



**North American Association of Islamic and
Muslim Studies (NAAIMS)**

**Presents
The 50th Annual Conference**

**“Approaches to Qur’anic Studies
in the Western Academy”**

Friday, November 12, 2021

**Cosponsored By:
Department of Religious Studies
University of Oregon, Eugene, OR**

**A Virtual Conference on the Zoom platform
All Sessions held in Eastern Standard Time (UTC-05:00)**

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Welcoming Remarks by NAAIMS President
Frederick S. Colby, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR
(Program Chair)

10:15 - 11:45 a.m. Panel Session 1
The 21st Century Engagement with the Qur’an: Sound and Meaning
Discussant: Elliott Bazzano (Lemoyne College, Syracuse, NY)

Lauren E. Osborne (Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA): “The Sonic Qur’an in the Age of Global Media”

Yunus Dogan Telli (Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA): “The Untranslatable in the Qur’an and the Secular”

11:45 a.m. 1:15 p.m. Panel Session 2
Pre-Modern Esoteric Commentaries on the Qur’an
**Discussant: Aisha Y. Musa (Independent Scholar: Islamic and Qur’anic Studies,
Tigard, OR)**

Caner K. Dagli (The College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA): “What Counts as Qur’anic Studies and Whose Opinion Matters?”

Joseph E. B. Lombard (College of Islamic Studies at Hamad Bin Khalifa, Doha, Qatar): “Toshihiko Izutsu’s Semantic Analysis: Impact on Qur’anic Studies in the Euro-American Academy”

1:15 – 2:45 p.m.

Lunch Break and Juma’a Prayers

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Professor Seyyed Hossein Nasr

[University Professor of Islamic Studies, George Washington University, Washington, DC]:

“Approaching the Qur’an Authentically”

3:45 – 5:15 p.m.

Panel Session 3

Qur’anic Studies in the Euro-American Academy

Discussant: Mohammad Faruque (University of Cincinnati, OH)

Mohammed Rustom (College of the Humanities, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada): “A Sufi Theory of Qur’anic Origins”

Syed A. H. Zaidi (Emory University, Atlanta, GA): “The Ikhwān al-Ṣafā’ as Pre-Modern Qur’anic Scientists”

5:15 - 6:45 p.m.

Panel Session 4

Disruptive Hermeneutics: Questions of Authority

Discussant: Celene Ibrahim (Groton School, Groton, MA)

Maria M. Dakake (George Mason University, Fairfax, VA): “Nusrat Amin: A Woman’s Contribution to the Field of Qur’anic Exegesis”

Ali Hassan Zaidi (Wilfrid Laurier University, Ontario, Canada): “Interpretive Methods and their Presuppositions: A Comparison of Fazlur Rahman’s and Javed Ghamidi’s Hermeneutics of the Qur’an”

6:45 pm.

Concluding Remarks

NAAIMS President and Program Chair