

Call for Papers for Early Career Scholars: “The Qur’ān and Syriac Christianity: Recurring Themes and Motifs”

The ERC project “The Qur’ān as a Source for Late Antiquity” (QaSLA) invites Early Career Scholars to submit papers for the conference **The Qur’ān and Syriac Christianity: Recurring Themes and Motifs** to be held in **Tuebingen, Germany** from **December 5-7, 2022**.

The three-day international conference pioneers in its focus on the relationship between the Qur’ān with Syriac Christianity. The event will bring together an international group of specialists in Syriac Christianity as well as scholars of the Qur’ān to explore how the Qur’ān reacts to Syrian Christian traditions and the extent to which it serves as a historical witness to Syriac Christianity in Arabia.

The conference welcomes proposals for papers that engage any aspect of the Qur’ān’s conversation with Syriac Christianity. Approaches to be taken and themes to be addressed may include, but are not limited to:

- The Qur’ān’s employment and reshaping of themes and motifs known from Syrian Christianity – from the very beginnings of Syriac literature to the emergence of East and West Syrian traditions
- The Qur’ān’s conversation with West or East Syrian traditions in particular
- The co-relation of West or East Syrian traditions with the Meccan and Medinan layers of the Qur’ān according to the Noeldekean chronology or its further refinements by Angelika Neuwirth and Nicolai Sinai
- The relationship of the intra-qur’ānic parallels with divergent Syriac traditions

Travel and accommodation expenses in Tuebingen for the duration of the research symposium will be covered by QaSLA.

This call for papers invites **Early Career Researchers** (PhD candidates and within five years of the award of the PhD). It seeks to promote outstanding research of early career scholars and bring them in conversation with established scholars of Qur’ānic Studies and Syriac Christianity.

Please note that all proposals must include:

- Author name and affiliation
- C.V.
- Paper title
- 250 word paper abstract (written in English)

Abstract Due: May 6

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