveaux Mondes) explores inter-confessional relations and political changes in Damascus in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

### Autumn 2016: 10 lectures

15 SEPTEMBER

1st What's New lecture by Cristiana Strava  
*Disturbing Poses: Policing Youth on Casablanca's Margins*

In the spring of 2014, a large wave of police raids swept every working class, sha'abi neighbourhood in Casablanca, Morocco. Official statements described the raids as part of a campaign to reduce delinquency and urban crime, but the media soon labelled them the "Tcharmila affair." Made visible by the growing online circulation of selfie photographs that depicted young lower class males sporting allegedly stolen goods, dressed in track-suits, and handling butcher knives, Tcharmila could have been a mere passing fad. Instead it provoked a national moral panic at the time.

Such was the affective power of the images of young Tcharmil men that their removal alone was not enough, and over several months thousands of young men summarily detained. Drawing on Asef Bayat's concept of the politics of "collective presence", Strava's lecture considered how the sudden visibility of a politically and economically marginalized group led to the violent repression of not only images but also bodies. By tracing the trajectories and impact of these images, she illuminated questions about politics of recognition, as well as the role of internet visibility in the production and contestation of class differences.

**Cristiana Strava's** research to date has been broadly concerned with the nexus between the postcolonial state, urban governance, and changing social dynamics at the periphery of large urban centers in North Africa. Titled *At Home with Modernity: Everyday Struggles and the Production of Livelihoods on the Margins of Casablanca*, her recently completed PhD dissertation from SOAS, University of London, straddles the disciplinary fields of Anthropology and Urban and Middle Eastern Studies. Grounded in deep historical contextualization and using space/place as the central organizing concept, through the angle of practice theory she seeks to understand how the inhabitants of a historically marginalized and criminalized community on the Moroccan urban fringe secured their livelihoods through tactical encroachments into public space and the pragmatic and savvy appropriation of heritage and social development agendas.

Her doctoral research has been funded by the Wenner-Gren foundation, the UK Economic and Social Research Council, and the Royal Anthropological Institute.

22 SEPTEMBER

2nd What's New lecture by Karin Wester  
*The Responsibility to Protect: the Case of Libya*

In 2011, the crisis in Libya represented the first case in which the international community invoked the responsibility to protect – a principle adopted in 2005 by UN member states – in order to justify taking coercive measures, first sanctions and then the use of military force. This lecture reconstructed and analysed how the responsibility to protect has been applied in the case of Libya, and what implications the Libyan case holds for the implementation of the principle in future cases. Drawing on a wide variety of sources, including in-depth interviews with politicians, diplomats, and NGO-representatives, Karin Wester demonstrated that the case of Libya has fully exposed the potential, as well as the complexities and dilemma's inherent in the responsibility to protect - which has ultimately had far-reaching consequences for Libya and for the wider MENA-region.

**Karin Wester** is a Dutch diplomat with broad experience in the field of peace and security, international law, human rights, the UN, the EU, the Middle East, and cultural diplomacy. She has a background in journalism and cultural history and recently finished a PhD on the principle of the Responsibility to Protect and the intervention in Libya in 2011. She is currently the Strategic Policy Advisor for the Middle East and North Africa of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands. Previously, she held positions at the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the United Nations in New York, at the Dutch Embassy in Madrid, and as a speechwriter for the Minister of Foreign Affairs. From 2007 to 2013, she was an Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council on International Affairs of the Netherlands, an advisory body of the Dutch Government and Parliament. In this position she worked on in-depth reports in the field of international law, human rights, the EU, and the Middle East.

29 SEPTEMBER

3rd What's New lecture by Salim Tamari  
*Autobiographic Narratives and the Great War*

The Great War on the Eastern Front, looked at from the passage of one century, led to major transformations in the way in which the people of the region – from the Ottoman capital of Istanbul to the Arab provinces of the Empire – looked at themselves and at the world. In this lecture Salim Tamari examined how the war and the fighting were reflected in the biographical trajectories of soldiers who fought in it and civilians who endured it, and how the war affected the transformation of their lives and the reshaping of their identity and affiliations during and after the war.

**Salim Tamari** is senior fellow at the Institute for Palestine Studies (IPS) and former director of the IPS-affiliated Institute of Jerusalem Studies.

6 OCTOBER

4th What's New lecture by Tijmen Baarda  
*Arabic, Arabism and the Syriac Churches: Integrating Into the New State of Iraq*

The history of Christianity in interwar Iraq is usually portrayed as a story of a failed relationship between the Christian minority and the Arab state. This is especially due to the troubled history of the Assyrian Christians in Iraq, who came in majority as refugees from the north and who are known to have resisted integration into Iraq. In 1933 they were victims of the massacre of Simele, when all men in this town were killed by police. In this lecture Tijmen Baarda argued that the majority of Christians in Iraq in these years belonged to groups that actively encouraged their role as an integrated part of the Arab Iraqi society. Many of these Christians, who almost all belonged to one of the Syriac churches, even supported Arab nationalism, although their mother tongue was in many cases not Arabic.

**Tijmen Baarda** is finishing his PhD dissertation at Leiden University about the Syriac Christians of Iraq between 1920 and 1950 and their use of the Arabic, Syriac and Neo-Aramaic languages in relationship to the Iraqi state in its formative phase. He is a member of the NWO-sponsored project Arabic and Its Alternatives under leadership of Professor Heleen Murre-van den Berg (Nijmegen), in which the use of Arabic and other languages by non-Muslim minorities is studied in the Arab countries in the years after the First World War.

13 OCTOBER

5th What's New lecture by Cem Emrence

*Who Pays the Price: Civilian Control in Ottoman-Turkish Counterinsurgency*

Drawing on original data and evidence, in this talk Cem Emrence examined Ottoman-Turkish counterinsurgency practices. He showed that the main response of the Turkish state to insurgency has been civilian control. He developed his argument in two parts. The first demonstrated with empirical detail that current practices of the Turkish government such as curfews and special security zones in southeast Anatolia target civilians rather than insurgents. The second part tracked counterinsurgency practices back in time and suggests that Ottoman-Turkish counterinsurgency vision has focused primarily on population control. In the discussion, he particularly emphasized special administrative regions and the Turkish state's concerted efforts in cultivating local alliances to deny solidarity to the target community, the Kurds. Rather than eliminating insurgents, both policies facilitated the mistreatment of civilians by violating individual rights and establishing a regime of discrimination.

**Cem Emrence** is a comparative-historical sociologist with interests in state formation, violence, and collective mobilization. His research focuses on modern Turkey and the larger Middle East and provides historically nuanced applications of path dependency idea to unveil sub-national routes to state formation, social mobilization and political violence. Two recent books have come out of this research agenda: *Remapping the Ottoman Middle East: Modernity, Imperial Bureaucracy and the Islamic State* (I.B. Tauris, 2012), and, co-authored with Aysegul Aydin, *Zones of Rebellion: Kurdish Rebels and the Turkish State*, which was published by Cornell University Press in 2015. Cem holds a PhD in sociology and was recently a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

20 OCTOBER

6th What's New lecture by Konstantinos Papastathis

*Nationalizing the Sacred: the Jerusalem Orthodox Church Controversy*

This lecture contextually explored the historical representation of the Palestinian Orthodox congregation by the Greek religious establishment as a potential threat for religious purity. The following research questions were addressed: 1) How has the Greek hierarchy portrayed the Arab Orthodox laity in modern times? 2) Which were the underlying causes for generating this type of discourse? Which were the central factors influencing its structure? Which were its main ideological features and social connotations? 3) What was the relation between the actual outcomes of the Greek narrative and the colonialism project? In the lecture Papastathis critically assessed the Greek discourse as the articulation of a nationalist narrative, reflecting the structural transition to Modernity and the development of new collective loyalties based on invented ethno-symbolic equations. Additionally, he argued that the causes for the reproduction of orientalist stereotypes were not only ideological, but were also related to the administration of the vast religious real estate.

**Konstantinos Papastathis** (PhD) is currently a research associate at the University of Luxembourg. He has worked as a research fellow at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, as well as an adjunct lecturer at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. His main research interests involve politics and religion, discourse analysis as well as Middle Eastern studies. His work has been published in a number of peer-reviewed journals and collective volumes.

3 NOVEMBER

7th What's New lecture by Wen-chin Ouyang

*The Love Mad in Arabic Literature*

In this lecture Wen-chin Ouyang examined the figurations of Majnun Layla in classical and modern Arabic writings and considered the ways in which each text takes shape and acquires new texture in its encounter with new materiality and travel across genres and media.

This lecture was also the first in our LUCIS Autumn Fellow lecture series of 2016, which Wen-chin Ouyang delivered in November and December. The theme of this year's Autumn Fellow lecture series was "Reading Arabic Literature in a Global Context" (for more information, [see appendix 3.2](#)).

10 NOVEMBER

8th What's New Lecture by Jürgen Paul

*Local and Imperial Rule. Examples from Fars (9th-10th Centuries)*

In this lecture, Jürgen Paul addressed the question of local, regional and imperial powers in a provincial setting, in periods when the imperial power declined, and the forms in which the balance between these powers evolved. He briefly touched a number of examples from the earlier stages and gave a more detailed description and analysis of the local lords and their importance in the Buyid conquest of the province in the 930s.

**Jürgen Paul**, born 1949 in northern Germany, studied French and Russian in Hamburg and taught these languages at school. Later he started studying Arabic and Islamic History. He took his PhD with Albrecht Noth at Hamburg in 1989, worked for a while at the Orient-Institut at Istanbul, and completed his habilitation in 1993. From 1995 to 2013, he served as a professor of Islamic Studies at Halle. After retirement, he came back to Hamburg. His research interests are history of medieval Iran and Central Asia, local rule and local rulers, and nomad-sedentary relations.

17 NOVEMBER

9th What's New Lecture by Tunç Sen

*The Use of the Occult Sciences in the Ottoman-Safavid Conflict*

The historical-contextual examination of occult texts produced and widely circulated within different geographic and temporal realms of Islamic history remains one of the biggest lacunae in modern scholarship. There is yet a promising new literature that has only recently started to recognize the great potential of this plethora of textual and material artifacts in providing crucial insights into the political/ideological, religio-cultural, and intellectual/scientific realities of their times. In this lecture, Tunç Sen took as a case study three different examples drawn from such body of textual evidence, all produced for the Ottoman court during the earlier phase of their conflict with the Safavids. The selected evidence represents three distinct genres and arts: annual astrological predictions (*taqwīm*), an epistle on letterism (*'ilm al-hurūf*), and a confidential report of geomancy (*'ilm al-raml*). Aside from showing the prevalence of the courtly reliance on occult arts and the frequent involvement of traditional scholars (*'ulamā'*) in the production of occult knowledge, the contents of these examples provide intriguing new details about the ideological and military facets of the Ottoman-Safavid conflict.

**Tunç Sen** (PhD, The University of Chicago, 2016) has been university lecturer of Ottoman History and Culture at Leiden University since 2016. He has also taught at the University of Chicago and Sabancı University. As a specialist in early modern Ottoman-Turkish history, culture, and philology Tunç Sen's main areas of research and teaching include the history of knowledge, science, and the occult in late-medieval and early modern Islamicate world; practices of reading and writing in Islamic manuscript culture; and comparative political and religious history of the Turko-Persian polities in the post-Mongol era. He has published research and review articles on the Ottoman dream narratives, the cultivation of astrology and other divinatory practices in the early modern Ottoman world, and Ottoman book culture. He is currently working on two book projects: one is to turn into a monograph his dissertation entitled *Astrology in the Service of the Empire: Knowledge, Prognostication, and Politics at the Ottoman Court, 1450s-1550s*; and the other is the micro-historical study of a mid-sixteenth century Ottoman scholar and his social and emotional world.

1 DECEMBER

10th What's New Lecture by Francesco Zappa

*Islamization as Epic Tale in Mali: the Verbal Arts of Contemporary Bard, Almamy Bah*

In this lecture, Francesco discussed and analyzed the verbal arts of Almamy Bah, a celebrated, contemporary Malian bard whose highly mediatized repertoire centers on Islamic hagiographic themes. Through the close analysis of some of his works recorded on audiocassette and CDs, he showed how the bard raises the history of recent processes of Islamization in Mali to the timeless, almost mythic level of epic tales. Although there has been extensive research about bards and griots in particular in West Africa, this work looks at those heretofore little-studied bards who specialize in conveying information about Islam through verbal arts of performance. It is of interest to those working in Islamic studies, oral literatures, African languages and literature, the history of Islamization, the history and anthropology of West Africa, the intersection of religion and media, and media and performance studies more generally.

**Francesco Zappa** is associate professor of Islamic Studies at Sapienza University of Rome. From 2011 to 2016, he worked as *maître de conférences* at Aix-Marseille University in France, where he also served as deputy director of the Department of Middle Eastern Studies. He is still a member of Institut de Recherche et d'Études sur le Monde Arabe et Musulman, a multidisciplinary research laboratory based in Aix-en-Provence. His research approach bridges "classical" Islamic studies, Anthropology, African Languages Studies, Oral Literatures and Literacy Studies, focusing on Islam in West Africa and, more specifically, on the uses of Bambara (Bamanankan) as a language of Islam in Mali. He has carried out fieldwork in Mali since 2000 and contributed journal articles, a journal supplement and book chapters to edited volumes and peer-reviewed academic journals, including *Die Welt des Islams*, *Archives de Sciences Sociales des Religions* and *Rivista degli Studi Orientali*.

### A3.2 LUCIS visiting fellows 2016

#### VVI-LUCIS Spring Fellow lecture series 2016: Graham E. Fuller Series title: “Conflict, Islamist Extremism & Governance in the Middle East”

In this lecture series, co-organised with the Van Vollenhoven Institute, Graham E. Fuller delivered three lectures on conflict, Islamist extremism and governance in the Middle East. Fuller is former Vice Chair of the National Intelligence Council at CIA in charge of long range forecasting. The lectures have resulted in the open access publication of *Understanding Contemporary Islamic Crises in the Middle East: the Issues Beneath the Surface*, which appeared at Leiden University Press in February 2017.

7 APRIL

1st lecture

*Understanding the Real Nature of the Shi’ite-Sunni Conflict*

In this lecture Graham Fuller addressed the question as to how we can best understand the nature of the present Shi’ite-Sunni conflict, its present cause and likely duration. He emphasized the need to go beyond the usual Western analysis which tends to view the present Shi’ite-Sunni conflict as essentially a theological issue, taking into account the many more factors at play behind the scenes.

14 APRIL

2nd lecture

*The New Geopolitical Face of the Middle East*

The Middle East has undergone huge geopolitical shifts over the past decade including the emergence of a “new Turkey,” the Arab Spring, the collapse of numerous regimes, a shifting American role, a restored Russian presence, widespread war and violence, and the emergence of ISIS whose impact reaches to Europe. In his second lecture, Graham Fuller elaborated on the character of these shifts and on how they will shape the future of the Middle East and the role of major outside powers.

21 APRIL

3rd lecture

*The Implications of ISIS (the “Islamic State”) for Islamic Movements and the Middle East*

Political Islam is not new to the Middle East, but the appearance of ISIS has stretched the phenomenon to the extreme. What are the implications of ISIS for the future of the region and for Islamist movements in general? How will Muslims’ understanding of Islam be affected? These and other questions were addressed in the third and final lecture by Graham Fuller.

**Graham E. Fuller** is a former Vice Chair of the National Intelligence Council at CIA in charge of long range forecasting. He has lived and worked in the Middle East for nearly two decades. He has written numerous books on Middle East politics and Islamic movements and Eurasian geopolitics, recently *Turkey and the Arab Spring: Leadership in the Middle East*. His latest book is a novel: *Breaking Faith: a novel of espionage and an American’s crisis of conscience in Pakistan*. He lives in Vancouver, Canada.

#### LUCIS Autumn Fellow lecture series 2016: Professor Wen-chin Ouyang Series title: “Reading Arabic Literature in a Global Context”

The past quarter of a century has witnessed the re-emergence and further development of Goethe’s ideas of “world literature”, which have provided impetus for and contribution to the transformation of “comparative literature” as well as literary studies and the attendant theory and critical thought. The problematically tangential role of Arabic literature, in fact, non-European literatures in general, in the current theoretical debates about literary studies within the framework of ‘comparative literature’ and “world literature” has meant that “comparative literature” and “world literature”, more often than not informed by translation and driven by translation studies, have remained Eurocentric, and that the study of Arabic literature continues to be grounded in the agenda and methodology of ‘area studies’.

Would it be possible to bring the theoretical rigour of “comparative literature” and “world literature” to bear on the study of Arabic literature without sacrificing the accuracy and depth of knowledge inherent in “area studies”? More important, how can the study of Arabic literature contribute to both literary studies and area studies, theoretically, methodologically, and interpretively, as it interrogates and engages with the priorities and methods of “area studies”, “comparative literature” and “world literature”?

This lecture series explored and intertwined these two possibilities by reading Arabic literature in a global context, situating it in moments and sites of cultural encounter (across time, e.g., between pasts and presents, and space, i.e., with other cultures and literatures).

3 NOVEMBER

1st lecture

*The Love Mad in Arabic Literature*

In this lecture Wen-chin Ouyang examined the figurations of Majnun Layla in classical and modern Arabic writings and considered the ways in which each text takes shape and acquires new texture in its encounter with new materiality and travel across genres and media.

10 NOVEMBER

2nd lecture

*The Idiot in Arabic Literature*

In the second lecture Wen-chin Ouyang examined the “The Love Mad” paradigm across a number of genres of writing in classical Arabic literature and contemplated the ways in which the two simultaneously contradictory and complementary epistemologies (reason and passion) underpin the moral universe inherent in Arabic storytelling and *adab*, and rethought the boundaries set up by genres in the Arabic literary field.

17 NOVEMBER

3rd lecture

*Friendship among Women in Arabic and Chinese Literatures*

In her third lecture, Wen-chin Ouyang brought readings of Arabic and Chinese stories in literature and cinema and relevant discussions to bear on each other and looked at the efficacy of East-East and literature-cinema “comparative literature”.

1 DECEMBER

4th lecture (also Gravensteen lecture)

*Silk and Spice in Literary Writings*

During the fourth lecture Wen-chin Ouyang looked at objects as memorial sites of intercultural exchange and explored the potentials for using the “The Silk Road”, envisioned here as overlapping networks of circulation, as a framework for the study of literature in a global context.

8 DECEMBER

5th lecture

*Tammuz in Love*

In the fifth and final lecture Wen-chin Ouyang examined the multiple sources of the Ishtar-Tammuz myth in the poetry of Mahmoud Darwish and the complex trajectories of its arrival in Darwish (via Europe through the Tammuzi poets in the nineteen fifties and enriched by academic research in both Europe and the Arab world since the nineteen nineties), and situated the circulation of ideas and ideologies across cultures not just in translation, as privileged in “world literature” today, but also in direct and indirect quotation, adaptation, and transformation.

**Wen-chin Ouyang** was born in Taiwan and raised in Libya. She completed her BA in Arabic at Tripoli University and her PhD Middle Eastern Studies at Columbia University in New York City. She taught Arabic language, literature and culture at Columbia University, University of Chicago and University of Virginia before she moved to London. She currently holds the position of professor of Arabic and Comparative Literature at SOAS (University of London). She is interested in critical theory and thought as well as poetics and prosaics. She has written extensively on classical and modern Arabic narrative and literary criticism. She is the author of *Literary Criticism in Medieval Arabic-Islamic Culture: The Making of a Tradition* (1997), *Poetics of Love in the Arabic Novel* (2012) and *Politics of Nostalgia in the Arabic Novel* (2013).

**LUCIS Journalist Fellow lecture series 2016: Sinan Can**  
**Titel reeks: “Westerse inmenging in het Midden-Oosten”**

5, 12, 19 OKTOBER

Publieke lezingen

*Westerse inmenging in het Midden-Oosten*

Op 5, 12 en 19 oktober 2016 gaf LUCIS Journalist Fellow Sinan Can drie publieke lezingen waarin hij inging op zijn ervaringen als journalist in Libië, Irak, Libanon en Afghanistan, in het bijzonder op de vraag wat voor rol de grenzen die na de Eerste Wereldoorlog in het Midden-Oosten zijn opgetrokken spelen in het huidige Midden-Oosten. Ook stond hij uitgebreid stil bij de situatie in Afghanistan, de gebeurtenissen voorafgaand aan 9/11 en de gevolgen ervan, en gaf hij een voorproefje van zijn tweedelige documentaire over Afghanistan. Tot slot gaf Can zijn visie op de huidige situatie in het Midden-Oosten, waaronder de opkomst van IS en de ontwikkelingen na de Arabische Lente.

**Sinan Can** is bekend van de documentaires *Bloedbroeders* en *De Arabische Storm*, en werd uitgeroepen tot “Journalist voor de Vrede 2016” door het Humanistisch Verbond. Hij studeerde journalistiek en voorlichting aan de Hogeschool in Tilburg. Nog tijdens zijn studie vertrok hij voor acht maanden naar Istanbul om daar te werken voor de Turkse tak van CNN. Terug in Nederland werkte hij achtereenvolgens voor Infocus (NMO), Premtime (NPS) en Zembla/Uitgesproken (VARA). Can werkte aan de spraakmakende Zembla-uitzendingen *De heilige Ayaan en Gijzeling in Almelo*, waarvoor hij de VVOJ Loep-prijs ontving. Voor de VARA-documentaireserie *Uitgezet* kreeg hij de Clara Meijer-Wichmann Penning. *Bloedbroeders* werd genomineerd voor de IDA Documentary Award, de prijs van de prestigieuze International Documentary Association, en voor een TV-Beeld. In 2016 werkte Can aan een tweeluik over Afghanistan, *Onze missie in Afghanistan*, die in december werd uitgezonden.

### A3.3 Scholarly meetings

28-29 JANUARY

Conference *Scholarly Personae in the History of Orientalism, 1870-1930*  
 Convened by Léon Buskens, Christiaan Engberts and Herman Paul  
 In cooperation with the Institute for History

This conference about scholarly personae in late 19th and early 20th century Orientalism was organised in cooperation with the [research project](#) “The Scholarly Self: Character, Habit, and Virtue in the Humanities, 1860-1930” of the Institute for History. During this period traditional “armchair philologists” were increasingly challenged by scholars emphasizing the study of *realia* (economics, politics, religion, material culture) who often stressed the importance of visiting their areas of interest as well.

How have the idea and reality of “being an Oriental scholar” changed in tandem with this emergence of new research questions and dissociation from strictly philological methods? What new kinds of standards or ideals of scholarship came in their place? How different were the competences or dispositions that Orientalists in 1930 were expected to display from templates of “professionalism” cultivated around 1870? What were the virtues and skills demanded from those considering a career in Orientalist studies and how did such expectations vary across time, place, and discipline?

The conference brought together specialists in the history of different disciplines – Arabic Studies, Sinology and Indology amongst others – to inquire whether a focus on scholarly personae can offer alternatives to both biographical case studies and institutional histories of the sort that have long dominated the history of Orientalism. Please find the full programme [here](#).

11 MARCH

Workshop *Jihad: Between Theory and Practice*  
 Convened by Jelle Bruning. In cooperation with Global Interactions

Modern discussions on jihad and the spread and defense of militant ideologies in Islam tend to focus on current issues, such as Muslim foreign fighters, militant Islam in Europe, and extreme violence endorsed by Muslim groups in the Middle East and North Africa. Yet, such modern issues stand in a long tradition of which elements, such as the foreign fighter phenomenon, date back to the early centuries of Muslim history.

This workshop brought together international scholarly expertise on both modern and classical Islam and studied the diversity of ideas and practices behind jihad. With a diachronic and interdisciplinary approach, it addressed the interpretations of jihad, its organization, and ways to spread jihad-related ideology. Please find the full programme [here](#).

19-20 MAY

Conference *Amulets and Talismans in the Muslim World*  
 Convened by Hayat Ahlili and Marcela Probert  
 Co-sponsored by LUF and LIAS

Located at the intersection of the studies of material culture, history, religion, and anthropology, this multi-disciplinary conference focused on the role amulets and talismans have played in the Muslim world. The convenors sought to understand how different Muslim communities and individuals pursue their religiosity when unfastened from specific local and temporal settings and how amulets and talismans become articulated with other elements of local religiosities in rural, urban and different social contexts by exploring local ways of engagement with the sacred space, natural forces and unexplainable phenomena and their impact to devotional experiences where amulets play a role. The conference addressed the following lines of inquiry in 6 panels:

1. the study of amulets and talismans comprised in collections;
2. methodological approaches that different disciplines have proposed for the study of amulets and talismans;
3. different kinds of power that amulets and talismans bear and convey;
4. physical features and materiality of amulets and talismans;
5. amulets and talismans within ritual processes;
6. influence of medieval texts and traditions in the development of amulets and talismans.

Please find the full programme [here](#).

15 JUNE

Workshop *Violence, Displacement and Muslim Movements in Southeast Asia*  
 Convened by David Kloos (KITLV) and Amrita Malhi (Australian National University and University of Adelaide).  
 In cooperation with KITLV; co-funded by a LUCIS Guarantee Grant

This workshop focused on how diverse manifestations of violence – such as warfare, enclosure, insurgency, rebellion, and displacement – influenced the construction of Muslim subjects and movements in Southeast Asia, from the mid-colonial period to the early years of independent nation-states.

Covering areas such as Aceh and Java (Netherlands Indies/Indonesia), Mindanao (The Philippines), Patani (Siam/Thailand) and the Thai-Malay(sian) border, contributions to this workshop paid particular attention to peripheral zones, not fully-incorporated by the state-making projects of expansionary centres. In these areas, state-making took the form of the violent territorial and political enclosure of Muslim peoples. Often, these peoples' religious ideas and practices had not yet been subjected to the regulatory projects involved in incorporation into territorial state structures, although they embodied diverse connections with broader, not-yet-severed, modes of circulation across a “Muslim” global geography.

This workshop did not search for theological or jurisprudential justification in Islam's textual corpus for acts of violence against colonial rule. Nor did it pursue a typology of Islamic reform movements. Rather, we aimed at considering how the violence and dislocation enacted by expansionary states shaped the conditions for creative political, social and theological challenges to those states from their unwilling, yet increasingly integrated, peripheries. Please find the full programme [here](#).

22-24 JUNE

Conference *Interfaith Love: Love, Sex and Marriage in the Islamic World from the Middle Ages to the Present*.  
 Convened by Petra de Bruijn, Asghar Seyed-Gohrab and colleagues from Italy.  
 Co-funded by LUF

This international conference explored, through a diachronic, interdisciplinary and comparative approach, how interfaith love is perceived and represented in historical, religious, legal, literary and artistic sources, both Islamic and non-Islamic. Narratives of interfaith love mirror a society's understanding of cultural cross-influence, with its “dangers” and “seductions”. As interfaith love concerns all the religious cultures involved in the process, the Islamic view will be complemented with that of other relevant cultures intertwined with Islam. This conference brought into focus the many facets of representation of this theme and traced its metamorphoses at turning points in history. Please find the full programme [here](#).

12-15 JULY

*Thirteenth Conference of the School of Abbasid Studies*  
 Convened by Maaïke van Berkel (Radboud University) and Petra Sijpesteijn  
 Hosted by LUCIS and co-funded by the Juynboll Stichting, Stichting Oosters Instituut, and the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW)

The School of Abbasid Studies provides a forum for the discussion of the political, cultural, social, economic, religious and intellectual life of the Abbasid Caliphate from c.700 – c.1250 C.E., a time span approximately bounded by the formative period of early Islam and the invasion of the Mongols. The aim of the School is to bring together scholars working on the Abbasid world but in disciplines which would rarely “talk” together – working towards a holistic contemplation of the Abbasid world. The conferences of the School of Abbasid Studies take place every two years and are organized in sessions of two thirty-minute papers that are publicly discussed. The conferences are small-scale; the duration of each conference is four days and no more than about twenty-four papers are scheduled.

The thirteenth conference of the School of Abbasid Studies was hosted and organised by LUCIS and took place at Leiden University. Please find the full programme [here](#).

8 SEPTEMBER

Book presentation *Modernity, Minority, and the Public Sphere: Jews and Christians in the Middle East*  
 In cooperation with Brill

The fourth book in the peer-reviewed LUCIS book series *Leiden Studies in Islam and Society* (Brill), edited by Sasha Goldstein-Sabbah (Leiden University) and Heleen Murre-van den Berg (Radboud University), explores the many facets associated with the questions of modernity and minority in the context of religious communities in the Middle East by focusing on inter-communal dialogues and identity construction among the Jewish and Christian communities of the Middle East and paying special attention to the concept of space. This volume draws examples of these issues from experiences in the public sphere such as education, public performance, and political engagement discussing how religious communities were perceived and how they perceived themselves.

Based on the conference proceedings from the 2013 annual LUCIS conference entitled “Common Ground? Changing Interpretations of Public Space in the Middle East among Jews, Christians and Muslims in the 19th and 20th Century” this volume presents a variety of cases of minority engagement in Middle Eastern society.

28 SEPTEMBER

Masterclass by Salim Tamari

*Ottoman and Colonial Modernities in the Transformation of the Urban Sphere*

During this masterclass, aimed at MA and PhD students from Leiden University, views about Ottoman neglect of public planning, common in retrospective scholarship about the Mandate period, were examined and challenged.

At the end of the 19th century a regional urban network emerged in southern Syria which involved a substantial amount of infrastructural planning (roads, railroads and telegraphic communication) and created a complimentary system of defensive boundaries for the southern flanks of the Ottoman empire. Within this triad a new regional division of function that did not exist before emerged: the provincial administrative capital (Jerusalem); the port city (Jaffa) linking the province to external trade and pilgrimage; and the frontier garrison town, Beersheba. Within each city the Ottoman authorities, both central and local, created new public domains that echoed a vision of Istanbul modernity, adapted to local conditions.

Public ceremonial architecture such as the *sebils*, government Saraya, telegraph monuments, and clock towers, were standardized Ottoman edifices that attempted to celebrate the centralized grandeur of the Tanzimat state, and integrate the Arab provincial capitals within the Anatolian-Arab homeland. These features were accelerated and redefined by the onset of WWI. They also functioned as the arenas of deploying public support for imperial modernity and its constitutional reforms. During the Constitutional Revolution of 1908, and the following agitation against the Hamidian dictatorship, these arenas became the centers for popular mobilization.

While extensive social differentiation accompanied the growth and expansion of Syrian cities at the turn of the century, the popular conception of a *kulturkampf* involving a conflicted modernity of coastal metropolitan Jaffa and a bureaucratic religious domain of Jerusalem – and another one between Jaffa and Tel Aviv – has been widely challenged. Rather, considerable ethnic and class conflicts emerged within these cities, rather than between them. These cleavages took the form of peripheral townships of working-class dwellings and itinerant labour surrounding the traditional qasaba of the city (in case of Jaffa), and the rapid expansion (after 1910) of planned and spontaneous middle class habitat in the north and west of Jerusalem. Soon after the Mandate much of the ethnic religious separation in habitat was translated in national struggle over land between Zionism and Palestinian nationalism.

For a short biography of Salim Tamari, [see A3.1](#) (3rd What's New lecture on 29 September).

30 SEPTEMBER

Faculty roundtable with Salim Tamari

*Working with Diaries in Research*

“[P]lease read my diary, look through my things and figure me out.” The diary is one of the most insightful primary sources available to researchers. From being a biographer's primary source for his object of study to being an art historian's window that sheds light on a work of art, the diary is a valuable tool in various fields of research. However, reading, contextualizing and interpreting a diary as a source for research comes with its own manual, posing a set of challenges to its user. This roundtable, chaired by Petra Sijpesteijn, brought together academics from various disciplines to discuss the opportunities and difficulties when working with diaries as source material. How do you ‘use’ unedited (and therefore sometimes not very accessible) diaries for research? How can various types of diaries be classified? What are the possibilities and limitations of using diaries for research? What difference in approach is there between studying published diaries and private diaries? These and other questions were addressed during this faculty roundtable.

9 NOVEMBER

Masterclass by Jürgen Paul

*Local and Imperial Rule. Theoretical Approaches and Concepts*

In this masterclass, aimed at advanced undergraduate students, graduate students and PhD students from Leiden University, Jürgen Paul discussed the *khidma* relationship. *Khidma* is the term for a relationship between a lord and his servant. The servant can be part of the lordly household, but does not have to. At the same time, *khidma* denotes a set of ceremonies, forms of entering such a relationship. *Khidma* is also a term for the presence of the lord and his immediate entourage. In his latest research, Jürgen Paul has shown that *khidma* was widespread in the later Seljuq period; it also was current earlier and later. The relationship created between lord and servant can usefully be compared to relations of servitude and bondage within the patrimonial household on the one hand and to “feudal” relations on the other.

For a short biography of Jürgen Paul, [see A3.1](#) (8th What's New lecture on 10 November).

11 NOVEMBER

Faculty Roundtable with Jürgen Paul  
*Nomads and Sedentaries*

This faculty roundtable, with contributions by Jürgen Paul, Remke Kruk and Mirjam de Bruijn, addressed the assumed dichotomy between the nomadic and sedentary worlds.

“For this (reason), greater fortitude is found among the savage Arab Bedouins than among people who are subject to laws. Furthermore, those who rely on laws and are dominated by them (...) are thereby deprived of much of their own fortitude.” For Ibn Khaldun (d. 1406), the differences between the nomadic and sedentary worlds were the driving forces behind most historic events, dictating the rise and fall of empires and even the characters of most men.

Today, although no longer framed within a dualistic civilizational theory, the interactions between these worlds are still subject to scientific research. But to what extent do these interactions differ from interactions between other groups? This roundtable, chaired by Petra Sijpesteijn, brought together academics from various disciplines to discuss the theoretical challenges when studying the relationship between nomadic and sedentary groups.

18 NOVEMBER

Symposium in honour of Dr Jan Schmidt  
Organised by the Department of Middle Eastern Studies, the University Library and LUCIS. Co-sponsored by the Juynboll Stichting

After a long and fruitful career, Dr Jan Schmidt retired late 2016. To celebrate his scholarship, the Department of Middle Eastern Studies, in cooperation with the University Library and LUCIS, organised a one-day symposium.

23-25 NOVEMBER

LUCIS 7th annual conference  
*Memory and Commemoration in Islamic Central Asia*  
Convened by Gabrielle van den Berg and Elena Paskaleva

The 7th annual conference of LUCIS focused on Islamic Central Asia, both from a historical and contemporary perspective. Central Asia today is often regarded as a periphery of the Islamic world, but this region with its fluid borders, stretching into present-day Afghanistan, Russia, China, Mongolia, Iran and the Caucasus, has been for a long period the cradle of empires that ruled over large parts of the globe.

Central Asia in the past has been at the heart of the trade network known as the Silk Road, a premodern highway of global interaction. The idea of a New Silk Road today demonstrates Central Asia's increasing importance as a centre stage of geopolitical interests. Comprehending the complex history of Central Asia by taking into account its dynastic and regional historiographies and more recent nationalistic narratives is crucial for perceiving the current dynamics of this vast region.

Analyzing commemorative practices across Central Asia may provide a prolific framework to outline the complexity of its group identities, in modern times often constructed as nationalistic narratives. In this conference we proposed to focus on the notion of memory and commemoration in Central Asia from past and present perspectives, in a broad sense, in order to shed light on the complexities of this fascinating and understudied region.

Rather than focusing on a single period, medium or language of commemorative practices, the conference took a comparative and connective perspective. Questions that were addressed included:

- Narratives: how does literary and artistic production reflect imperial ideology and commemorative culture? How were dynastic members commemorated and rehabilitated? How were genealogies concocted and manipulated in order to commemorate the ancestral origins? How were important events commemorated?
- Sites: How were visions of kingship articulated in commemorative dynastic shrines and landscapes across Central Asia? How did religiously diverse commemorative practices contribute to the development of a distinct royal visual morphology? How were urban centres transformed through the diverse visual lexicon of local Islamic cult activities? How are historical shrines and cults commemorated in the present?
- Religions: How was commemorative culture influenced by orthodox Islam and Sufism? What was the impact of these complex theological interactions on the intellectual life and artistic production throughout Central Asia? How are religious commemorative practices used in contemporary nationalistic discourses?

Please find the full programme [here](#).

9-10 DECEMBER

Workshop *The Meaning of Hair in Medieval Islam*  
 Convened by Petra Sijpesteijn

In this workshop the sociological meaning of hair in medieval Islam was explored. The aim of the workshop was to learn how hair, the cutting and growing of it, functioned in religion, theology, rituals, legal contexts, and other social settings in the medieval Muslim world. Eight speakers presented case studies on the meanings of hair in medieval Islam and two commentators offered a comparative perspective from the Byzantine and medieval European world. The programme of the workshop can be found [here](#).

12-14 DECEMBER

Conference *Ocean of Law II: Islamic Legal Crossings in the Indian Ocean World*  
 Convened by Mahmood Kooria and Sanne Ravensbergen  
 In cooperation with and co-funded by the Institute for History

Scholars from various countries, disciplines and expertise came together and presented their research on histories of Islamic law in different regions of the Indian Ocean littoral. The conference was opened by a keynote speech by Iza Hussin (Cambridge University) who analysed how Islam was formulated as the state religion in nineteenth-century Johor in the Malay world and how it provided contents for state legislation and policy. Ronit Ricci (Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Australia National University) and Léon Buskens (Leiden University and NIMAR) also delivered keynote speeches on the circulation of Islam, its law, texts and/or people. In her speech, Ricci explored nuances of Islamization, vernacular writing, and frontiers in the histories of Malay Muslims in colonial Sri Lanka. Buskens investigated the life and career of Snouck Hurgronje, the Dutch Arabist and advisor to the Dutch colonial government, with regard to the reinvention of Islamic law and discovery of *adat* law.

Apart from the keynote speeches, there were seven panels in total which were chaired by Jatin Dua (University of Michigan), Robert Gleave (University of Exeter), Debjani Bhattacharyya (Drexel University) Carolien Stolte, Alicia Schrikker, Anita van Dissel, and Jos Gommans (all from the Leiden University Institute for History). The panels were not organized thematically as all papers were more or less connected to each other on Islamic legal cultures of the Indian Ocean world.

The complete programme can be found on the special [webpage](#) of the conference. The conference proceedings will be published as an edited volume in the Leiden Studies in Islam and Society series.

12-15 DECEMBER

Four-day workshop *Egypt Incorporated: Economic, Political and Cultural Developments from Late Antiquity to Islam*. Convened by Jelle Bruining & Petra Sijpesteijn. In cooperation with the Lorentz Center

This four-day workshop was partly funded by LUCIS, and 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). It brought together a varied group of international experts and young scholars in order to reassess Egypt's economic, political and cultural position in the Mediterranean between ca. 600 and 1000 CE – a period that was highly significant for various processes and developments in the history of the Mediterranean and the Near East.

Egypt is often considered a peripheral area in modern scholarly discussions on this period. On the basis of new findings from archaeological, documentary and literary sources, this workshop reassessed the ways in which the foundation and rise of the Muslim Empire resulted in new networks and interactions, by connecting areas and facilitating exchanges along new routes and according to new social and political formations. Rather than being a marginal and peripheral area and thanks to its location and its abundant resources, Egypt played a substantial role in the maintaining of the Roman and Muslim Empire and in processes of political, economic, social and cultural transformation. This workshop focuses on this key role of Egypt. The programme was diversified and interactive, alternating subgroup sessions with thematic lectures and discussions, peer-review discussions of pre-circulated papers and plenary sessions. The complete programme can be found [here](#).

14 DECEMBER

Symposium *Crossroads Arabia: Perspectives on Cultural Exchange between Pre-Islamic Arabia and the Outside World*  
 Convened by Ahmad Al-Jallad. Organised in cooperation with the Leiden Center for the Study of Ancient Arabia (LeiCenSAA), Nederlands Instituut voor het Nabije Oosten (NINO), Stichting Oosters Instituut and Juynboll Stichting

Recent archaeological and epigraphic missions to the Arabian Peninsula have revealed far-reaching cultural interactions between its inhabitants and the great civilizations of the Fertile Crescent. This symposium gathered prominent scholars on the epigraphy and archaeology of Arabia to put into perspective these interactions in an attempt to better integrate Arabia into the history of the Ancient Near East. Talks focused on South Arabia, the Central Arabia Arab tribes, and the great oases of North Arabian, Tayma<sup>ˆ</sup> and Dadan. Speakers were Caroline Waerzeggers (Leiden University), Michael Macdonald (Oxford University), Alessia Prioletta (CNRS) and Fokelien Kootstra (Leiden University). Ahmad Al-Jallad also presented the results of the first season of the Leiden-CNRS-SCTH Thaj Archaeological Project, the excavation of the largest pre-Islamic site in eastern Arabia.

15 DECEMBER

3rd Leiden Lecture on Ancient Arabian Civilization by Arnulf Hausleiter  
*The Oasis of Tayma, Northwest Arabia: 6000 Years of Cultural Contacts and Exchange*. Organised in cooperation with the Leiden Center for the Study of Ancient Arabia (LeiCenSAA), Nederlands Instituut voor het Nabije Oosten (NINO), Stichting Oosters Instituut and Juynboll Stichting

Tayma was an important trading post on the trade routes leading from Southern Arabia to Syro-Mesopotamia and the Levant. Occupied since the 4th millennium BC, it was during the last part of the 1st millennium BC that Tayma interacted with neighbouring oases. This period also saw the its occupation by the Babylonian monarch Nabonidus, before it became part of the Nabataean sphere and was probably also under Roman-Byzantine influence. The city played an important role in the expansion of Islam towards the Levant as well. The Saudi-German excavation of the oasis has shed unprecedented light on the cosmopolitan history of Tayma, and its importance for the history of pre-Islamic Arabia.

**Arnulf Hausleiter** is a Near Eastern archaeologist currently based at the Orient Department of Berlin's German Archaeological Institute (DAI). He was assistant professor at Berlin's Freie Universität (1997-2002), and at the Carsten Niebuhr Institute, University of Copenhagen (2003), and guest professor at Vienna University (2003-2004). He is currently teaching at the Freie Universität Berlin.

Since 2004 he has been co-directing the Saudi-German multidisciplinary field project at the oasis of Tayma, Northwest Arabia. Following his research interests in Bronze and Iron Age civilisations in the Near East, he participated to excavations at the Assyrian capital Ashur, Iraq, and co-directed a survey of the lower town of the provincial Assyrian town Til Barsip, Syria. Since 2009 he has been working in the city of Arbil, Iraqi Kurdistan.

16 DECEMBER

Double lecture on religion in Africa by Jacob Olupona and Afe Adogame  
*Reconsidering Religion: Muslim-Christian Relations, Nation-Building, and Citizenship in Nigeria* by Jacob Olupona

Since Nigeria's independence in 1960, the contentious interactions between Christians and Muslims have posed major obstacles in the pathway of citizenship, civil society, and nation-building in the country. This lecture examined how such religious conflicts between Muslims and Christians may illuminate many of the problems faced by the Nigerian nation-state. Providing an historical overview of this complex relationship, Olupona shifted our attention away from the conventional theological debates that underscore the saliency of "interfaith dialogue," insisting on peaceful co-existence, tolerance, accommodation, and reconciliation among adherents of these two world religions, to a perspective that emphasized a more phenomenological approach. This perspective underscored the ways in which the nation's supposedly "secular" history may be interpreted as having many religious

underpinnings, emphasizing complex historical, political, social, and economic forces that are implicated in Nigeria's enduring religious crisis.

**Jacob K. Olupona**, who joined the Faculty of Divinity and Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University in 2006, is a noted scholar of indigenous African religions. His current research focuses on the religious practices of the estimated one million Africans who have emigrated to the United States over the last 40 years, examining in particular several populations that remain relatively invisible in the American religious landscape: "reverse missionaries" who have come to the United States to establish churches, African Pentecostals in American congregations, American branches of independent African churches, and indigenous African religious communities in the United States. His earlier research ranged across African spirituality and ritual practices, spirit possession, Pentecostalism, Yoruba festivals, animal symbolism, icons, phenomenology, and religious pluralism in Africa and the Americas.

*Indigenous Ways of Knowing: Negotiating Authenticity and Knowledges in Indigenous African Epistemologies* by Afe Adogame

The historiography of African religions/spiritualities provides a significant template for understanding and deconstructing indigenous epistemologies within global academic studies. In this lecture Afe Adogame explored multiple modes of negotiating meaning, authenticity and knowledges in indigenous African epistemologies by academics and religious practitioners. While African divination systems have attracted fairly robust scholarly attention, some dynamic aspects of the divinatory process in the context of globalization and the emerging power contestation of meaning and interpretation have not been accorded sufficient scrutiny. Adogame demonstrated how and to what extent the resilience and transformation of divinatory meanings, systems and practices in indigenous African religious traditions and contemporary forms of Christianity and Islam in Africa are generating new power discourses of meaning and interpretation centered on ways of knowing. His talk illuminated how the digitization of divination as a new trope of knowing is an instance of the institutionalization of indigenous religious beliefs and praxis transnationally, and demonstrated how adherents engage in producing and contesting trans-national relationships regarding what constitutes religious cosmologies and praxis.

**Afeosemime "Afe" Adogame**, the Maxwell M. Upson Professor of Christianity and Society at Princeton University, is a leading scholar of the African Diaspora. He holds a PhD in history of religions from the University of Bayreuth in Germany and has served as associate professor of world Christianity and religious studies, and director international at School of Divinity, New College, at The University of Edinburgh in Scotland. His teaching and research interests are broad, but tend to focus on interrogating new dynamics of religious experiences and expressions in Africa and the African Diaspora, with a particular focus on African Christianities and new indigenous religious movements; the interconnectedness between religion and migration, globalization, politics, economy, media and the civil society.

### A3.4 Activities relevant for debates in society or related to current events

1 FEBRUARY – 31 MARCH

Photo Exhibition: *The Spiritual Highway – Religious World Making in Megacity Lagos*

Together with the award-winning Nigerian photographer Akintunde Akinleye, anthropologist Marloes Janson hit the road in the summer of 2013 to map the most important and busiest Nigerian road, the 120-kilometer long Lagos-Ibadan Expressway. While it has failed as the artery linking the north and the south of Nigeria, the highway has succeeded as a stage for the performance of public religiosity to the extent that it can be described as a “Spiritual Highway”. It owes this name to the fact that over the past three decades numerous Christian and Muslim prayer camps have sprung up along the highway. Despite the sharp division between Muslims and Christians in Nigerian society, the photographs visualize that the prayer camps have much in common in terms of both activities and discourse. The convergence of Christian and Muslim elements makes the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway a true crossroads. At this crossroads prayer camps act as road-builders in rendering meaningful the unstable flux of life in megacity Lagos.

**Akintunde Akinleye** is an award winning photographer who lives in Lagos and works for Reuters in Nigeria. He was awarded a prize in the prestigious World Press Photo contest in the Netherlands in 2007 with an iconic photograph of a man rinsing soot from his face at the scene of an oil pipeline explosion in Lagos, December 2006. It was the beauty of a tragedy which claimed the lives of 269 people that made the official signage of the 19th edition of international photojournalism festival in Perpignan, France in 2007. An award fellow of the National Geographic Society- All Roads photo project, Akinleye has attended conferences and seminars in editorial and documentary photography in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Lagos. He was a resident fellow of the Thami Mnyele Art foundation in Amsterdam and has had his work exhibited in Washington, Los Angeles, New Mexico, Lagos, Amsterdam, Graz, Bamako, Madrid, Munich, U.K and Pordenone in Italy.

**Marloes Janson’s** research is at the intersection of anthropology and religion. West Africa (the Gambia, Senegal and Nigeria) are her ethnographic areas of specialization. She has conducted ethnographic research in the Gambia since 1996 on various research projects relating to popular culture, oral history, Islamic reform, gender and youth. In 2010 she switched her research field to Lagos, Nigeria, where she is exploring the emergence of “Chrislam”, a religious movement that fuses Christian and Muslim beliefs and practices. Her research interests are reflected in her teaching. Before joining SOAS in 2012, she has been a researcher at the Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO) in Berlin.

12 FEBRUARY

Panel discussion: *Tunisia is the way*

Co-sponsored by the Embassy of Tunisia in The Hague

On 12 February LUCIS organized a panel discussion commemorating the five-year anniversary of the Arab Spring in Tunisia. On 18 December 2010 Mohammed Bouazizi expressed his frustration with the lack of perspective in Tunisian society by setting fire to himself. His tragic suicide set in motion what became known as the Arab Spring. In two months the regime of Ben Ali was toppled, with the last member of the regime stepping down at the end of February. Five years later Tunisia’s turbulent path towards building a democracy is considered to be a rare success story in the Middle East, with the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to the National Dialogue Quartet, the most visible proof thereof.

But is this so? The panel looked into this question by analyzing the current state of affairs in Tunisia. What are today’s achievements and challenges? Will the democratic government be able to survive the destabilizing effects of terrorism and the economic upheaval? To what extent is the Tunisian case unique in the Middle East? The panel consisted of Tunisian academics and activists.

For an interview with Petra Sijpesteijn about the panel discussion, see this article: [“Five years after the Arab Spring: Is Tunisia the only success?”](#)

21 MARCH

Panel discussion: *Iran and the Arab World*

Convened by Maaïke Warnaar

On 3 January 2016, the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Tehran was attacked and set on fire by an angry mob in protest against the execution of a Shia cleric by the Saudi Arabian government. In the following days, the already sour relationship between Iran and Saudi Arabia further deteriorated. Several embassies were shut down, the Iranian embassy in Yemen allegedly was bombed by Saudi Arabian forces and a number of vague and not-so-vague threats were sent back and forth between the two countries.

This panel sought to explore the present-day relationship between Iran and the Arab world. What caused the deterioration of ties between Iran and Arab states, especially with Saudi Arabia and the other Gulf states? What can knowledge of differences between Sunni and Shia tell us about regional conflicts and about the deterioration of ties between Iran and Saudi Arabia? What are the consequences of increased rivalry between Iran and the Gulf for regional conflicts, particularly Iraq and Syria? The panel, with contributions by Paul Aarts (University of Amsterdam), Luciano Zaccari (Georgetown University in Doha) and Sara Masry (an independent Saudi blogger), was moderated by Maaïke Warnaar.

12 APRIL

LUCIS Annual Lecture by Driss Moussaoui  
*A Psychiatrist in a Muslim Country*

In this lecture, Driss Moussaoui discussed the need to address religious issues in health care and the practice of medicine, especially in a society that is deeply rooted in religion such as Morocco. In addition he talked about his work in civil society, especially during his time as president of the Collectif Démocratie et Modernité.

**Professor Driss Moussaoui** is the founder of the Ibn Rushd University Psychiatric Centre in Casablanca and served as its president from 1979 to 2013. He was also director of the Casablanca WHO Collaborating Centre in Mental Health from 1992 to 2013. He was president of the Moroccan Society of Psychiatry and of the Arab Federation of Psychiatrists. He edited or co-edited 11 books and more than 150 papers in international journals. He has been involved in studies about the relation between mental health and religion, in cases such as Ramadan fasting (especially for bipolar patients) and male circumcision.

In cooperation with the WPA Executive Committee he founded the Jean Delay Prize in 1999 and is currently the scientific director of the series International Anthologies of Classic Psychiatric Texts (World Psychiatric Association).

4 MAY

Lecture by Taghreed Al-Tasan  
*Philosophy of Happiness*

During this lecture the Saudi-Arabian writer Taghreed Al-Tasan introduced her new book *Philosophy of Happiness* in which she comments on recent matters of Arabic societies. In her book, being an advocate of an up-to date interpretation of the role of women, she relies on an enlightened understanding of Islam and encourages dialogue and tolerance among different confessions and religions. She also emphasizes the importance of education for a new generation of responsible citizens. Empathically she warns of blind obedience and faith put into false religious authorities that may lead to radicalism and, eventually, terrorism. With her book, she provides a unique, exclusive view of the daily life and the important topics related to Arab society.

**Taghreed Al-Tasan** was born 1972 in Saudi-Arabia and studied educational studies and psychology in the United States. She worked as a teacher and as head of a kindergarten before she started on her career as a journalist. Taghreed Al-Tasan represents a different type of Saudi women than the one we have come to expect. Head of her own publishing agency Taghreed Publications, she actively campaigns against social issues and engages in discussions with men as well as women. She is the author of a weekly column for the biggest Arab newspaper *Al-Hayat*, is member of different social committees, and is campaigning for women in Saudi-Arabia.

24 MAY

Panel discussion: *“polder” jihadis*. Convened by Maurits Berger

Not much is known about the motives of Dutch jihadis to travel to the IS caliphate in Syria, even less about their daily lives at place. On the occasion of the publication of the report *Destination Syria: An Exploratory Study into the Daily Lives of Dutch ‘Syria Travellers’* (in Dutch: *Bestemming Syrië. Een exploratieve studie naar de leefsituatie van Nederlandse ‘uitreizigers’ in Syrië*) by Daan Weggemans, Ruud Peters, Edwin Bakker and Roel de Bont, LUCIS organised a panel discussion to share the results of this report with a broad audience and to discuss it from various perspectives. The discussion, in Dutch, was moderated by Maurits Berger.

The panellists were two of the authors of the report, Ruud Peters and Daan Weggemans, Allard Feddes, a social psychologist at the University of Amsterdam who researches radicalization processes, and Stijn Sieckelinck, who has a PhD in social educational theory and currently works on a book about the power of reradicalisation as philosophy and strategy against extremism.

Read this article about the report (in Dutch): [“Paneldiscussie over uniek onderzoek naar leefsituatie Syriëgangers”](#).

17 JUNE

Expert meeting related to the Henriette van Lynden lecture on 16 June  
*Citizenship and the Absence of the State in the Middle East*

On the occasion of the Henriette van Lynden lecture [Democracy in the Middle East: A Distant Dream?](#) (16 June), the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in cooperation with LUCIS, organized an expert meeting on 17 June on citizenship and the absence of the state in the Middle East.

States in the Middle East have increasingly become unable to provide basic social and economic security for their citizens, forcing people to look for services like healthcare with alternative providers or self-organize. Participants in the meeting were asked to reflect on what the consequences are of the absent (failed?) civil state on citizenship. How does it impact the position, status and role of political regimes? What alternative forms of organized and ad hoc provisions has the failure to provide civil services by the political regimes led to? Do (can) such initiatives exist in competition with or at the service of political regimes? Are they part of a civil society? Do (can) these projects undermine or contribute to democratization processes? And lastly, what has the role of international organisations such as the IMF and UN been in this?

The lecture’s panellists – Iyad El-Baghdadi, writer and human rights activist, Maha Yahya, director of the Carnegie Middle East Center in Beirut, and Eva R. Bellin, professor of Arab Politics and author of *Stalled Democracy: Capital Labor and the Paradox of State-Sponsored Development* – participated in the meeting.

10 SEPTEMBER

Lecture by Aaron Tugendhaft

*The Idols of ISIS*

Organized in cooperation with NINO and the Ancient Worlds Network Leiden

On February 26, 2015, the Islamic State released a video onto the internet depicting destruction of ancient sculptures in the Mosul Museum, claiming that these sculptures were idols that needed to be destroyed, while international organizations responded that they belonged to Iraqi and world heritage and needed to be preserved. This talk explored how religion, politics, and art intersect in this image of image destruction and raise questions about the aestheticization of politics in the age of the selfie.

**Aaron Tugendhaft** studies the interplay of religion, politics, and the arts, particularly in the ancient Middle East. He received his Ph.D. from the Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at New York University in 2012 and also holds degrees in Art History and Social Thought from the University of Chicago. Before joining the Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts, Aaron was a postdoctoral fellow in the Graduate School for Ancient Studies at the Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich. Before that he was a research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin. He is the editor, with Josh Ellenbogen, of the volume *Idol Anxiety* (Stanford 2011). In 2013, he received the Jonas Greenfield Prize for Younger Semitists from the American Oriental Society.

23 SEPTEMBER

Panel discussion

*Yemen as a Battleground: Shifting Power Dynamics in the Gulf and Beyond*

Convened by Tsolin Nalbantian

Shifting political, economic, and social dynamics in the Gulf and beyond have transformed Yemen into a site of struggle between competing local and regional powers. How – and why – did Yemen go from being celebrated for its unseating of long-time President Ali Abdullah Saleh in 2011 to becoming the target of continued Saudi military bombardment and a source for American and European anxiety? What internal factors, local to Yemen, have facilitated this transformation? How have regional and international power dynamics, such as the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the United Nations, mired Yemen to conflict?

Certain terms have become commonplace in local and international media outlets that attempt to cover the story, such as Houthis, Zaidism, and Shi'ism. Used interchangeably, the reader is often left without absorbing the implications of their usage or understanding their shared or individual histories. The ability to characterize the continued bombing of Yemen as the more innocuous “Saudi intervention,” highlights a public relations campaign that dulls the intensifying humanitarian crises and continued inability of international aid agencies to deliver crucial aid to the Yemini population.

This panel brought together academics, journalists, and activists to examine how Yemen has become an arena for regional and international states to exercise power and control. Through the panelists' presentations and their ensuing discussions with audience members on the ongoing bombing campaigns in Yemen and its short and long term repercussions the region, we can better understand the region as well as offer texture to Dutch and global media coverage that support the continued military campaigns in Yemen.

Panelists were Iona Craig, an independent journalist who was previously based in Yemen from 2010 to 2015 as *The Times* (of London) Yemen correspondent; Sara Ishaq, a Yemeni-Scottish film maker; and Belkis Wille, the Yemen and Kuwait researcher at Human Rights Watch.

Prior to the panel discussion, LUCIS organized the screening of *The Mulberry House*, a film by Sara Ishaq, on 22 September. *The Mulberry House* focuses on the events that led to the ousting of president Ali Abdullah Saleh and shows how the revolt affected Sara Ishaq's family and her own relationship with her family, particularly with her father. You can watch the trailer [here](#).

10 OCTOBER

Poetry reading session

*Commitment and Poetry: Najwan Darwish and Mia You*

Co-funded by the A.M. Qattan Foundation and the Lutfia Rabbani Foundation

This event brought together the two young and talented poets Najwan Darwish and Mia You for a poetry-reading session, followed by a discussion moderated by Petra de Bruijn which addressed questions regarding commitment in literature, fluid identities, and the power of the word as a way of representation and a vehicle for change.

**Najwan Darwish** is a Palestinian poet, journalist, and literary advisor. In 2009, Hay Festival Beirut named him one of the 39 best Arab writers under the age of 40. His collection of poetry, *Nothing More to Lose* (New York Review Books), which was translated into English by Kareem James Abu-Zeid, has received many positive reviews in the national and international literary scene. He is the Chief Editor of the Cultural Section of *Al Araby Al Jadeed* newspaper.

**Mia You** was born in South Korea, raised in the United States, and currently lives in the Netherlands. She is the author of the poetry collection *I, Too, Dislike It* (1913 Press, 2016) and the chapbook *Objective Practice* (Achiote Press, 2007). With Chloe Garcia Roberts, she founded A. BRADSTREET; she is also an editor at Perdu, an experimental literary podium in Amsterdam, and a contributing editor at *The Critical Flame*.

11 OCTOBER

Poetry workshop

*Entangling Palestinian and Dutch Poetry: Najwan Darwish and Anne Vegter*  
Co-funded by the A.M. Qattan Foundation and the Lutfia Rabbani Foundation

Human rights and democracy are universal topics relevant to both Dutch and Palestinian society. Palestinian life is mainly studied from the prisms of politics and conflict, while other cultural products are often overlooked. With this workshop, moderated by Yra van Dijk, Professor of Modern Dutch Literature in a Global Perspective, LUCIS aimed at creating a dialogue between Dutch and Palestinian culture through poetry. The workshop showed the versatility of literature as a source for the understanding of the historical, political, and societal tropes used in Palestinian poetry and compared these with what can be found in Dutch poetry. What is universal and what is unique for the Palestinian and Dutch cases?

For this purpose, Najwan Darwish (Palestine) and Anne Vegter (the Netherlands), two renowned national and international poets, read and analysed a selection of their poetry with an international group of students from Leiden University and Birzeit University through a livestream connection.

Both poets have participated in many poetry platforms such as the prestigious Poetry International Rotterdam. They have also had notable stands on issues related to human rights and democracy. Vegter has been involved in the political and literary discussions about the Arab world and their link to the European/Dutch society. Darwish looks at time comparatively through bridging the past with the present to stress the increasing atrocities in our present time.

The poetry workshop tackled questions such as: how can poetry, as a craft, function on different registers, like the personal and the communal, the mundane and the heroic, and the sadness and happiness in life? How do these poets express their emotions and thoughts regarding issues of land, identity, and relations with 'the other'? And what is the link between the original poem and its translation? These thematic and linguistic tropes were discussed through a comparative reading of the poems of Darwish and Vegter. The discussion was stimulated by the two poets' conviction of the power of the word as a way of representation and a vehicle for change.

About **Najwan Darwish** – see above

**Anne Vegter** is the first female "National Poet" of The Netherlands. She has been praised for her spontaneity in writing and her precise use of words in creating the atmosphere of her poems. Vegter has been extremely involved in national and international concerns and debates, especially with regard to the issue of refugees in the Netherlands.

11 OCTOBER

Lecture by Marwan M. Kraidy

*The Naked Blogger of Cairo*

In cooperation with Leiden University College in The Hague

Uprisings spread like wildfire across the Arab world from 2010 to 2012, fuelled by a desire for popular sovereignty. In Tunisia, Egypt, Syria, and elsewhere, protesters flooded the streets and the media, voicing dissent through slogans, graffiti, puppetry, videos, and satire that called for the overthrow of dictators and the regimes that sustained them.

Investigating what drives people to risk everything to express themselves in rebellious art, *The Naked Blogger of Cairo* uncovers the creative insurgency at the heart of the Arab uprisings. While commentators have stressed the role of social media, Marwan M. Kraidy shows that the essential medium of political expression was not cell phone texts or Twitter but something more fundamental: the human body. Brutal governments that coerced citizens through torture and rape found themselves confronted with the bodies of protesters, burning with defiance and boldly violating taboos. Activists challenged authority in brazen acts of self-immolation, nude activism, and hunger strikes. The bodies of dictators became a focus of ridicule. A Web series presented Syria's Bashar al-Assad as a pathetic finger puppet, while cartoons and videos spread a meme of Egypt's Hosni Mubarak as a regurgitating cow.

The rise of digital culture complicates our understanding of the human body in revolutionary times. As Kraidy argues, technology publicizes defiance, but the body remains the vital nexus of physical struggle and digital communication, destabilizing distinctions between "the real world" and virtual reality, spurring revolutionary debates about the role of art, and anchoring Islamic State's attempted hijacking of creative insurgency.

**Marwan M. Kraidy** is the Anthony Shadid Chair in Global Media, Politics and Culture and Director of the Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication, at the Annenberg School, University of Pennsylvania. In 2016, he was named an Andrew Carnegie Fellow for his work on the war machine in the digital age, particularly Islamic State. The recipient of Guggenheim, American Council of Learned Society, National Endowment for the Humanities, Woodrow Wilson and Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study fellowships, Kraidy has published 120+ essays and 10 books, most recently, *The Naked Blogger of Cairo: Creative Insurgency in the Arab World* (Harvard, 2016), *Global Media Studies* (with Toby Miller, Polity, 2016), and *American Studies Encounters the Middle East* (with Alex Lubin, North Carolina, 2016). *The Naked Blogger in Cairo* was written in 2014-2015 at NIAS in Wassenaar, with additional support from ACLS and NEH. Kraidy tweets at @MKraidy.

6 NOVEMBER

Special programme about “Humour in the Middle East” at the Leiden International Film Festival

In cooperation with LUCIS, the Leiden International Film Festival offered a special programme of films about humour in the Middle East. The films that were screened were *The Lizard* (Iran, 2014), *Barakah Meets Barakah* (Saudi Arabia, 2016) and *Tickling Giants* (Egypt, 2016). Read more about this programme in this article at OneWorld.nl “[Er valt veel te lachen in het Midden-Oosten](#)” (and a [shorter version](#) on the university’s website).

2 DECEMBER

Panel discussion

*Ports of Hope and Disaster: Human Holding Patterns in the Middle East and Africa*

Convened by Tsolin Nalbantian

Images of thousands of people from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Eritrea, journeying by foot, train, bus, and boat through Southern and Eastern Europe saturated our television and print news media in the summer of 2015. Even before that fateful summer, readers and viewers had become accustomed to both the tragic and successful attempts by economic migrants and political refugees to cross the Mediterranean from Libya and Northern Africa and land on Malta and the islands of Lampedusa and Pantelleria in Italy. While this year the images of movement have lessened due to the building of fences, the implementation of illegal closures of national borders by some EU members, and the unclear “agreement” between some EU member states and Turkey, the humanitarian crisis continues unabated. Thousands of individuals, barred from crossing nation-state borders, remain in movement – albeit in a holding pattern – determined to continue when they can. Some transit points, such as in Djibouti and Sudan, also double as host locations for large refugee and displaced populations. Centuries-old trade routes have transformed into sites of profit, salvation, and loss, as even more precarious human trafficking schemes develop.

This panel discussion brought together academics, journalists, activists, and human rights workers to explore the creation and dynamics within entry, exit, and holding points in Djibouti, Greece, Libya, Egypt, Sudan, and Turkey. Through the panellists’ presentations, and their ensuing discussions with audience members, we can better understand the short and long term repercussions of the creation and maintenance of these ports of anticipation and movement. In addition, we can better recognize the networks and connections between geographic regions as well as offer texture to the Dutch and larger global media coverage on the ongoing movement of refugee and displaced populations.

Speakers: **Aurélie Ponthieu**, an expert on forced migration and the humanitarian impact of refugee and migration policies who has worked at Medecins Sans Frontieres for 9 years; **Simon McMahan**, a research fellow at the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, and author of *Immigration and Citizenship in an Enlarged European Union* (Palgrave, 2015), editor of *The Handbook of International Political Economy of Migration* (co-edited with Leila Talani, Edward Elgar, 2015), and researcher on the MEDMIG project which has interviewed 500 people who crossed or were preparing to cross the Mediterranean Sea by boat. His current research focuses on the politics of border control, and irregular migration around the world.

### A3.5 Leiden-Aramco sponsorship programme

The Leiden-Aramco sponsorship 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. Please find below an overview of the activities of the Leiden-Aramco sponsorship programme.

OCTOBER 2015 – JANUARY 2017

1ST PROGRAMME 2015–2016: 30 OCTOBER, 27 NOVEMBER, 11 DECEMBER, 8 JANUARY, 5 FEBRUARY (CLOSING CEREMONY)

2ND PROGRAMME 2016–2017: 11 AND 25 NOVEMBER, 9 DECEMBER, 16 DECEMBER, 10 FEBRUARY (CLOSING CEREMONY)

*1001 Secrets of Arab Culture* Humanities Technolab programme  
Organised in cooperation with Technolab

From October 2015 until February 2017, two “1001 Secrets of Arab Culture” programmes for high school students were organised as part of the Leiden-Aramco partnership programme, in close cooperation with Technolab. This is a foundation that organises workshop series for elementary and high school students and gives them in-depth exposure to various academic specializations. The programme enables students to learn more about the academic skills necessary for future success and combines practical assignments with lectures by specialists in the field.

The “1001 Secrets of Arab Culture” programme consists of a series of workshops for 5-VWO students, including a walking tour in Leiden to explore the long-standing relationship of the Dutch with the Arabic and Muslim world, a visit to the Imam Malik Islamic Centre in Leiden, workshops about everyday Islam, Arab science from the 9th century, Arabic language, manuscripts, and calligraphy, Islamic rituals and dress, a presentation of the manuscript collection at the University Library, and a guided tour through the Hajj exhibition in the Museum of Ethnology.

The programme enrolled a total of 30 enthusiastic students originating from seven high schools in Leiden. An integral part of the programme is knowledge transfer. At the end of the programme the students were required to deliver a two hour lecture about Arabic culture and language to students in all seven schools, reaching an additional 1800 students. Moreover the Technolab closing ceremony draws a wide audience of over 200 people consisting of parents and students, town council members, companies and local media.

5 NOVEMBER

#### Middle Eastern Culture Market

On Saturday 5 November, LUCIS organized the Middle East Culture Market at the National Museum of Antiquities in Leiden. The aim of the market was to let young and old experience the diversity and splendor of Arab culture.

The central Temple Hall was transformed into a market, where vendors sold authentic Arabic products from all parts of the Arab world. A special children’s corner was created, where children could listen to the miraculous stories and fairytales from the Middle East, and where several handicrafts were available for children to color and create. Musicians, poets and dancers performed on the Temple stage in the center of the room. In two separate rooms, visitors could enjoy workshops, lectures and language lessons. The highlight of the day was the closing concert by Tony Overwater’s Salon Joussour.

The market attracted a large and very diverse audience, also due to media coverage and promotion. More than 1000 people visited the market, its workshops, and lectures. Particularly popular were the workshop “Playing Daf” and the workshop “Experimenting with Middle Eastern Ingredients” by television personalities Nadia Zerouali and Merijn Tol.

Please find the complete programme of the Middle East Culture Market [here](#).

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

To celebrate Leiden’s long and deep tradition in Arabic studies, LUCIS organises the Leiden Lectures on Arabic Language and Culture. In the year 1613 Leiden University established one of Europe’s very first chairs of Arabic Language and Culture. In 2013 we celebrated the 400th anniversary of Leiden’s long and deep tradition in Arabic studies with a range of activities to (re)introduce Arabic culture, science and language to the people working and living in Leiden and beyond.

4 FEBRUARY

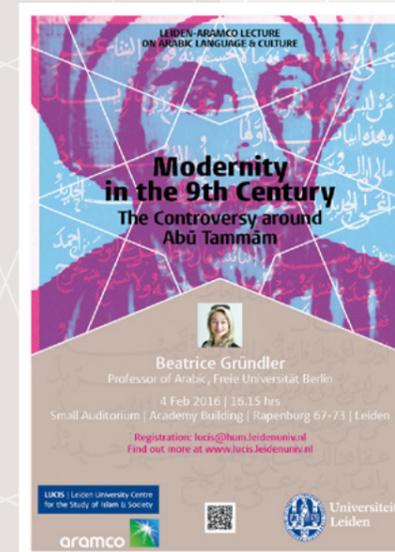
#### 4th Leiden Lecture on Arabic Language and Culture by Beatrice Gründler *Modernity in the Ninth Century: The Controversy around Abu Tammam*

In this lecture Beatrice Gründler discussed the biography of Abu Bakr al-Ṣulī (d. 946 or 947 AD) about Abu Tammam (d. 845 AD), who became one of the most celebrated poets in the Arabic language. Al-Ṣulī’s biography does not only show the brilliance of Abu Tammam, but teaches us about Abbasid society and the role of poetry in it as well. Like the poet it promotes, Al-Ṣulī’s book is ground-breaking; it represents a major step in the development of Arabic poetics, and inaugurates a long line of treatises on innovation in poetry. The lecture took place in Leiden University’s Academy Building, in the beautiful Small Auditorium, and attracted around 60 people, among whom representatives from Aramco, several ambassadors, and media. The lecture was published in the Saudi magazine *Al-Qafilah*.

**Beatrice Gründler** (PhD Harvard University, 1995) has been Professor of Arabic at the Freie Universität Berlin since 2014. She has also taught at Yale University (1996-2014) and Dartmouth College (1995-96). Her main areas of research are the development of the Arabic script, classical Arabic poetry and its social context, the integration of modern literary theory into the study of Near Eastern literatures, and early Islamic book-culture (ninth century AD) viewed from the perspective of media history.

#### Previous lectures

In 2013, Petra Sijpesteijn delivered the first Leiden Lecture on Arabic Language and Culture with a lecture entitled “The Wisdom of the Arabs. Four Hundred Years of Cross-Cultural Engagement” (4 February 2013). 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. 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*.



#### A4. LUCIS in the media 2016

Research conducted by scholars affiliated to LUCIS has attracted attention both inside and outside academia in 2016. 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 and/or online media

Date	Subject/title	Online source	Type	Author/person involved	Medium
20 January	Voor iedereen was er een plaats; Petra Sijpesteijn onderzoekt waarom het Islamitische Rijk 300 jaar kon bestaan	-	Interview	Petra Sijpesteijn	Leidsch Dagblad
23 January	De ene islamist is de andere niet	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Ghassan Dahhan	Maurits Berger	Trouw
28 January	Jodenhaat neemt steeds weer nieuwe vormen aan	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article	Maurits Berger	Reformatorisch Dagblad
4 February	IS in Libië, moet het Westen ingrijpen?	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Jan Michiel Otto	RTL nieuws
6 February	Is empathie aan te leren?	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Ianthe Sahadat	Judi Mesman	Volkskrant
8 February	Bijna woordelijk dezelfde teksten	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Willem Feenstra and Rik Kuiper	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Volkskrant
8 February	Rector islamuniversiteit beticht van plagiaat	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Willem Feenstra and Rik Kuiper	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Volkskrant
25 February	Niet meer strafrecht tegen radicale islam	<a href="#">Link</a>	Opinion article	Maurits Berger	Volkskrant
29 February	De Iraniërs hebben weer nieuwe hoop	<a href="#">Link</a>	Opinion article	Maaïke Warnaar	Volkskrant

Date	Subject/title	Online source	Type	Author/person involved	Medium
16 February	Tunesische jeugd op zoek naar islam	-	News article /Quote	Panel "Tunisia is the Way"	Leidsch Dagblad
1 March	Kiezers zetten deur Iran voor hervormingen economie op kier	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article	Maaïke Warnaar	Het Financieele Dagblad
5 March	Turkije is hard op weg naar een autocratie	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Petra de Bruijn	NU.nl
7 March	Overval op oppositiekrant schaduw over EU-Turkijetop	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Jenne Jan Holtland	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Volkskrant
5 April	Hoog spel Al-Serraj in Libië	<a href="#">Link</a>	Article /opinion	Jan Michiel Otto	Leidsch Dagblad /Holland Media Combinatie <sup>2</sup>
6 April	Islam lezingen door Ex-CIA'er	-	News report about lectures by Graham Fuller	LUCIS /Graham Fuller	Leidsch Dagblad
12 April	NIMAR: Universiteit Leiden in Marokko	-	Quoted in article by Tessa de Wekker	Léon Buskens	Leidsch Dagblad
15 April	In de schaduw van Syrië: Jemen hoopt op verandering na fragiel bestand	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by NU.nl /Liza Titawano	Maaïke Warnaar (and others)	NU.nl
30 April	Erdogan splijt Nederturken	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article	Petra de Bruijn, Erik-Jan Zürcher	Telegraaf
10 May	Jammer dat Zürcher de medaille terugstuurt	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Haarlems Dagblad /Holland Media Combinatie
10 May	Hoogleraar geeft Turkse eretitel terug	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in news report about himself	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Dagblad van het Noorden
10 May	Hier heb je mijn medaille terug, Erdogan	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in news report about himself	Erik-Jan Zürcher	NRC Handelsblad

2. The Holland Media Combinatie includes daily local and regional newspapers such as *Leidsch Dagblad*, *Noordhollands Dagblad*, *Haarlems Dagblad*, *Dagblad Waterland/Zaanstreek* and the *Gooi- en Eemlander*. It has a circulation of more than 230.000 copies. For a full overview of newspapers of the Holland Media Combinatie, see [here](#).

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10 May	Hoogleraar geeft Turkse onderscheiding terug	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in news report about himself	Erik-Jan Zürcher	ANP
10 May	Turken tikken media in Nederland op de vingers	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Aaldert van Soest	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Nederlands Dagblad
10 May	Turkije niet de rug toekeren	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in news report	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Noordhollands Dagblad / Holland Media Combinatie
10 May	'Wensdenken' medebepalend voor standpunt over Turkije	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interviewed by Leonie Groen	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Leidsch Dagblad / Holland Media Combinatie
10 May	Professor in Turkish Studies: "Erdogan's Turkey cannot become member of EU"	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in news report	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Armen Press
11 May	Snouck Hurgronjes werk is nu 'not done'	–	Quoted in article by Tessa de Wekker	Nico Kaptein	Leidsch Dagblad
13 May	Hoogleraar: vluchtelingideaal Turkije zal klappen	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Dirk Jacob Nieuwboer	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Volkskrant
14 May	Europa moet vooral kappen met Turkije	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Dirk Jacob Nieuwboer	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Volkskrant
13 May	Asscher: Invliegen imams mag alleen met werkvergunning	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Abdel Ilah Rubio	Maurits Berger	AD/Haagsche Courant
16 May	Hebben Nederlandse academici ook last van de Turkse arm?	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Petra de Bruijn	De Kennis van Nu (NTR)
18 May	Werkvergunning Imam valt verkeerd	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Abdel Ilah Rubio & Deborah Jongejan	Maurits Berger	Brabants Dagblad
19 May	Debat motieven polderjihadisten	–	Article about panel discussion about "polder" jihadi's	LUCIS	Leidsch Dagblad

Date	Subject/title	Online source	Type	Author/person involved	Medium
25 May	Polderjihadisten zijn heel gewone mensen	–	Reference to LUCIS in article by Wilfred Simons	LUCIS	Leidsch Dagblad
13 June	Opluchting in zaak Laura: had anders kunnen gaan	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Bianca Brassier	Maurits Berger & Jan Michiel Otto	Metro
13 June	Waarom Laura verkracht is	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article	Maurits Berger	Metro
14 June	Laura	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Jean-Pierre Geelen	Maurits Berger	Volkskrant
14 June	Nederlandse Laura ontsnapt aan zware straf	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article	Maurits Berger	Metro
14 June	Diplomatie speelt rol	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article	Jan Michiel Otto	Metro
15 June	Geschiedvervalsing en de Armeense genocide: Atatürk vergoelijkte Armeense genocide	<a href="#">Link</a>	Opinion piece	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Volkskrant
29 June	Irankenner en tartende 'Tiran'	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Leonie Groen	Maaïke Warnaar	IJmuider Courant / Holland Media Combinatie
30 June	De IS-mythe: met terreur groter lijken dan het is	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Bob van Huët	Daan Weggemans	Het Parool
30 June	Verliezend IS klauwt als een kat in het nauw	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Bob van Huët	Daan Weggemans	AD/Haagsche Courant
5 July	Liefde tussen religies blijft problematisch	–	Interview	Ashgar Seyed Gohrab	Leidsch Dagblad
14 July	Wat is er nog over van het kalifaat van Islamitische Staat?	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article	Maurits Berger	NOS
17 July	Islamitische geestelijke Fethullah Gülen is staatsvijand en zondebok	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Tjabel Daling	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Het Financieele Dagblad
18 July	Erdogan vraagt ons om steeds meer macht en die krijgt hij	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Leonie Groen	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Haarlems Dagblad / Holland Media Combinatie

Date	Subject/title	Online source	Type	Author/person involved	Medium
18 July	Mislukte coup in Turkije	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Rob Vreeken	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Volkskrant
21 July	Noodtoestand zorgt voor golf van angst binnen, maar ook buiten Turkije	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in news report	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Nederlands Dagblad
22 July	De vernietigende achterdocht van de grote leider	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Hanneke Keultjes & Marcel Wiegman	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Parool
22 July	Turkse media zijn een drama	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Mark van Assen	Erik-Jan Zürcher	BN/De Stem
22 July	Zuiveringen leiden tot angstgolf	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in news report	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Volkskrant
23 July	Couppoging in een wespennest: de nasleep	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Mark Wallet	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Reformatorisch Dagblad
24 July	We kunnen een serieuze uitstroom van hoogopgeleiden verwachten	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Frank Gersdorf & Ties Keyzer	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Het Financieele Dagblad
29 July	Erdogan kan zijn gang gaan	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interviewed by Floris van Straaten	Erik-Jan Zürcher	NRC Handelsblad
29 July	Praten over politiek taboe in moskee	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Leonie Groen	Erik-Jan Zürcher	De Gooi- en Eemlander /Holland Media Combinatie
29 July	Hoeveel moeten we weten van de terrorist	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Marinde van der Breggen	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Nederlands Dagblad
30 July	De lange arm van Erdogan	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Leonie Groen	Petra de Bruijn, Thijl Sunier	Noordhollands Dagblad /Holland Media Combinatie
2 August	Waarom is iedereen tegen Gülen?	<a href="#">Link</a>	Article by Petra de Bruijn	Petra de Bruijn	De Gooi- en Eemlander /Holland Media Combinatie

Date	Subject/title	Online source	Type	Author/person involved	Medium
4 August	Steun in de rug moslima	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Mike Muller & Silvan Schoonhoven	Léon Buskens	Telegraaf
9 August	Poetin en Erdogan vieren in Sint-Petersburg 'een antiwesters feestje'	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Ties Keyzer	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Het Financieele Dagblad
15 August	Nu is er IS, toen had je RaRa en Molukkers	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Wilmer Heck	Bart Schuurman	NRC Handelsblad
15 August	Forsidehenvising: Erdogan er ved at revolutionere Atatürks Tyrkiet	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Martin Selsøe Sørensen	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Politiek (Denmark)
17 August	De Ottomaanse droom is onder Erdogan weer springlevend	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Johan Leupen	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Het Financieele Dagblad
27 August	Hoe zit dat nou met de Gülenbeweging?	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Marc Janssens	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Nederlands Dagblad
31 August	Turkije vroeg gegevens Turkse gedetineerden	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Telegraaf
31 August	Gülenlijst over 'Hollanda' komt niet onverwacht	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Marije van Beek & Gerrit-Jan Kleinjan	Thijl Sunier	Trouw
1 September	Turkije vroeg om gegevens van Turkse gevangenen	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Trouw
2 September	'Gülenschool' en ouders moeten in gesprek	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Maurice Hoogendoorn	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Nederlands Dagblad
5 September	Regie anti-Gülen-acties komt wel degelijk vanuit Ankara	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Kaya Bouma	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Volkskrant
12 September	Ik ben links, atheïst en ik ben het niet eens met Gülen!	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Rob Vreeken	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Volkskrant
16 September	De Gülen-beweging: dienstbaar gericht op macht	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Antti Liukku & Marc Guillet	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Dagblad van het Noorden

Date	Subject/title	Online source	Type	Author/person involved	Medium
16 September	Gülenbolwerk Rotterdam	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Antti Liukku & Marc Guillet	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Algemeen Dagblad
19 September	Saoediërs woest na congres sunnieten	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Toon Beemsterboer	Maurits Berger	NRC Handelsblad
21 September	The women who went to war: powerful female figures pulled from the margins of history	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Rym Ghazal	Remke Kruk	The National
27 September	Niet één islamgeleerde tegen besnijdenis	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article	Nathal Dessing	Reformatorisch Dagblad
3 October	Sinan Can over chaos Arabische wereld	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Wilfred Simons	LUCIS	Leidsch Dagblad
7 October	Oorlog in de islamologie: haters tegen weggijkers	<a href="#">Link</a>	Debate on Islam experts at Dutch universities	Afshin Ellian, Thijl Sunier	NRC Handelsblad
8 October	Spiritueel institutionele vrouwenhaat; Boeiend onderzoek naar het functioneren van shariaraden stemt somber over toepassing van het islamitisch recht	<a href="#">Link</a>	Mentioned in article by Gerry van der List	Maurits Berger	Elsevier
15 October	De jongste loot van de felle islamkritiek	<a href="#">Link</a>	Debate on Islam experts at Dutch universities	Afshin Ellian	Volkskrant
15 October	Debat rond islam is totaal verziekt	<a href="#">Link</a>	Debate on Islam experts at Dutch universities	Maurits Berger, Paul Cliteur, Carel Stolker, Afshin Ellian, Jan Michiel Otto, & Petra Sijpesteijn	Haarlems Dagblad/Holland Media Combinatie
15 October	“Opinie” by Robbert Woltering	<a href="#">Link</a>	Debate on Islam experts at Dutch universities	Petra Sijpesteijn & Léon Buskens	NRC Next

Date	Subject/title	Online source	Type	Author/person involved	Medium
18 October	Zaman Vandaag weert columnist na homo-column	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Marije van Beek	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Trouw
18 October	Homohaat in Amsterdam door de brievenbus naar binnen	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Marije Willems	Petra de Bruijn	NRC Handelsblad
20 October	Islamdebat (I)	<a href="#">Link</a>	Column	Maaïke Warnaar	Noordhollands Dagblad/Holland Media Combinatie
20 October	Tv-prediker die danst met zijn ‘kittens’	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article Iris Koppe & Lisa van der Velden	Erik-Jan Zürcher & Petra de Bruijn	Volkskrant
4 November	Er valt heel veel te lachen in het Midden-Oosten	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Petra Sijpesteijn & Asghar Seyed Gohrab	OneWorld
9 November	Jihadist groups fragmented, but sharing common goal	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Wietse van den Berge	Mehrnews
16 November	Timmermans bindt in	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Joris Polman & Silvan Schoonhoven	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Telegraaf
22 November	Wat doet de IS-strijder als het kalifaat valt?	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Kees Versteegh	Daan Weggemans	NRC Next
7 December	Leids islaminstituut wil feiten bieden	<a href="#">Link</a>	Quoted in article by Josine Heijnen	Leiden Islam Academie	Leidsch Dagblad
8 December	Voor de duizendste keer: nee!	<a href="#">Link</a>	Mentioned in article by Marleen van Wesel	LUCIS	Mare
28 December	Angst voor islamisering ongegrond	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Jan Michiel Otto	Leidsch Dagblad

**Radio**

Date	Subject/title	Online source	Type	Author/person involved	Medium
8 February	Voorzichtig met ingrijpen in Libië	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Jan Michiel Otto	Dit is De Dag (EO) /NPO Radio 1
22 June	Petra de Bruijn over 'Interfaith Love'	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Petra de Bruijn	Sleutelstad
18 August	Petra de Bruijn over Turkse James Bond	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Petra de Bruijn	Sleutelstad
11 September	Hadj	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Maurits Berger	OVT (VPRO) /NPO Radio1
1 December	How Burqa Ban in the Netherlands Contradicts 'European Liberalism'	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Maurits Berger	Radio Sputnik
11 December	Boerka en Baard	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Petra Sijpesteijn	OVT (VPRO) /NPO Radio1

**TV**

Date	Subject/title	Online source	Type	Author/person involved	Medium
11 June	Nederland moet dialoog aangaan om Laura vrij te krijgen	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Maurits Berger	Nieuwsuur (NTR/NOS) /NPO 2
19 July	Grote zuiveringen gaan door in Turkije	<a href="#">Link</a>	Interview	Erik-Jan Zürcher	Nieuwsuur (NTR/NOS) /NPO 2
18 August	Dagelijks tientallen kinderen ernstig gewond in Syrië (video)	<a href="#">Link</a> (video)	Interview	Maaïke Warnaar	RTL nieuws
	Waarom niemand ingrijpt in Syrië (online article)	<a href="#">Link</a> (article)			

**A5. Leiden Islam Blog articles in 2016**

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 about Islam and society 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 2016, the editorial team consisted of Annemarie van Sandwijk (editor-in-chief), Welmoet Boender (as from 1 September 2015), and Nynke van der Veldt (from 1 September 2015 until 31 December 2016).

Readers are invited to leave a comment on the published blogs in the comment section, which is monitored by the editorial staff editor to avoid content which is not in line with our principles concerning dialogue, debate and integrity. Please find below a list of articles published on the blog in 2016.

Date	Title	Online source	Author	Views*
22 January	Het succes van het vroeg-Islamitische Rijk	<a href="#">Link</a>	Petra Sijpesteijn	39.760
2 February	Geen God behalve onze God: de SGP en islamitische oproepen tot gebed	<a href="#">Link</a>	Pooyan Tamimi Arab	14.338
25 February	Nog meer strafrecht tegen radicale islam helpt niet	<a href="#">Link</a>	Maurits Berger	13.228
1 March	Een doorstart van de Nederlandse imamopleiding?	<a href="#">Link</a>	Welmoet Boender	12.116
10 March	The 'other' Shiite jihad	<a href="#">Link</a>	Lisa Heintzbergen, Daan Weggemans	11.838
4 April	Su-Shi: Toenadering in Nederland	<a href="#">Link</a>	Welmoet Boender	9.433
11 April	Gevraagd: antwoorden op ondergesneeuwde vragen over islam in de Nationale Wetenschapsagenda	<a href="#">Link</a>	Annemarie van Sandwijk	9.391
18 April	Theunisz en al-Aziz: een 17e-eeuwse vriendschap in de Arabistiek	<a href="#">Link</a>	Dorrit van Dalen	8.917

Date	Title	Online source	Author	Views*
3 May	Crossing boundaries between psychiatry, religion and society	<a href="#">Link</a>	Annemarie van Sandwijk	7.666
17 May	Islam in het Berber	<a href="#">Link</a>	Khalid Mourigh	7.064
6 June	How not to end the Syrian war	<a href="#">Link</a>	Carolien Roelants	5.150
16 June	Muslim Slaves in Early Modern Europe: A Forgotten History of Slavery	<a href="#">Link</a>	Felicia Roşu	5.915
28 June	Vertrokken naar Syrië: het dagelijks leven van Nederlandse uitreizigers	<a href="#">Link</a>	Daan Weggemans, Roel de Bont, Edwin Bakker	3.321
1 September	Shattering Ignorance	<a href="#">Link</a>	Aaron Tugendhaft	1.191
13 September	The Threat of Islamic Radicalism in Tajikistan: Myth or Reality?	<a href="#">Link</a>	Rebekah Tromble	1.157
27 September	Islam kent geen slavernij!	<a href="#">Link</a>	Petra Sijpesteijn	1.769
14 October	Oproep aan de media: meer nuance in het islamdebat	<a href="#">Link</a>	Petra Sijpesteijn, Jan Michiel Otto, Maurits Berger, Annemarie van Sandwijk	3.274
26 October	Moonsighting	<a href="#">Link</a>	Gerard van de Bruinhorst	1.176
10 November	SGP luidt valse noodklok over gebedsoproep voor moslims	<a href="#">Link</a>	Roemer van Oordt	1.441
24 November	Love, Friendship and Community in a Multicultural World	<a href="#">Link</a>	Wen-chin Ouyang	1.227
8 December	't Kennishuys: een nieuwe Nederlandse islamitische uitgeverij	<a href="#">Link</a>	Welmoet Boender	1.190
23 December	Koran 5:51 als aanleiding tot demonstraties in Jakarta	<a href="#">Link</a>	Karel Steenbrink	1.635
<b>Total</b>				<b>22</b>

\* Reference date 31 July 2017.

## A6. LUCIS personnel in 2016

In 2016, the director of LUCIS was assisted by a project manager (0,8 fte), a position filled by Annemarie van Sandwijk. As of September 2016, after a period of secondment, Petra de Bruijn returned to LUCIS in her position as executive secretary (0,4 fte) and also assisted the director with some tasks. 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: Nynke van der Veldt (from 1 September 2015 until 1 January 2017).
- several student-assistants: Nazreen Sahebali (from 1 January 2015 until 1 September 2016); Nienke van Heek (from 15 July 2015 until 1 January 2017); Naomi Kok (from 1 September 2015 until 1 August 2016); Fariha Mirzada (from 1 September 2015 until 1 September 2016); Daan Sanderse (from 1 September 2015 until 1 May 2017); Burak Fıçı (as from 15 August 2016); Maïta Linzel (as from 1 September 2016).

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

In 2016, LUCIS also funded two additional temporary appointments. Haneen Omari, a self-funded PhD student at Leiden University who researches modern Palestinian literature, was appointed fulltime at LUCIS from 1 March 2016 until 1 March 2017 to work on her PhD research and to organise a series of poetry events in October which included a reading session, a discussion and an international workshop. For these events, Haneen Omari managed to raise funds from the Lutfia Rabbani Foundation (€ 1466) and from the A.M. Qattan Foundation in Ramallah, Palestine (€ 1204). During her appointment, Haneen was also closely involved in the organisation of the visiting fellowship of Wen-chin Ouyang in the fall of 2016.

In addition, Jelle Bruning's appointment of 0,4 fte as teaching replacement of the director of LUCIS was expanded with 0,2 fte from 1 March 2016 until 1 January 2017 in order to enable him to work on several Digital Humanities activities of LUCIS, including the setting up of an online catalogue of Arabic papyri in the University Library. Together with Petra Sijpesteijn and Arnoud Vrolijk (University Library) he successfully applied for the creation and funding of a research traineeship programme entitled "[Disclosing Arabic Papyri from the Leiden University Library.](#)" Jelle supervised the work of two research trainees within the framework of this programme. The trainees were appointed at the faculty for one year as from 1 December 2016. The results of the programme will appear as a relational, open access catalogue integrated in the University Library databases. The funding of the programme comprises of € 12.017 salary expenses, and € 2.600 supervising and material costs.

## A7. Overview of LUCIS members and affiliated members

### LUCIS members (faculty)

Name	Affiliation	Expertise
Prof. P. (Peter) Akkermans	Faculty of Archaeology	Archaology of the Near East; Jebel Qurma; Tell Sabid Abyad
F. (Fatima) Azzarhouni	Hum/LIAS/LUCSoR	Islamic theology
Dr. M.K. (Monika) Baar	Hum/Institute for History	Central and Eastern Europe; Cold War; cultural history; disability history; global health; historiography; human rights; human-animal-machine nexus; political thought; vulnerability
Dr. B. (Bart) Barendregt	FSBS/CA-DS	Southeast Asia; mobile technology; ICT 4 development; religion (pop Islam); Asian eco-chic
Dr. A. (Ahab) Bdaiwi	Hum/Institute for Philosophy	Arabic commentary tradition; Arabic philosophy; epistemology; Islamic intellectual history; Islamic studies; metaphysics; philosophical theology
Dr. A. (Adriaan) Bedner	Law/VVI	Law and justice in Indonesia; access to justice, dispute resolution and the judiciary; marriage law
Dr. G.R. (Gabrielle) van den Berg Board member	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Oral traditions of the Ismailis of Tajik Badakhshan; 'heterodox' literature in the Safavid Empire and the rise of Shiism as a state religion in Iran; Persian epic poetry and manuscripts; cultural encounters in Central Asia
Prof. M.S. (Maurits) Berger Board member	Hum/LIAS/LUCSoR	Islamic law; political Islam; freedom of religion; relation between law and religion; the role and influence of Sharia in Western countries; the dialectic between 'Islam' and 'the West'
Dr. W. (Welmoet) Boender	Hum/LIAS/LUCSoR	Islam in the Netherlands; Islam in Western Europe; imams and mosques; Islamic theology; Muslim-Christian relations; religious authority; religion and development; pastoral care and populism
Dr. N. (Nadia) Bouras	Hum/Institute for History	Migration; Morocco and the Netherlands

Name	Affiliation	Expertise
Dr. P. (Petra) de Bruijn	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Turkish literature and performing arts; modern Turkish Islam
Prof. M. (Mirjam) de Bruijn	Hum/Institute for History/Africa Studies	Africa; African history; anthropology of Africa
Dr. J. (Jelle) Bruning	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Social history of early Islamic Egypt; documentary sources in Arabic, Coptic, and Greek; medieval Arabic literature, particularly medical literature
Prof. L.P.H.M. (Léon) Buskens Board member	Hum/LIAS/SMES Law/VVI	Culture, law and Islam in contemporary Middle Eastern societies especially Morocco; anthropology of Muslim societies; Islamic law; history of orientalism
Dr. N.M. (Nathal) Dessing	Hum/LIAS/LUCSoR	Anthropology of Islam; Islam in Europe; ritual studies
Dr. Ir. M.J. (Mark) Driessen	Faculty of Archaeology	Logistics and trade; Netherlands and Jordan; Roman Army; Roman provincial archeology
Dr. D.W.L. (David) Ehrhardt	FGGA/LUC	International development; conflict studies; Africa (West Africa and Nigeria in particular); politics of ethnicity, religion and 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
Drs. E. (Elviere) Eijkman	African Studies Centre Leiden	Scientific information specialist
Prof. A. (Afshin) Ellian	Law	Criminal law; jurisprudence; multicultural society; philosophy of law; political Islam; separation of church and state; terrorism
Dr. C.A. (Crystal) Ennis	Hum/LIAS/SMES	International political economy; international relations; Middle Eastern economy; Middle Eastern studies; modern Middle Eastern studies
Dr. E.J. (Edmund) Frettingham	FGGA/LUC	International relations; security studies; theories of security; religion in international politics
Prof. J. (Judith) Frishman	Hum/LIAS/LUCSoR	Jews and Judaism in modernity; effects of Enlightenment and modernity on Jewish identity

Name	Affiliation	Expertise
Dr. J.J. (Jan) van Ginkel	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Syriac; West Syrian identity; Eastern Christianity; Christianity and Islam
Dr. J.J.L. (Jos) Gommans	Hum/Institute for History	South Asian history; colonial history; world history
Prof. (Sandra) Groeneveld	FGGA/PA	Change management; cutback management; diversity management; human resource management; leadership; mixed methods; organisation theory; public administration; public sector management; research methods
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/VVI	Assessing legislation for Libya's reconstruction
Dr. M. (Mat) Immerzeel	Hum/LIAS	Middle East; early Christian culture
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. Rudolf de Jong	NVIC	Contemporary Egypt
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. N.J.G. (Nico) Kaptein Board member	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 'Uthmān (1822-1914) of Batavia; Islam in Indonesia
Dr. M. (Mahmood) Kooriathodi	Hum/Institute for History	South and Southeast Asian Islam; Indian Ocean cultural maritime world; history of ideas in the Islamic world in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries
Dr. M.G. (Maarten) Kossmann	Hum/LUCL	Arabic dialects and Berber languages in the Maghrib; historical morphology of Berber

Name	Affiliation	Expertise
Prof. J. (Judi) Mesman	FSBS/Education & 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. S. (Sada) Mire	Faculty of Archaeology	Archaeology and Anthropology of Africa; Cultural Heritage; Development and Rights; Digital Heritage; Somali Archaeology
Prof. H.L. (Heleen) Murre-van den Berg	Guest (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 Board member	Law/VVI	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. M. (Marijn) van Putten	Hum/LUCL	Berber Languages
Dr. F.P.S.M. (Francesco) Ragazzi	FSBS/Political Science	Critical approaches to diaspora politics, migration, citizenship, and security in International Relations
Dr. J. (Jasmijn) Rana	FSBS/CA-OS	Cultural anthropology; gender; sports; diversity
Dr. F. (Felicia) Roşu	Hum/Institute for History	East Central European history; frontier zones and interaction between Europe and the Ottoman Empire

Name	Affiliation	Expertise
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)
Dr. C.H. (Karin) Scheper	University Libraries Leiden	Curator
Dr. J. (Jan) Schmidt	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Turkish history and philology; historiography and literature of the Ottoman Empire; manuscript studies
Dr. N. (Noa) Schonmann	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Arab-Israeli conflict; conflict and peace studies; foreign policy analysis; international relations; Middle East; political legitimacy
Prof. M.L.J.C. (Marlou) Schrover	Hum/Institute for History	Migration history; gender history; history of class; history of ethnicity; social history
B.W. (Bart) Schuurman	FGGA/ISGA	Terrorism; counterterrorism; safety
Dr. A.T. (Tunç) Sen	Hum/LIAS/SMES	History of science and the Occult; Islamic studies; Middle Eastern studies; Ottoman history; Turkish 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 Director of LUCIS	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Islamic history; Arabic papyrology; historiography
Dr. C. (Cristiana) Strava	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Anthropology; everyday life; Morocco; social change; urban dynamics; urban ethnography; urban studies
Dr. H.P.A. (Hans) Theunissen	Hum/LIAS	Turkish culture; Islamic art
Prof. F. (Frans) Theuws	Faculty of Archaeology	Archaeology of Christianisation; early Medieval cemeteries; early towns; rural settlements; trade and exchange
Dr. R.K. (Rebekah) Tromble	FSBS/Political Science	Political communication; international relations; social movement studies; Muslim politics
Dr. A. (Arnoud) Vrolijk	University Libraries Leiden	Curator Special Collections

Name	Affiliation	Expertise
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. (Maaike) Warnaar	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Contemporary Iran; Iranian foreign policy; discourse analysis; foreign policy analysis; Middle East politics
Dr. P.A. (Peter) Webb	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Arab identity; Arabic historiography; Arabic literature; Arabic studies; Islamic history; Middle Eastern studies
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>68</b>

**LUCIS members (PhD candidates)**

Name	Affiliation	Expertise
O. (Onur) Ada	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Title PhD project: "Turkey's Westernization"
A. (Abdullah) Alhatlani	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Title PhD project: "Early Arabic inscriptions in the Hijaz (Medina-Mecca-AL-Ula)"
A. Arfiansyah	Hum/LIAS/SAS	Title PhD project: "Ulama and the State in Modern Aceh"
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/VVI	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"
H. (Hekmat) Dirbas	Hum/LIAS/Smes	Title PhD project: "Animal and Plant Names in Semitic Personal Names"
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"
G. . . (Gert Jan) Geling	Law	Former Muslims; leaving Islam; Freedom of religion in the Netherlands
N. (Nor) Ismah	Hum/LIAS/SAS	Title PhD Project: "Flourishing Female Ulama: Practices, Authorities, and Institutions in Indonesia"
P. (Peyman) Jafari	Hum/LIAS	Title PhD Project: "A Social History of Labour in the Iranian Oil Industry, 1973-1993"
E. . (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

Name	Affiliation	Expertise
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"
O. (Omer) Kocyigit	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Title PhD Project: "Millenarian Movements in the 19th-Century Middle East"
M.A. (Arshad) Muradin	Law/VVI	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"
H. (Hossein) Pourbagheri	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Title PhD project: "Cultural Reforms in Iran and its Social Impacts 1930-1940"
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
S. (Syahril) Siddik	Hum/LIAS/SAS	Title PhD project: "Screening Dakwah in Indonesian Television"
A. . (Ade) Suryani	Hum/LIAS/SAS	Title PhD project: "Muslim Baduy: Da'wa, Conversion, and Identity"
B.S. (Bekir) Topaloğlu	Hum/LIAS/SMES	Title PhD project: "Political Identity in the Greek-Speaking Muslim Community of Trabzon Province"
D. . (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>27</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
<b>Total LUCIS members (retired)</b>		<b>6</b>

**Interfaculty spreading**

Faculty	Members
Humanities	68
Social Sciences	9
Law	8
FGGA	7
Archaeology	5
African Studies Centre Leiden	2
University Library	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>

**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 & method of research on cultural globalisation especially in connection with virtuality, Information & Communication Technology, ethnicity & religion
Dr. M.H. (Maurits) van den Boogert	Acquisitions editor at Brill Academic Publishers in Middle East & Islamic Studies	Arabic studies; Ottoman history; travelers' literature
Dr. D.A.M.E. (Dorrit) van Dalen	Anthropologist, historian, journalist	Contacts between religions & cultures, notably in Africa & with regards to Islam
Prof. A. (Ahmad) Al Hosein	Prof. of Arabic Language & Literature at Damascus University	Islamic & Middle Eastern studies, Classical & 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 & political impact of female religious authority in Malaysia & Indonesia
Dr. H. (Heinrich) Matthee	Senior analyst & strategy advisor at IJSR	Advising corporations on strategic trends, political risk management, & business opportunities in the Middle East & North Africa
Dr. Luit Mols	Research consultant & guest lecturer Islamic art & culture at SABIEL Research & Advice Bureau Islamic Art	Research interests: the Hajj to Mecca; Collecting day-to-day artefacts in Djeddah & Mecca: Dutch consuls & academics late 19th – early 20th century; Pilgrimflask or show-piece? Containers of (holy) water in a Christian & Islamic context.
Prof. J.T. (Thijl) Sunier	Prof. of anthropology at VU University Amsterdam; chair Islam in European societies	Anthropology of religion (Islam, politics & Islam, leadership, young people & Islam); migration; ethnicity, nation-building & European history; Turkey
<b>Total LUCIS members (affiliated)</b>		<b>6</b>

## A8. Financial report 2016

In 2016, LUCIS received € 272.000 funding from the Executive Board. Total expenditures in 2016 came to € 278.765, consisting of € 179.409 staffing costs (supportive, teaching and research staff) and € 99.356 material costs. Material costs included expenses related to the following categories/activities:

- travel and accommodation
- official expenses / “representatiekosten” (catering, lunches, dinners)
- publicity
- honoraria and grants
- venues
- publications (indexing, books, open access costs)
- office supplies.

As a result of this budget deficit, the accumulated reserve of LUCIS decreased with € 6.765 (see table below).

<b>Income in 2016</b>	<b>€ 272.000</b>
<b>Expenditures in 2016</b>	
Staffing costs	€ 179.409
Material costs	€ 99.356
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>€ 278.765</b>
<b>Budget deficit</b>	<b>€ 6.765</b>

Additional funds were raised to cover a share of material conference costs such as travel, accommodation, and catering ([see 3.5 “Earning capacity”](#)).

## A9. Individual annual reports of LUCIS board members 2016

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 their respective institutes, either the Leiden Institute for Area Studies & the Leiden Centre for the Study of Religion (LUCSoR), the Institute for History (Humanities faculty), the Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology and the Institute of Political Sciences (both Social Sciences faculty), and the Van Vollenhoven Institute (Law faculty);
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

- “[Nog meer strafrecht tegen radicale islam helpt niet](#),” *Trouw*, 25 February 2016.
- “[Vrijheid van religie? – Welke religie](#),” *Leiden Religie Blog*, 29 March 2016.
- With Jan Michiel Otto, Annemarie van Sandwijk and Petra Sijpesteijn, “[Oproep aan de media: meer nuance in het islamdebat](#),” *Leiden Islam Blog*, 14 October 2016.

#### Current research projects and grant applications

- Leergang “Islam in de modern wereld,” funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

#### Lectures and presentations

- 12 February 2016, “Why ISIS?,” lecture for the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Group (ALDE) in the European Parliament.
- 15 March 2016, “Islam and humanitarian law,” lecture at the International Red Cross.
- 2 June 2016, “Islam en radicalisering op scholen,” presentation for municipal officials in The Hague.
- 3 September 2016, “Ontwikkelingen in islamitische politieke stromingen,” lecture for members of the second Cabinet Kok (1998-2002).
- Lecture about Syrian refugees at the Police Unit “Honour-Related Violence” (date unknown).

### Consultancy

- Police station Heemstraat (Schilderswijk), The Hague.
- Christian Democrats in Vlaanderen (topic: polarisation).
- Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (topic: Syrian refugees).
- Criminal lawyer in Amsterdam (topic: lawsuit on recruitment for jihad).
- Verwey-Jonker Institute (topic: radicalisation).
- The Netherlands Institute for Social Research/SCP (topic: Muslims in the Netherlands).
- Secretary-General of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (topic: perception of Dutch foreign policy).

### Conferences

- Supervision of LUCSoR conference "[Religiewetenschap en religieonderwijs: visies voor onderwijs over religie en levensbeschouwing in het VO](#)," 20 June 2016.

### 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, *Contemporary Islamic Economics – an Ideological Straitjacket? Epistemological and Historical Inquiry of Islam's Economic Teachings, Legal Discourse, and Islamization Process.*
- Marc van Oudheusden, *Conspiracy Theories in the Middle East.*

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)

### Publications

- "Christiaan Snouck Hurgronje, 'Holy War' and Colonial Concerns," in *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. Leiden: Leiden University Press, 29-51.
- Edited with Annemarie van Sandwijk, *Islamic Studies in the Twenty-first Century. Transformations and Continuities*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.
- "Introduction. Dichotomies, Transformations, and Continuities in the Study of Islam," in *Islamic Studies in the Twenty-first Century. Transformations and Continuities*, edited by Léon Buskens and Annemarie van Sandwijk. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 11-27.
- "Middle Eastern Studies and Islam. Oscillations and Tensions in an Old Relationship," in *Islamic Studies in the Twenty-first Century. Transformations and Continuities*, edited by Léon Buskens and Annemarie van Sandwijk. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press 241-267.
- "Scènes de la vie privée et publique des bijoux marocains," in *L'orientalisme après la Querelle. Dans les pas de François Pouillon*, edited by G. Barthélemy, D. Casajus, S. Larzul, M. Volait. Paris: Karthala, 263-285.
- Review of *Faire l'histoire du droit colonial. Cinquante ans après l'indépendance de l'Algérie* by Jean-Philippe Bras.

### 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

- 28-29 January 2016, organisation (with Christiaan Engberts and Herman Paul) of conference "Scholarly Personae in the History of Orientalism, 1870-1930," Leiden University.

### Lectures

- 13 December 2016, "Snouck Hurgronje, the Reinvention of Islamic Law and the Discovery of Adat Law in Indonesia," keynote lecture at conference "Ocean of Law II: Islamic Legal Crossings in the Indian Ocean World," Leiden University.

### 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. Thijl Sunier (VU University)  
*The Creation and Application of Islamic Law in the Context of Counseling and Mediation*  
Leiden University, from 1 November 2013; PhD 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 Faculty of Law, Leiden University.
- Francesca Rosati  
external PhD candidate, private funding  
*Quranic Feminine Schools in China's Northwestern Islam: the Case of Linxia Nuxiao*  
together with Dr Nico Kaptein; started in 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

- Review of *The Qur'an and its Readers Worldwide. Contemporary Commentaries and Translations* (Qur'anic Studies Series 14), edited by S. Taji-Farouki (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), *Bibliotheca Orientalis* LXXIII, no. 5-6: 820-22.
- Review of *Islam and Democracy in Indonesia: Tolerance without Liberalism* by Jeremy Menchik (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2016), *Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde* 172, no. 4: 580-1.

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

#### Lectures

- 14 May 2016, "Historical Research on Indonesian Islam: Discourses, Challenges and Future Prospects," First International Symposium on Islam and Humanities (association of Deans and Lecturers of Faculties of Letters and Humanities of Islamic universities in Indonesia, UIN Ar-Raniry Banda Aceh, Indonesia).

#### PhD projects in progress

- Ernesto Braam, *The Salafi Movement in South Thailand*, co-promotor, together with Prof. Maurits Berger (Leiden University).
- Nor Ismah, *Flourishing Female Ulama: Practices, Authorities, and Institutions in Indonesia*, together with Prof. Léon Buskens (Leiden University).
- Iis Istiqomah (University of Groningen), *The Hadrami Arabs of Ambon: an Ethnographic Study of Diasporic Identity Construction in Everyday Life Practices*, co-promotor, together with Prof. Marjo Buitelaar (University of Groningen).
- Kusmana, *Contemporary Interpretation of Kodrat Perempuan: Local Discourse of Muslim Women's Leadership in Indonesia*, co-promotor, together with Prof. Dick Douwes (Erasmus University Rotterdam).
- Francesca Rosati, *Quranic Women's Schools in China's Little Mecca*, co-promotor, together with Prof. Léon Buskens (Leiden University)..
- Syahril Siddik, *Screening Dakwah in Indonesian Television*, co-promoter, with Prof. Ben Arps (Leiden University).
- Sujadi, *Persatuan Pemuda Muslim se-Eropa (PPME): Identity, Encouragement for Giving and Network, 1971-2009*, co-promotor, together with Prof. Kees van Dijk (Leiden University).
- Ade Jaya Suryani, *Muslim Baduy: Da'wa, Conversion, and Their Consequences*, co-promoter, together with Prof. Gerard Persoon (Leiden University).

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

### Publications

- “[Hoog Spel Al-Serraj in Libië](#),” *Leidsch Dagblad*, 5 April 2016.
- With Maurits Berger, Annemarie van Sandwijk and Petra Sijpesteijn, “[Oproep aan de media: meer nuance in het islamdebat](#),” *Leiden Islam Blog*, 14 October 2016.
- With C. Jacobs, *Exploring Primary Justice in Insecure Contexts: South Sudan and Afghanistan. Challenges, Concerns, and Elements That Work*. Leiden: Van Vollenhoven Institute, Leiden University.

### 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 September 2015 – 1 September 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: December 2015 – June 2017.

### Lectures

- 22 April 2016, lecture in Bahasa Indonesia on the occasion of the visit of the Indonesian president Jokowi Widodo at Leiden University.
- 12 May 2016, lecture about Islam at the Da Costa Kring, Oegstgeest.
- 21 June 2016, lecture “Law, Justice Sharia,” for refugees at the LUMC, Leiden.
- 7 November 2016, lecture “Sharia! Hoe gaat dat samen met een ‘rechtsstaat?’” at the Students Ekklesia in Leiden, Bonaventura Lyceum.
- 8 December 2016, [keynote speech](#) “Children’s Rights: Law and Social Realities in the Developing World” at PhD conference on Children’s Rights, Leiden University.

## 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.
- Joseph Boakye, *Environmental Law and Sustainable Forest Tenure Management*, co-promotor: Prof. J.G. van Erp.
- Bruno Braak, *Primary Justice in South Sudan*, co-promotor: dr.ir. C.I.M. Jacobs.
- Laure d’Hondt, *Empowering Victims of Environmental Pollution in Indonesia: the Role of Rights Mobilisation Organisations in the Quest for Justice*, co-promotor: Prof. Adriaan Bedner.
- Santy Kouwagam, *Litigation Strategies in Individual Land Disputes about Certified Land in Indonesia*, co-promotor: Prof. Adriaan Bedner.
- Willem van der Muur, *Securing Land Rights: Land Conflicts in Democratizing Indonesia*, co-promotor: Prof. 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: Prof. Baudouin Dupret.
- Jacob Tobing, *Constitutional Democracy and the Rule of Law. The Essence of 1999 – 2002 Constitutional Reform in Indonesia*, co-promotor: Prof. Adriaan Bedner.

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

### Publications

- [“Het succes van het vroeg-Islamitische Rijk,”](#) Leiden Islam Blog, 22 January 2016.
- [“Islam kent geen slavernij!”](#), Leiden Islam Blog, 27 September 2016.
- With Jan Michiel Otto, Maurits Berger and Annemarie van Sandwijk, [“Oproep aan de media: meer nuance in het islamdebat,”](#) Leiden Islam Blog, 14 October 2016.
- Cat. 9. Letter. P.PalauRib. inv. 1007. Barcelona: IEMed.

### Current research projects and grant applications

- ERC Consolidator Grant project entitled [“Embedding Conquest: Naturalising Muslim Rule in the Early Islamic Empire”](#) (2017-2022), awarded December 2015.
- NWO Innovational Research Incentives Scheme Veni grant proposal entitled “Jihad, Piety and the Formation of Islam: the Case of Alexandria, 640-968 CE” (Jelle Bruning), submitted on 4 January 2016, not awarded.
- Participant in collaborative Marie Curie Innovative Training Networks proposal entitled “Imperial Languages of Medieval Europe,” submitted 12 January 2016, not awarded.
- Supervising participant in Marie Curie Individual Fellowships proposal entitled “Arabic Poetry as a Mediator in Early Islamic Society” (Maxim Yosefi), submitted 14 September 2016, not awarded.
- With Maaïke van Berkel: KNAW Conference Grants Funds proposal for funding of the 13th conference of the School of Abbasid Studies, awarded late 2015. The conference was held from 12-15 July 2016 and jointly funded by KNAW, LUCIS, Juynboll Stichting and Stichting Oosters Instituut.
- With Jelle Bruning: Lorentz Center workshop proposal entitled “Egypt Incorporated: Economic, Political and Cultural Developments from Late Antiquity to Islam,” awarded. The conference was held from 12-16 December 2016 and jointly funded by the Lorentz Center, Global Interactions, LUCIS, Juynboll Stichting, Leiden University Fund and Stichting Oosters Instituut.

### Lectures

- 18 March 2016, “Les débuts de l’Islam et la mise en place progressive de la fiscalité dans les pays conquis par les Arabes jusqu’à l’État Abbasside,” lecture presented at conference “Religions et fiscalité dans le monde méditerranéen de l’antiquité à nos jours – I,” Paris-Sorbonne University, France.
- 15-17 February 2016, lecture at the University of Algiers, Algeria, on the occasion of “The Islamic Art Exhibition – The Art of the Islamic Book from the Leiden Collections,” at the invitation of the Embassy of the Netherlands in Algiers, Algeria.
- 21 April 2016, lecture on Arabic papyri, part of the HOVO lecture series, Leiden University.
- 3-5 October 2016, invited respondent at conference “Merchants and trading communities in early Islam (800-1000),” University of St Andrews, Scotland.
- 7 October 2016, “Establishing Local Élite Authority in Egypt Through Arbitration and Mediation,” lecture presented at conference “Regional and Transregional Elites – Connecting the Early Islamic Empire,” organised in the context of the research project “The Early Islamic Empire at Work,” University of Hamburg, Germany.
- 20-25 October 2016, three lectures at the University of Ouargla, Algeria, on the occasion of “The Islamic Art Exhibition – The Art of the Islamic Book from the Leiden Collections,” at the invitation of the Embassy of the Netherlands in Algiers, Algeria.
- 25 October 2016, lecture on the Arabic conquests in the 7th century presented at conference “Aan de andere kant van het verhaal,” organized by VanGisteren in Amsterdam.
- 28 October 2016, “Texts for People Who Can’t Read,” lecture presented at conference “Beyond Papyri: The Materiality of Ancient Texts,” organised by the Leiden Papyrology+ Group, Leiden.
- 27 November 2016, “After God: Informal Requests in Arabic papyri,” Cleveringa lecture at the Netherlands-Flemish Institute in Cairo, Egypt.
- 10 December 2016, “Shaving Hair and Beards in Early Islamic Egypt,” lecture presented at conference “On the Meanings of Hair in Medieval Islam,” organised by LUCIS, Leiden University.
- 15 December 2016, “The Caliph’s Presence in Egypt,” paper presented at Lorentz Centre workshop “Egypt Incorporated: Economic, Political and Cultural Developments from Late Antiquity to Islam,” Leiden, 12-16 December.

### Completed PhD projects in 2016

- Diede Farhosh-van Loon, *Of Love and Longing. A Study of Ayatollah Khomeini's Mystical Poetry and its Reception in Iran and Abroad*, co-promotor, together with Dr. Asghar Seyed Gohrab. PhD defence on 18 October 2016.

### PhD projects in progress

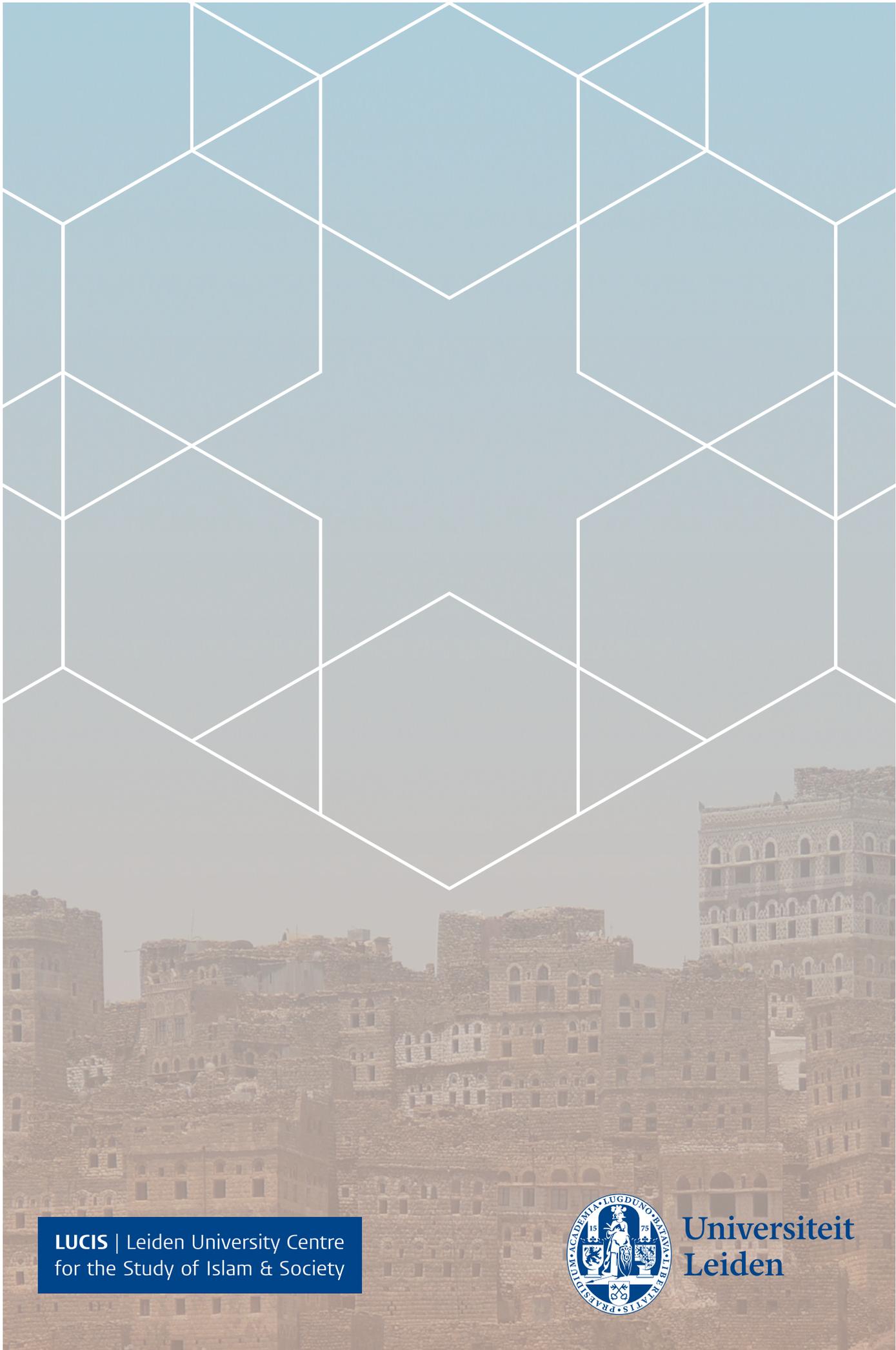
- Abdullah AlHatlani, *Archaeology of Arabia: the Transition to Islam*, co-promotor, together with Prof. Robert Carter (UCL Qatar).
- Shuqi Jia, *The Long Arab Conquest of Central Asia: Urban Change in Merv, Paikent, Balkh and Samarkand (651-821)*, co-promotor, together with Prof. Hugh Kennedy (SOAS).
- 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 in/Standing Out: Comparing Majority and Minority Dress Codes among Egyptian Muslims and Christians," co-promotor, together with Prof. Bas ter Haar Romeny (VU University Amsterdam).
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