

**The future of the study of Islam in Scandinavia.
Between university theology and lived religion**
The Faculty of Theology, University of Oslo. 1-2 December 2014

1. December

09.45 Registration

10.00 Welcome.

Dean. Trygve Wyller, Faculty of Theology, University of Oslo.

Prof. Oddbjørn Leirvik, Faculty of Theology, University of Oslo.

I Islamic university theology in Europe/Scandinavia – challenges and opportunities

Chair: Oddbjørn Leirvik

10.30 – 11.00 *Islamic studies on different grounds. Difficulties and opportunities.*

Prof. Mohammad Fazlhashemi, Faculty of Theology, University of Uppsala.

11.00 – 11.30 *Historical contextualization of the Koran as a key for today's interpretations of the Qur'an.*

Dr. Dina El-Omari, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster.

11.30 – 11.45 Break

11.45 – 12.15 *Minority in Diversity - the German initiative for Islamic Theology.*

Dr. Riem Spielhaus. Research Fellow at the Erlangen Centre for Islam & Law in Europe (EZIRE), Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU), Germany.

12.15 – 12.45 *Islamic Theology, Islamic Studies or what are the interest of Muslim Students at Western Universities?*

Prof. Göran Larsson. Department of Literature, History of Ideas and Religion. University of Gothenburg.

12.45 – 13.30 Plenary discussion.

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch

II The relationship between theology and the humanistic disciplines

Chair: Göran Larsson

14.30 – 15.00 *Toward a Humanistic Theology - The Role of Philosophy of Religion.*

Ass. Prof. Safet Bektovic Faculty of Theology, University of Oslo/Copenhagen.

15.00 – 15.30 *Qur'anic Studies: between theology and the humanities.*

Prof. Thomas Hoffmann, Faculty of Theology, University of Copenhagen.

15.30 – 15.45 Break

15.45 – 16.15 *What is at stake? Some dilemmas encountered in Islamic studies.*

Dr. Nora Eggen, University of Oslo.

16.15 – 17.00 Plenary discussion.

17.30 Performance
«Maria i Koranen. En musikk- og fortellerforestilling»
Mehda Zolfaqari, storyteller
Geko Fattal, oud

Dinner 18.00

2. December

09.30 Coffee, tea

III The study of theology as lived religion

Chair: Riem Spielhaus

09.45 – 10.15 *Studying Islam and/or Muslims. Interdisciplinary Cooperation between Structure and Agency.*

Prof. Catharina Raudvere, Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen.

10.15 – 10.45 *Theology and Muslim everyday religious life.*

Prof. David Thurfjell. School of Historical and Contemporary Studies, Södertörn University.

10.45 – 11.00 Break

11.00 – 11.30 *The «context» in the study of lived religion and contextual theology.*

Post doc. Fellow Ingvild Flaskerud, Faculty of Theology, University of Oslo.

11.30 – 12.15 Plenary discussion

12.15 – 13.15 Lunch

IV Theology in a relational-dialogic perspective

Chair: Catharina Raudvere

13.15 – 13.45 *Trans-religious approaches: Critical gender perspectives on inter-religious studies.*

Ass. Prof. Anne Hege Grung. Practical Theological Seminary, Oslo.

13.45 – 14.15 *Interreligious theology? Theologies in conversation in a university setting.*

Prof. Oddbjørn Leirvik. Faculty of Theology, University of Oslo.

14.15 – 14.45 Plenary discussion

14.45 – 15.00 Break

V Concluding discussion

15.00- 16.00

Chair: Post doc. Ingvild Flaskerud. Faculty of Theology, University of Oslo.

Discussant: Prof. Ulrika Mårtensson, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU).