

# *The Qur'ān*

## **BRIDGING TRADITION AND MODERNITY IN SEARCH OF UNDERSTANDING**

International Symposium on Methodological Approaches to the Qur'ān

Online Participation Available

**09. – 10. December 2025**

Katholisch-Theologische Fakultät  
Universität Wien  
Dekanatssitzungssaal  
Universitätsring 1 (Stiege 8, 2. Stock)  
1010 Wien

Day 1: 09. December 2025

## Panel 1: Linguistic Approaches to the Qur'ān

Chair: Tuğrul Kurt | University of Vienna | Time: 10.00 – 12.00

Speaker	Institution	Title
Dirk Hartwig	Universität Münster	Reading the Qur'an as a Literary Text: Strategies and Pitfalls
Sohaib Saeed	Ibn 'Āshūr Centre for Quranic Studies	Semantics and Pragmatics in Ibn 'Āshūr's Rereading of Sūrat al-Baqarah
Mohamed Ben Ibrahim	Ez-Zitouna University	Rationalist Approaches to Modern Qur'ānic Exegesis in North Africa: The Case of Ibn 'Āshūr

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## Panel 2: Paradigmatic Approaches to the Qur'ān

Chair: Ibrahim Aslandur | Karlsruhe University of Education | Time: 13.00-15.00

Speaker	Institution	Title
Almir Fatić	University of Sarajevo	Scientific Exegesis (at-tafsīr al-‘ilmī) Between Denial and Acceptance
Fadhlī Lukman	UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta	Seeking Hermeneutical Balance: Sahiron's Ma 'nā cum Maghzā Approach and Indonesian Qur'ānic Exegesis
Nimet Şeker	Humboldt University zu Berlin	Feminist Interpretations of the Qur'ān: An Examination of Hermeneutical Premises



## Day 2: 10. December 2025

# Keynote Speech

Time: 10.00-10.30

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Speaker	Institution	Title
Firas Ben Sassi	Ez-Zitouna University	Society and News: The Relationship Rules in Light of the Qur'ān

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## Panel 3: Deductive Approaches to the Qur'ān

Chair: Nimet Şeker | Humboldt University zu Berlin | Time: 10.30-12.00

Speaker	Institution	Title
Lilik Ummi Kaltsum	UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta	Examining the Factual Issue in Contemporary Thematic Exegesis: A Critical Analysis of the Relationship Between Qur'ānic Text and Social Context
Joseph E. Lumbard	Hamad Bin Khalifa University	Where Two Oceans Meet: Semantic Analysis as a Bridge Between Tradition and Modernity
Ibrahim Aslandur	University of Education Karlsruhe	Deduction and Coherence: Rethinking Qur'ānic Thematic Structures

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## Panel 4: Historical and Comparative Approaches to the Qur'ān

Chair: Isa Brooks | University of Gießen | Time: 13.00-14.30

Speaker	Institution	Title
Tuğrul Kurt	University of Vienna	Borrowed Narratives or Shared Traditions? Reframing Isrā 'iliyyāt as Hermeneutical Resource
Kamil Öktem	University of Vienna	Is Plurality Part of the Classic? Methodological Plurality in Premodern Qur'ānic Exegesis: Challenges and Perspectives in Contemporary Society

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