

Reid Hall
4 Rue de Chevreuse
75006 Paris

Thursday 27 February 2020
12.00 to 18.00



The European Qur'an

Seminar: the Qur'an and the Reformation

12.00 Jan Loop, University of Kent
Introduction

12.30 Lunch

13.00 Asaph Ben-Tov, University of Kent
The Qur'an and confessional scholarship: the case of seventeenth-century Germany

14.00 Lot Brouwer, University of Kent
A first non-polemical Qur'an translation? Salomon Schweigger's *Alcoranus Mahometicus* (1616)

15.00 Refreshments

15.45 Alastair Hamilton, Warburg Institute
Le Coran et les protestants allemands au XVIIIe siècle

16.45 Pierre-Olivier Léchet, Institut Protestant de Théologie
La conversion des musulmans au protestantisme (XVIe-XVIIIe siècles)

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Speakers

Prof Jan Loop is Professor of Early Modern Global History at the University of Kent and Principal Investigator in the ERC Synergy Project 'The European Qur'an. Islamic Scripture in European Culture and Religion (1150–1850)'. He is also a Senior Research Fellow at the New York University Abu Dhabi Institute. Among his publications are *Johann Heinrich Hottinger (1620-1667). Arabic and Islamic Studies in the 17th Century* (Oxford, 2013) and, as a co-editor, *The Learning and Teaching of Arabic in Early Modern Europe* (Leiden, 2017).

Dr Asaph Ben-Tov is the author of *Lutheran Humanists and Greek Antiquity* (Leiden, 2009) and co-editor of *Knowledge and Religion in Early Modern Europe: Studies in Honor of Michael Heyd* (Leiden, 2013) and of *Knowledge and Profanation* (Leiden, 2019). His biography of the seventeenth-century Orientalist Johann Ernst Gerhard is forthcoming and he is working on a broad study of Oriental scholarship in Germany, 1600-1750.

Lot Brouwer is a PhD student in the Erasmus Mundus programme *Text and Event in Early Modern Europe*, where she is finalizing her dissertation on German Lutheran interest in the Ottoman Empire as reflected in the life and works of Salomon Schweigger (1551-1622). General areas of interest are early modern encounters between Christian Europe and the Islamic world, and the role of the Ottoman Empire and Islam in confessional conflicts and debates after the Reformation.

Prof Alastair Hamilton is a Senior Research Fellow at the Warburg Institute. His main interests lie in two fields: the history of Arabic studies and, more generally, of orientalism in Europe in the early modern period, with a special emphasis on the Arabic-speaking Christians; and religious non-conformism in sixteenth- and seventeenth-century Europe (especially in Spain, Italy and the Low Countries).

Prof Pierre-Olivier Léchot teaches early modern history at the Institut Protestant de Théologie (Faculté de Paris). He specialises in the history of theology between the Reformation and the Enlightenment, and has published books on Martin Luther, Protestantism in Switzerland, Protestant orthodoxy and Jean-Jacques Rousseau. His current research focuses on the links between ethics and Protestant theology between the 16th and 18th centuries, as well as on the relationships between Protestantism and Islam during the early modern period.

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