

PROGRAMME

OIB-COSIMENA Research Colloquium II

“Women and the Transmission of Knowledge in pre-modern Islamic Societies: Muftis, Muhadithat and Faqihat”

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5.30– 6.00 p.m. **Registration**
[Entrance]

6.00–6.15 p.m. **Greeting Words**
[„Kino“]
Dr Carsten-Michael Walbiner (*Director, DAAD Regional Office Cairo*)
Lorena Mohr (*Head of Science & protocol, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to Egypt*)

6.15–7.00 p.m. **PRESENTATION**
“Women and the Transmission of Knowledge in pre-modern Islamic Societies: Muftis, Muhadithat and Faqihat”
INPUT
Dr Hoda El-Saadi (*American University in Cairo/AUC*)

7.00–7.30 p.m. **Q & A Session**
MODERATION
Dr Yasmin Amin (*Orient-Institut Beirut*)

7.30–8.30 p.m. **JOINT NETWORKING RECEPTION**

Concept Note & Biography of the Speaker

Concept Note

“Women and the Transmission of Knowledge in pre-modern Islamic Societies: Muftis, Muhadithat and Faqihat”

The presentation highlights the role of women in the transmission of Knowledge in pre-modern Islamic societies. Women in these Islamic societies had a definite participatory role, as well as an active historical presence in the fields of theology and religious sciences. They participated in the transmission of religious knowledge and scholarship, through the teaching of these sciences and were present among the intellectual elite as muftiyat, faqihat, and muhaddithat. The focus of the presentation is not the ‘representation’ of the ‘feminine’ in religious texts, but rather Muslim women as historical agents, as subjects, not objects. It focuses on their contribution to the field of religious knowledge. In what way did they have access to knowledge and what was their role in its transmission?

The space of historical documentation afforded to women, in general, was not equal to male elites connected with state authority and official institutions of knowledge ‘madrasa’. However, information can be found, either in biographical dictionaries that record the lives and deaths of prominent figures in special categories and professions or can be ‘hunted’ and ‘dug out’ from other types of historical sources. The methodology followed for this research is content analysis of the above sources and the discourse embedded in them.

Dr Hoda El-Saadi

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Prof. Dr. Albrecht Fuess studied History and Islamic Studies at Cologne University and Cairo University. He obtained his Ph.D. in Cologne in 2000 with a dissertation on the history of the Syro-Palestinian coast in Mamluk times (1250-1517). Since 2010 he has been a Professor of Islamic Studies at the University of Marburg.

Participants' Feedback

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OIB-COSIMENA Research Colloquium II

In the first joint colloquium in 2023-2024, the research focus was on new approaches to religious ethics, which was divided into three sections (gender, environmental and biomedical ethics). The 12 lectures were held by Egyptian and German scholars. Attention was paid to the plurality of perspectives: man - woman, Muslim - Christian, Sunni - Shiite, and Catholic - Orthodox - Evangelical. The contributions of the 12 scholars will be published in an anthology in autumn 2024. The success of the colloquium was confirmed by various indicators, in particular the great interest of the audience and the interest of the carefully selected speakers in taking part.

The OIB (Cairo Office) is organizing a new series in cooperation with the DAAD Regional Office Cairo in the period between June 2024 - April 2025 on a new topic, namely "Knowledge transfer, its history and its future in the age of digital humanities" or briefly "Knowledge transfer between history and innovation".

In the new series, the topic will also be treated in an interdisciplinary manner from different perspectives, namely history, religious studies, sociology, modernity and computer science.

This time also, there will be three clusters of 4 lectures each. The first cluster addresses the question of what knowledge transfer is. The second focuses on the questions of how, why and by whom. The final cluster will address modern times. The following dates are planned for the events:

1st Cluster

- Thursday, 13th June 2024
- Wednesday, 26th June 2024
- Wednesday, 31st July 2024
- Wednesday, 25th September 2024

2nd Cluster

- Wednesday, 30th October 2024
- Wednesday, 27th November 2024
- Wednesday, 18th December 2024
- Wednesday, 29th January 2024

3rd Cluster

- Wednesday, 26th February 2024
- Wednesday, 9th April 2024
- Wednesday, 30th April 2024
- Wednesday, 28th May 2024

Partners

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD)

It was in 1960 when the DAAD Regional Office was established on the basis of the German-Egyptian Cultural Agreement. Since then, the academic relations between Egypt and Germany have evolved steadily. The close cooperation has unwrapped new horizons for the scientific bonds of both countries to further develop and flourish. Thousands of Egyptian scholars have benefited ever since from these ties. <https://www.daad.eg/>

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In the scope of COSIMENA the DAAD Office Cairo realises interdisciplinary events on current issues in science and innovation, such as workshops, conferences, roundtable discussions, the German Science Day, the COSIMENA Science Night and a Summer School. The several activities aim to bring together various stakeholders from science, business, government, and civil society. Especially scientists are promoted and supported through networking opportunities. www.daad.eg/cosimena

Orient Institut Beirut

The Orient-Institut Beirut (OIB) is an independent academic research institute, belonging to the Max Weber Foundation. It is mainly funded through the Federal Ministry of Education and Research in Germany. It conducts interdisciplinary research on the Arab world and the region of West Asia and North Africa at large. Its research community comprises long-term research associates from Germany and short-term visiting fellows from all over the world, who represent the major disciplines of the humanities and social sciences, including Islamic and Arab studies, history and anthropology of the Middle East, as well as sociology and political sciences. <https://orient-institut.org>

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