Call for Papers

**Innovative Approaches in Islamic Sciences and Education**

The Institute of Islamic Theology at the University of Osnabrück invites paper proposals for its conference entitled *Innovative Approaches in Islamic Sciences and Education*, to be held in Osnabrück, **September 20-22, 2018**. The conference has two main goals: *First*, to allow an interdisciplinary discussion about new ways and approaches to re-think and re-interpret the rich legacy and history of traditional Islamic scholarship in the contemporary world. In this regard, we are particularly interested in discussing whether, and to what extent, an innovation within the diverse intellectual legacy of traditional Islamic scholarship is possible today. *And second*, to contribute to the ongoing academic reflection about the improvement of the quality of Islamic education and the development of better curricula for religious research and teaching institutions. Our main focus here is, how to improve both the theoretical and practical parts of the teaching of Islamic subjects, in a way that allows us to meet the needs of our changing societies. Thus, we would like to open the floor also to religious education scholars to discuss the new educational methods and principles in their respective fields.

We encourage particularly papers that focus on **the following themes**:

- Islamic legal thought
- Islamic theology
- Islamic philosophy
- Islamic history
- Koran exegesis
- Hadith studies
- Religious education
- Psychology
- Didactics
Pedagogy

The selection of the papers will be made on the basis of both potential contribution to the field, and the coherence of the conference program. Please submit your abstract (no longer than 500 words) with a short C.V. to:

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Deadline: **December 31, 2017.**

Paper proposers will be informed by the selection committee’s decision by **January 20, 2018.**

N.B.: Speakers agree to publish their papers in a conference volume after a review process. The publication is planned for September 2019. For accepted papers, accommodation will be provided and travel costs covered. The languages of the conference are English and German.