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*The Qur'anic Linguistics Research Group
Inaugural International Conference*

14th -15th March, 2023

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Call for Papers

The Qur'anic Linguistics Research Group (QLG) is delighted to announce that it will be hosting its Inaugural International Conference on Qur'anic linguistics in collaboration with SOAS Centre of Islamic Studies on 14th-15th March 2023.

The conference will be held online via Zoom.

QLG is a group of Quranic studies scholars whose research focuses on the dynamics and mechanisms of the Qur'ān as a communicative text from a linguistic standpoint. We aim to promote academic excellence in this study area through various research activities. QLG's Inaugural International Conference will bring together academics worldwide to showcase the latest advances in Qur'anic linguistics research.

Conference Themes

We welcome particularly papers applying modern linguistic theories to the Qur'anic text in the following areas:

1. Application of linguistic theories and approaches to analysing the Qur'anic text, including, Pragmatics, Relevance Theory, Speech Acts Theory, Text Linguistics, Systemic Functional Linguistics, and linguistic analyses of coherence and cohesion issues.
2. Discourse analysis: Linguistic analysis of Qur'anic discourse types such as narratives, dialogues, polemics, and hymns.
3. Linguistic analysis of Qur'anic themes and textual structures.
4. Qur'anic grammar and syntax, including particles, issues in agreement, word order, sentence structure and types of verbs.
5. Analyses of phonology and morphology in the Qur'an.
6. Time and aspect issues (e.g. gnomic present).
7. Linguistic and grammatical material in Qur'anic exegeses.
8. Qur'anic material in modern and classical Arabic linguistics and philology.
9. Semantics, including lexemes, lexical units and fields, homonymy, polysemy and Lexical Networks.
10. Various approaches to the linguistic analysis of Qur'an translations.
11. Comparison of grammatical and rhetorical structures in Semitic texts, including Biblical Hebrew and the Qur'ān.

12. The impact of Qur'ānic variant readings on the production of meaning and grammatical structures.
13. Qur'ānic hermeneutics from a linguistic point of view.
14. Linguistics in *'Uluṃ al-Qur'ān* and *Uṣūl al-Fiqh*.

Abstracts must be submitted by **October 3rd, 2022**.

To submit an abstract, follow the link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LrXKu76f1kOi859mxD3yaNo8d1PasXVHnbpwuZi0JqtUMkkzMEszOVpSMlc3VUxVR0RPT0kzOFNPRS4u>

To contact us email: cis@soas.ac.uk and qlg.conf@gmail.com

Publication of Conference Papers

A selection of the papers presented at the conference will be published in a special issue of the Journal of Qur'anic Studies published by Edinburgh University Press. Subject to peer review, articles will be selected for publications based on academic quality, innovation and contribution of new knowledge to the field.

The deadline for submitting the complete papers to the conference organisers is **January 15th, 2023**.

Conference Organising Committee:

Dr Salwa El-Awa (Swansea University)

Dr Yehudit Dror (University of Haifa)

Dr Nora Eggen (Independent Scholar, Oslo)

Dr Orhan Elmaz (University of St Andrews)

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