

## **Fourth Annual Conference of the British Association for Islamic Studies**

Tuesday 11 April (5pm) - Thursday 13 April (5pm) 2017

[Chester Centre for Islamic Studies](#), University of Chester

### **Call for panels and papers**

Following BRAIS's successful conferences in Edinburgh (April 2014) and London (April 2015 and April 2016), the organisers invite proposals for whole panels or individual papers on any aspect or sub-discipline of Islamic Studies, for the Fourth Annual Conference of BRAIS. Islamic Studies is broadly understood to include both Muslim-majority and Muslim-minority contexts as well as historical, textual, and contemporary anthropological and sociological approaches.

Pre-arranged panels are particularly welcome on themes within the subject area, such as:

- Qur'anic studies
- Sociology of Islam
- Law
- Muslims in Britain/Europe/North America and other minority contexts
- History, Medieval and Modern
- History of Science
- Philosophy and Theology
- Muslims in Africa and Asia
- Intellectual History
- Islamic Art and Architecture
- Diversity within Islam
- Economics and Finance
- Education
- Gender Studies
- Islam in the Media
- Interreligious Relations

Individual proposals will also be considered, and, if accepted, will then be grouped with similar submissions by the conference organisers.

### **How to submit you panel/paper proposal**

For panels, a 200-word outline of the theme of the panel, together with 200-word abstracts of each paper and the details of each presenter, should be submitted using the form which is available [HERE](#). Please save the document as follows: "Surname of panel chair\_first name of panel chair\_panel". Example: "Smith\_John\_panel".

For individual papers, a 200-word abstract of the paper should be submitted using the form which is available [HERE](#). Please save the document as follows: "Your surname\_your first name\_paper". Example: "Smith\_John\_paper".

ALL PANEL AND PAPER SUBMISSIONS MUST BE IN ENGLISH. SUBMISSIONS IN LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

All completed forms should be sent by email attachment to [brais@ed.ac.uk](mailto:brais@ed.ac.uk) by **5pm (UK time) on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016**. You will receive an email notification confirming the receipt of your form.

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A NOTIFICATION RECEIPT, PLEASE CONTACT US.

All panel and individual paper proposals will be reviewed (double blind) by two members of the BRAIS Conference Committee. We will contact you at the end of January 2017 to inform you as to whether your panel/paper has been accepted.

A number of fee waivers will be available for UK-based PhD students whose papers are accepted for the BRAIS 2017 conference. Fee waivers will include delegate fee plus all catering and accommodation costs. More details to be announced later this year.

We regret that we cannot offer any kind of financial assistance to overseas scholars whose papers have been accepted for the BRAIS 2017 conference.

If you have any questions, please contact the Conference Committee on: [brais@ed.ac.uk](mailto:brais@ed.ac.uk).

### **Plenary sessions at the conference**

The conference committee is very pleased to announce that plenary lectures at the conference will be delivered by Prof Bryan Turner (Australian Catholic University) on 'Can there be a "Sociology of Islam"?'; Profs Humayun Ansari (Royal Holloway, London) and Ron Geaves (Cardiff University) on 'The History of Muslims in Britain'; and Profs Everett Rowson (New York University) and Gudrun Krämer (Free University of Berlin) on the new edition of *The Encyclopaedia of Islam* (kindly sponsored by Brill).

### **Travel to/from Chester**

Chester is easily accessible, either by train from London Euston (2 hours) or via Manchester Airport and Liverpool John Lennon Airport.