

Call for Papers

Wisdom Literature in Early Islam

Organiser: Leiden University

Date: 12-13 September 2022

Location: Leiden, the Netherlands

The Leiden University Centre for Islamic Thought and History (LUCITH) is hosting a two-day international conference on **Wisdom Literature in Early Islam**. The conference will have a mixed format, with both in-person and online presentations. The conference will address the question of wisdom literature, as a tool of persuasion, to deliberate its content, to analyse its philosophical and ethical messaging, and identify major themes and tropes in Arabic literature, philosophy, intellectual history, linguistics, and ethics, among other things, in Early Islam (broadly conceived of as the first few centuries).

Themes the conference could address:

- Transmission of wisdom literature, aphorisms, and texts
- Recurring tropes and themes
- Devotional piety and wisdom literature
- The Qur'an and wisdom literature
- The Arabic reception of ancient wisdom literature
- Tools of persuasion and rhetoric
- Philosophical and ethical dimensions

For consideration, please send a 300-word abstract in English to lucith@hum.leidenuniv.nl by the 15th of March 2022. The conference will be held in English.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, only participants located within Europe will be invited to join us in person and will be offered a one-night stay with their travel and accommodation costs covered by the conference organiser. Participants located outside of Europe will be invited to join us online.

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