

Call for Papers

International Society for Islamic Legal Studies invites papers for its VIII International Conference on Islamic Legal Studies

To be held 6th-8th November 2015 at
Leiden University Centre for the Study of Islam and Society

Islamic Law and Ethics

The International Society for Islamic Legal Studies (ISILS) will hold its eighth conference on the theme of “Islamic Law and Ethics” in Leiden. The conference is hosted by the Leiden University Centre for the Study of Islam and Society (LUCIS) at Leiden University. Leiden, along with Amsterdam, was the venue for its first conference in 1994, and ISILS is very pleased to be returning to the city and its university. ISILS brings together researchers and practitioners in the field of Islamic legal studies to share research, with its main activity being its triennial conference. In the past the conference has been held in Leiden, Amsterdam, Cambridge (MA), Murcia and Exeter. The most recent conference took place in 2012 in Ankara. Researchers can join ISILS through its website (www.isils.net).

The theme of the VIII conference is “Islamic Law and Ethics”, and the Society invites paper proposals on this theme. We particularly encourage papers which address the following:

- specific contexts, such as arenas of legal practice (courts, state institutions) and intellectual traditions in which Islamic legal thought and practice have been influenced by ethical concerns
- specific contexts and examples of how ethical norms have contributed to change and reform in Islamic law
- the distinctions between the spheres of law and of ethics, and how they play a role in Islamic legal theory and legal doctrine
- particular instances where the division in Islamic legal thought and practice between ethics and law has been reflected in the structure of legal systems (both of the present and the past).

Papers focussing on particular thinkers, traditions of legal thought and areas of legal practice are particularly encouraged. The selection of the papers will be made on the basis of both potential contribution to the field, and the coherence of the conference programme. The Selection Committee consists of ISILS executive board members, ISILS members and representatives from LUCIS.

Paper proposals should be no more than 300 words, and should be submitted to the ISILS Secretary/Treasurer, Professor Robert Gleave, by 2nd March 2015. Submissions should be in the form of an email with an attachment containing the paper proposal (preferably in WORD). Robert Gleave is also the contact for informal enquiries concerning the conference and paper proposal submission. Funds for partial and full travel expenses for participants will be available. Details will follow paper selection. Paper proposers will be informed of the Selection Committee’s decision before the end of March 2015.

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