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IRAN AND ISLAM: EARLY ENCOUNTERS.

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To be sure Islam needed some time to be formed as a universal religion. There is no doubt that the contact of Islam with other religions in the very homeland of Islam as well as in the conquered lands played a significant role in its formation. In contrast, the evolving Islam must have challenged the existing religions, transformed them or stimulated them to do so. A great dynamic of renovation and repositioning of religious traditions can be expected in the first centuries of Islam. Therefore, a more in-depth study of this vibrant dynamic of mutual exchange between Islamic and Iranian religious traditions is a desideratum which our symposium intends to address.

Thursday, 12 March 2015

Welcome & Introductory Remarks

09:00 - 09:30 **Welcome Addresses**

Volkhard Krech (Bochum) & Kianoosh Rezania (Bochum)

Inaugural Address

Josef van Ess (Tübingen)

Panel I: Interdependency of Islamic & Zoroastrian Law

Chair: Gerhard Endreß (Bochum)

09:30 - 11:00 **Descent and Inheritance in Zoroastrian and Shiite Law**

Maria Macuch (Berlin)

Was Persian not a Language of Paradise? Linguistic Encounter between Arabic and Persian and the Rise of Persian-Islamic Juristic Terminology in early Abbasid Period

Mohsen Zakeri (Göttingen)

11:00 - 11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30 - 01:00 **Sasanian and Islamic Law. Aspects of Legal Exchange**

Benjamin Jokisch (Berlin)

Non-Zoroastrians in Zoroastrian Law

Iris Colditz (Berlin)

01:00 - 02:30 *Lunch*

Panel II: Intra- and Interreligious Demarcations

Chair: Michael Stausberg (Bergen)

02:30 - 03:15 **“Heresy” according to Zoroastrianism**

Michaela Timuş (Bucharest/Paris)

03:15 - 03:30 *Coffee Break*

03:30 - 04:15 **“Iblis” in SGW 11: Some Anti-Islamic Notions in Zoroastrianism**

Manfred Hutter (Bonn)

Panel III: Zoroastrianism after Islam

Chair: Michael Stausberg (Bergen)

04:15 - 05:00 **On the Persistence of Old and Middle Iranian Literary Motifs in Muslim Iran**

Rahim Shayegan (Los Angeles)

05:00 - 05:30 *Coffee Break*

05:30 - 06:15 **Some Arabic Reports Concerning the Zoroastrian Religion**

François de Blois (London)

General Discussion

Chair: Josef van Ess (Tübingen)

06:15 - 07:15 **General Discussion**

07:30 *Dinner*

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Panel IV: Zoroastrian Literature in the Islamic Period

Chair: Stefan Reichmuth (Bochum)

09:30 - 11:00 **Pahlavi Literature and Greek Philosophy**

Götz König (Berlin)

Dēnkard against its Islamic Discourse

Kianoosh Rezania (Bochum)

11:00 - 11:30 *Coffee Break*

Panel V: History & Memory

Chair: Josef van Ess (Tübingen)

11:30 - 01:00 **The History of Arabic Books in Early Islamic Iran**

Sarah Bowen Savant (London)

The Return of the Sasanians: Nostalgic Muslims and forward-looking Zoroastrians in ninth-century Iran

Albert de Jong (Leiden)

01:00 - 02:30 *Lunch*