



SEXUAL KNOWLEDGE IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD

Historical perspectives

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Friday 28 October

9:15

Opening

9:30–11:00

Panel 1 – Ethics and Law

Sajjad Rizvi (University of Exeter) – *Soteriology of Pleasure, Ethics, and the Sexual Person: Some Decolonial Notes on Shi'i Hadith and Theology*

Omar Anchassi (King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies) – *The Churning in the Flogging of 'Umayra: on the Ethics of Masturbation in Islamic Law*

11:00–11:30

Coffee Break

11:30–13:00

Panel 2 – Lot's People

Sara Omar (Georgetown University) – *Muslim Historians, Storytellers, and Exegetes: Early Discourses over the Act of Lot's People ('Amal Qawm Lūt)*

Jonathan Lawrence (University of Oxford) – *Being-a-Lūṭī? Liwāṭ's Moral-Psychological After-Effects*

13:00–14:30

Lunch

- 14:30–16:00 **Panel 3 – Dreams and Paradise**
 Nerina Rustomji (St. John's University) – *Reflections on Sex in Paradise*
 İrvin Cemil Schick (online) – *Sex and Oneiromancy: Mining Islamic Dream Manuals*
- 18:00–19:00 **Keynote Speech**
Everett Rowson (New York University)
Information Versus Entertainment: Sexuality in Pre-Modern Arabic Texts

Saturday 29 October

- 9:30–11:45 **Panel 4 – Translation and Sexology**
 Shireen Hamza (Harvard University) – *Translating Gender and Medicine in Medieval Gujarat*
 Sonia Wigh (University of Exeter) – *'Ilm-i bāh to 'ilm-i Kokā: Translating Early Modern South Asian Knowledge*
 Anuj Kaushal (University of Texas) – *Immanentistic Sensuality: Genderscaping Through Imagination and Free Will in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Islamicate Sexology of North India*
- 11:45–12:00 Coffee Break
- 12:00–13:30 **Panel 5 – Sexual hygiene and gynaecology**
Ignacio Sánchez (University of Warwick)
Ibn al-Jawzī (d. 597/1201) on Sexuality and Sexual Hygiene
Sara Verskin (Rhode Island College)
Testing and Trusting Women: Offensive and Defensive Gynaecology
- 13:30–15:00 **Lunch**
- 15:00–15:30 **Panel 6 – Fiction and Poetry**
Domenico Ingenito (University of California, Los Angeles)
Obscene Poetry as Counter-Text to Courtly and Mystical Lyric in Medieval Persian Literature
İpek Hüner Cora (Boğaziçi University)
Whose desire? Narration of desire in Ottoman fiction
- 15:30–15:45 Coffee Break
- 15:45–17:15 **Panel 7 – Erotica: Hermeneutics and Readers' Responses**
 Matthew Keegan (Columbia University)
Of Law, Islamic Mujun, and al-Tifashi's Nuzhat al-Albab
 Pernilla Myrne (University of Gothenburg)
Arabic Erotic Manuscripts and Their Readers

Sunday 30 October

- 9:15–11:30 **Panel 8 – Handbooks and Sexual Life: Granada, Malay World and Turkestan**
 Bárbara Boloix Gallardo (University of Granada) – *Eroticism and Sexual life of the Women of the Nasrid Kingdom of Granada (13th-15th centuries)*
 Maznah Mohamad (University of Singapore) – *Sexuality, Intimacy, and Islamic Spirituality in Early Writings from the Malay World*
 László Károly and Patrick Hällzon (University of Uppsala)
Chagatai Medical Sources as a Way to Understand Conceptions about Love, Sexuality and Procreation among Turkic Societies of Central Asia
- 11:30–11:45 Coffee Break
- 11:45–12:30 **Closing speech and discussion**