

Workshop

Typology in the Qur'an and Qur'anic Exegesis

December 1st (2:30 pm – 5:20 pm) and 2nd (9 am – 6 pm)

Venue

Collaborative Research Center 980 “Episteme in Motion”, Schwendenerstr. 8, 14195 Berlin – Conference Room

Convened by

The members of the project “From Logos to Kalām” of the CRC 980

Speakers

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Nicolai Sinai (University of Oxford)

Holger Zellentin (The University of Nottingham)

Objectives

The ambition of this workshop (December 2014) and conference (July 2015) is to facilitate a fruitful discussion between scholars of late antique and medieval patristic and rabbinic exegesis and scholars of the Qur'an and its exegesis. The focus of this discussion will be the method of typological exegesis, a mode of interpretation common to exegesis and historiography, in which a canonical text (often scripture) is connected with historical events, people and ideas in the past, present and future. With regard to late antique Christianity, and to a lesser extent rabbinic Judaism, the practice is well documented and studied. The practice also existed widely in the history of Qur'anic exegesis, in the sense of the Qur'anic fulfillment of Biblical types and figures, and also in the sense of the fulfillment of Qur'anic types in ensuing centuries of Muslim religious and cultural history. Underlying the method of typological reading is the view that scripture is a unity, that it is analogously related, and that the role of the exegete is to unravel the relationships between the type and the antitype.

The ultimate goal of this meeting is to investigate concepts and methods of typological interpretation in late antiquity and the medieval period, and to situate these within the wider context of the transfer of knowledge in the premodern period.

December 1st

2:30-3:00 pm **Islam Dayeh**, Freie Universität Berlin

Welcome and Introduction

Session 1 Chair: Islam Dayeh

3:00-3:40 pm **Angelika Neuwirth**, Freie Universität Berlin

Rethinking the Radius of Qur'anic Philology: Typology and Targumization

Coffee Break

Session 2 Chair: Islam Dayeh

4:00-4:40 pm **Nora Schmidt**, Freie Universität Berlin

Late Antique Allegorical Interpretation and Philological Approaches to the Qur'an

4:40-5:20 pm **Nora K. Schmid**, Freie Universität Berlin

Negotiating Late Antique Interpretative modi: Lot's Wife in the Qur'an

Dinner

December 2nd

Session 3 Chair: Manolis Ulbricht

9:00-9:40 am **Holger Zellentin**, The University of Nottingham

Qur'anic Typology beyond Judaism and Christianity

9:40-10:20 am **Emiliano Fiori**, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin / SFB 980

Reading the Bible without Typology: The Antiochene Exegetical Style and Its Syriac Metamorphoses

10:20-11:00 am **Emmanouela Grypeou**, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin / BBAW

Jewish and Christian Typology on Jacob's Ladder

Coffee Break

Session 4 Chair: Manolis Ulbricht

11:15-11:55 am **Samer Rashwani**, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

The Typological and Non-Typological Patterns of History in the Qur'an: A Primary Overview

11:55 am -12:35 pm **Amr Osman**, Qatar University

Typology in the Islamic Tradition: The Case of Islamic Law as Antitype of Earlier Laws

12:35-1:15 pm **Nicolai Sinai**, University of Oxford

Is there Typology in the Qur'an and in Islamic Exegesis?

Lunch

Session 5	Chair: Ismail Mohr
3:00-3:40 pm	Christian Lange , Universiteit Utrecht <i>Typologies of the Otherworld in the Qur'an and in Qur'anic Exegesis</i>
3:40-4:20 pm	Alexander Kalbarczyk , Ruhr-Universität Bochum <i>Reading the Qur'an and Reading Aristotle: The Theme of Epistemological Pessimism in Fakhr ad-Din ar-Razi</i>
4:20-5:00 pm	Samuela Pagani , Università del Salento <i>Typological Interpretations of Monastic History in the Exegesis of Qur'an 57:27</i>
Coffee Break	
5:15-6:00 pm	Final Discussion