

CALL FOR PAPERS

51st Annual Conference of the
North American Association of Islamic and
Muslim Studies (NAAIMS)

“Lives of Hadith”

Thursday, October 20, 2022

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

Deadlines:

Abstracts: April 22, 2022

Final Papers: September 16, 2022

Hadith, stories recounting the life of the Prophet Muhammad and the earliest Muslim community, play an integral role in all the Islamic intellectual disciplines (*al-ʿulūm al-islāmiyya*), from history to law to Qur'anic exegesis. They also serve as the foundation of both faith-based and academic narratives of Islamic history. Moreover, they are seen by the vast majority of Muslims as the repository of the Prophetic Sunna or the precedent setting practices of the Prophet, things that Muhammad said, did, or of which he tacitly approved. The Sunna is recognized as the second source of religious law and guidance by the majority of Muslims.

Hadith are so closely linked to the Sunna that many people use the two terms synonymously. As the repository of the Sunna, more details of Islamic law come from the Hadith than from the Qur'an. The reception and use of Hadith is as varied as the people by whom and the purposes for which they are used. Because of the longstanding importance of Hadith and the various ways in which they have been and are being used, this conference invites papers that deal with an equal broad variety of issues related to the Hadith, their history, and usage.

We invite a diverse range of papers from professors and advanced Ph.D. candidates in the humanities and social sciences. Questions the papers might address include, but are not limited to the following:

- Aesthetic and Literary Dimensions of Hadith
- The Identity and Importance of Hadith Transmitters
- The Processes of Hadith Transmission
- Digitization and Hadith
- The Social Use of Hadiths
- Hadith and the Natural and Social Sciences
- Hadith in History, Law and Exegesis
- The Impact of Hadith on Specific Topics (Gender, Environmental Issues, Animal Ethics, etc.)

Abstracts (250 words) Due April 22, 2022

Abstracts from Professors and Advanced Ph.D. Candidates ONLY

- Abstracts will be evaluated according to following criteria: clear data & methodology used, and relevance and contribution to conference theme. Abstracts must include a title; author's full name; contact information; and university position (Professor or Ph.D. Candidate)
- Final papers must be submitted by **September 16, 2022**
- Send abstracts & final papers to Layla Sein, NAAIMS Executive Director, and Conference Coordinator at conferences@naaims.org

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