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by Nawal Nasrallah

This is an abbreviated version of the award-winning and highly acclaimed second edition published in 2013, beautifully illustrated throughout, and displays the diversity of the region’s traditional culinary practices, delicious and enduring. This edition contains 300 of the original 400 recipes, all tested and easy to follow, and covers all food categories. Ingredients and cooking techniques indigenous to the region are fully explained, with practical ways for making them in the convenience of our modern kitchens. Unlike the majority of cookbooks, this book uniquely traces the genesis and development of the Iraqi cuisine over the centuries, starting with the ancient Mesopotamians, through medieval times and leading to the present. Of particular interest are the book’s numerous food-related folkloric stories, reminiscences, anecdotes, songs, poems, and cultural explications of customs, all interwoven with the recipes. The book’s comprehensive glossary helps familiarize the reader with the indigenous ingredients used in creating authentic Iraqi meals, with substitutes suggested without compromising taste or tradition. This book is a valuable addition to the shelves of specialized and general libraries alike, and a must-have for food lovers everywhere.

440p, 200 col photos (Equinox Publishing, January 2018) hardcover, 9781781794579, $45.00. Special Offer $36.00

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**The Mosaics of the Norman Stanza in Palermo**

A Study of Byzantine and Medieval Islamic Palace Decoration

by David Knipp

This book explores the making and meaning of one of the most enigmatic and singular interior spaces of the Middle Ages, the mosaic incrusted chamber commonly known as the ‘Room of Roger’ in the palace of the Norman kings of Sicily in Palermo. The unique way in which Byzantine technique, skill and style are blended with Maghribi Islamic perspective conventions and iconography while producing aesthetic interaction as well as obvious tension, serves as a starting point for an investigation of the various currents of artistic exchange and dynastic pretensions between Palermo, Constantinople, Norman Antioch and the Maghrib. Political aspirations in the Levant, Almoravid splendor in Fez and Marrakech, and the ever-present rival, the Byzantine emperor, all come to play a part in the making of the famous ‘Camera di Ruggero’.

311p (Peeters Publishers, July 2017, Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta 261) hardcover, 9789042993330, $132.00. Special Offer $106.00

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A History of the Encyclopaedia of Islam
by Peri Bearman

_A History of The Encyclopaedia of Islam_ is the back story of the decisions that shaped the preeminent reference work in the field of Islamic Studies and of the labor that went into it, a story that has not yet been told. It is a record of a monumental, century-long project, undertaken by the greatest scholars of its time; of friendships and rivalries; and of the extraordinary circumstances in which it took shape. As a product of and a contribution to a century’s evolving view of Islamic history, civilization, and religion, this history sheds light onto the world of academia, of the individual scholars who contributed to the encyclopedia’s success, and of a time—Europe before and after two world wars—and an age of publishing that dramatically changed in its lifetime.

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A Reading of the Thirty-Three Last Sūrahs of the Qur’ān
by Michel Cuypers

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Journal of the International Qur’ānic Studies Association
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Editors: Vanessa De Gifis (Wayne State University), Michael Pregill (Boston University)

The _Journal of the International Qur’ānic Studies Association (JIQSA)_ is a peer-reviewed annual journal published on behalf of the International Qur’ānic Studies Association. JIQSA welcomes article submissions that explore the Qur’ān’s origins in the religious, cultural, social, and political contexts of Late Antiquity; its connections to various literary precursors, especially the scriptural and parascriptural traditions of older religious communities; the historical reception of the Qur’ān in the West; the hermeneutics and methodology of Qur’ānic exegesis and translation (both traditional and modern); the transmission and evolution of the textus receptus; Qur’ān manuscripts and material culture; and the application of various literary and philological modes of investigation into Qur’ānic style, compositional structure, and rhetoric.

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Identity, Politics and the Study of Islam
Current Dilemmas in the Study of Religions
edited by Matt Sheedy

Based partly on a series of posts coming out of the Bulletin for the Study of Religion blog, this volume includes greatly expanded essays by Ruth Mas, Sarah Imhoff and James Crossley as well as new pieces by Devin Stewart, Carlos Segovia, Alexandre Caeiro and Emmanuelle Stefanidis, Russell McCutcheon and Salman Sayyid. This volume, thus, brings together a variety of scholars both inside and outside of Islamic Studies in order to grapple with such questions as: what, if anything, is unique about Islamic Studies? How should Islamic studies as religious studies engage with postcolonial critique? What is the role of identity politics in such endeavors? What are the lines between descriptive (hermeneutic) work and theoretical explanations of Islamic texts? What can scholars in related areas, such as the study of Judaism and early Christianity, offer to this conversation by way of analogy? Can ethical, political, or theological concerns function critically to help theorize Islam?


Identity and Interpretation
by Johanna Pink

Muslim Qur’anic interpretation today is beset by tensions: tensions between localizing and globalizing forces; tensions between hierarchical and egalitarian social ideals; tensions between the quest for new approaches and the claim for authority raised by defenders of exegetical traditions. It is this complex web of power structures, local as well as global, that this book seeks to elucidate. This book provides a fresh perspective on present-day Qur’anic interpretations by analyzing the historical, social and political dimensions in which they take place, the ways in which they are performed and the media through which they are transmitted. Besides discussing the persistence of exegetical traditions and the emergence of new paradigms, it examines the structural conditions in which these processes occur. Languages, nation states, global human rights discourses and intra-Islamic divisions all shape the nature of interpretive endeavors and frequently fuel conflicts over the correct understanding of the Qurʾān.

256p, 26 illus (Equinox Publishing, October 2018, Themes in Qur’anic Studies) hardcover, 9781781791431, $100.00. Special Offer $80.00

European Perspectives on Islamic Education and Public Schooling
edited by Jenny Berglund

Islamic religious education (IRE) in Europe has become a subject of intense debate during the past decade. There is concern that states are doing too little or too much to shape the spiritual beliefs of private citizens. State response to the concern ranges from sponsoring religious education in public schools to forgoing it entirely and policies vary according to national political culture. This volume brings together a number of researchers for the first time to explore the interconnections between Islamic educations and public schooling in Europe. The relation between Islamic education and public schooling is analyzed within the publicly and privately funded sectors. How is publicly funded education organized, why is it organized in this way, what is the history and what are the controversial issues? What are the similarities and differences between privately run Islamic education and “main stream” schooling? What are the experiences of teachers, parents and pupils?

480p, 3 illus (Equinox Publishing, December 2018) hardcover, 9781781794845, $120.00. Special Offer $96.00
Islamic Theological Discourses and the Legacy of Kalam
Gestation, Movements and Controversies
edited by Mustafa Shah
With a concern for context and history, this major reference work presents key academic contributions devoted to the study of early, classical and pre-modern Islamic theological thought. The aim is to provide a balanced survey of the research discourses which have shaped study of the rich legacy of Islamic theology and kalām. Divided into three volumes and comprising over 40 articles, the collection includes an introduction which provides not only an assessment of key discussions and debates in the study of Islamic theology, but also examines significant developments in the field. Vol. 1 History and Development; Vol. 2 Movements, Personalities and Controversies; Vol. 3 Concepts, Constructs and Themes. 3 vols, 900p (Gerlach Press, January 2019) hardcover, 9783959940481, $619.00. Special Offer $496.00

European Muslims and their Foreign Policy Interests
Identities and Loyalties
by Imène Ajala
In a global context marked by terrorist threats, Muslim communities in the West have come under increasing scrutiny. Sensitive questions on identity arise with regard to their foreign policy interests and their loyalties. This book investigates the foreign policy interests and political mobilization of Muslims in Europe, specifically in France and Great Britain, contributing to shed light on these difficult questions. 170p (Gerlach Press, September 2018, Islam and International Relations 1) hardcover, 9783959940603, $94.00. Special Offer $76.00

Economic Diversification in the Gulf States
Public Expenditure and Non-Oil Economic Growth in Bahrain, Oman and Qatar
by Yesenn El-Radhi
A long-standing economic policy goal of the oil-dependent GCC countries is to increase economic diversification. Over the last decades, GCC governments fostered the development of non-oil economies through large-scale public investments in the stocks of human and physical capital. This book takes a new look at economic diversification efforts by examining the impact of different public expenditure categories (capital, education, health) on non-oil GDP and labor productivity developments in the three GCC countries Bahrain, Oman and Qatar since the 1970s. 422p (Gerlach Press, June 2018) hardcover, 9783959940528, $119.00. Special Offer $96.00

In Search of Ali ibn Abi Talib’s Codex
History and Traditions of the Earliest Copy of the Qur’an
by Seyfeddin Kara,
foreword by James Piscatoroi
The history of the text of the Qur’an has been a long-standing subject of interest within the field of Islamic Studies, but the debate has so far been focused on the Sunni traditions about the codices of Caliphs Abu Bakr and ‘Uthman. Little to no attention has been given to the traditions on ‘Ali b. Abi Talib’s collection of the Qur’an.
This book examines both Shi’i and Sunni traditions on the issue, aiming to date them back to the earliest possible date and, if possible, verify their authenticity. To achieve this, the traditions are examined using analysis of both matn (text) and isnād (chain of transmission) with an emphasis on finding a correlation between the two.
400p (Gerlach Press, July 2018) hardcover, 9783959940542, $119.00. Special Offer $96.00

The Gulf States, Asia and the Indian Ocean
Ensuring the Security of the Sea Lanes
edited by Tim Niblock,
with Talmiz Ahmad and Degang Sun
Among the many strategic and economic issues facing the Gulf in the coming years, those relating to the Indian Ocean are set to be among the most challenging. The Indian Ocean constitutes a key arena for regional and global competition and rivalry. This book contends that the Gulf states need to play an active part in the promotion of Indian Ocean stability and security, working with other Indian Ocean states to develop institutional structures and practices which encourage cooperation and provide avenues for conflict resolution. They have everything to gain from such a strategy.
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edited by Christa Clamer, Kay Prag and Jean-Baptiste Humbert

The archaeological sounding on the site of the Colegio del Pilar in the Old City of Jerusalem in 1996 was a salvage excavation, suspended for administrative reasons. The present publication offers the results of a rare archaeological investigation in the Christian Quarter. Most of the volume describes the fully illustrated pottery, organized by stratigraphic context.

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The Narrow Way to Heaven: Identity and Identities in the Art of Middle Eastern Christianity
by M. Immerzeel

If art mirrors identity, this is particularly the case in the Christian Middle East. At first glance, the imposed minority position of the various communities and inherent feelings of peril are the driving forces behind the development of distinct artistic idioms, but on closer inspection this bias does not entirely do justice to the achievements of past generations.

Churches would never have been erected and embellished without the zealous support of individuals and groups who had the means to realize such projects. This two-partite study deals with them and the tangible results of their efforts.

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Negotiating the Ottoman Constitution 1839–1876
by Aylin Koçunyan

This book traces the transcultural and transnational dimension of the internal genesis of the Ottoman Constitution, which was promulgated on December 23, 1876. It shows that the constitutional process incorporated, from domestic authorities to foreign Powers, a plurality of formal and informal agents of different ethno-religious, cultural, and ideological backgrounds and that its investigation goes beyond the study of a national narrative.

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Syriac in its Multi-cultural Context
edited by Herman Teule, Elif Kerase-Kayaalp, Kutlu Akalin, Nesim Doru and M. Sait Toprak

This volume contains the contributions presented at the First International Syriac Symposium organized by the Artuklu University in Mardin (April 2012). A substantial number of papers are devoted to the history of Syriac Christianity in Mardin itself, or more generally in Eastern Turkey, with contributions by both Turkish and international scholars. This publication acknowledges the importance of Syriac culture and Syriac language as elements for understanding the history and present-day situation of Eastern Anatolia.

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Scribal Practices and the Social Construction of Knowledge in Antiquity, Late Antiquity and Medieval Islam
edited by Myriam Wissa

Scribal practices across disciplines are often explored through divisions between words, stiches and verses, sections, scribal hands and marks, correction and copying procedures. This volume offers a different perspective: writing as shown here is, at its heart, a deeply social practice connecting narrative to the different categories of knowledge (linguistic, political, administrative, legal, historical and geographic) and literacy. The twelve essays investigate how scribal practices are related to the construction of knowledge and challenge the conventional boundaries.

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études sur l'Iran médiéval
Géographie historique et société
by Jean Aubin, edited and introduced by Denise Aigle

Jean Aubin’s work on the Ilkhan domination, on the acculturation of the Turkic-Mongolian elites, on caravan roads and networks, on hagiographic literature were widely spread. They have helped advance historical thinking on poorly known societies. This compendium deals with the relationship between road networks and commercial activities, the role of religious and cultural elites when Iran was under domination of powers of nomadic origin, and the Ilkhans, with articles on Mongolian Azerbaijan, questions of acculturation and the collapse of the empire and on the emergence of the State of the Sarbadars in Khorassan. French text.

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Latin Translation of the Qur’ān (1518/1621)
Commissioned by Egidio da Viterbo. Critical Edition and Case Study by Katarzyna Starczewska
This book contains both an edition and study of Egidio da Viterbo’s Qur’ān. The critical edition is based on the two existing manuscripts and is the first published work to include the full text of this Qur’ānic translation. It includes the original translation, the corrections of the text made by Leo Africanus, an appendix with Qur’ānic glosses and a case study devoted to persons involved in the translation. The study serves as an introduction to the Latin text, exploring the context in which Muslim converts to Christianity collaborated with church authorities. It enumerates and analyzes the Morisco translator’s diverse philological tools, which could have been used by the clergymen for polemical purposes. At the same time, it offers further insight into European studies of Arabic during the period. 828p (Harrassowitz Verlag, February 2018, Diskurse der Arabistik 24) hardcover, 9783447109581, $73.00. Special Offer $59.00

by Arik Sadan and Almog Kasher
Medieval Arab scholars held grammar in very high esteem due to two main reasons. First, intellectual curiosity led them to investigate the language and its structures. Secondly, the desire to better understand the holy text of the Qur’ān made Arabic grammar indispensable. The intellectual curiosity as well as the interconnection between grammar and the study of religion can be seen in the grammarians’ writings and theories in general and in this book in particular. The book consists of a critical edition and the analysis of an early treatise in the field of Arabic grammar, based on two manuscripts located in England and Egypt. The work’s title literally means ‘the balance, or scales, of Arabic.’ It is a pedagogical work dedicated to Arabic grammar and written by the famous Arabic grammarian Ibn al-ʿAnbārī (died 577/1181). Among his rather few other extant treatises is the celebrated ʿAsrār al-ʿarabiyya, mostly dedicated to theoretical reasoning behind linguistic facts. In addition to the critical edition of Mīzān al-ʿarabiyya, the book also contains a detailed comparison between this work and the above-mentioned ʿAsrār al-ʿarabiyya. 116p (Harrassowitz Verlag, March 2018, Arabische Studien 15) paperback, 9783447110044, $52.00. Special Offer $42.00

Tugend und Gemeinwohl Grundzüge hermeneutischen Denkens in der postklassischen koranischen Ethik am Beispiel der maqāsid-Theorie von aš-Šāṭibī
by Mohammed Nekroumi
Since the beginning of the twentieth century, the modern debate about the meaning and intention of the term sari’a has been accompanied by the question of the permanence, universality, and changeability of Qur’ānic moral normativity. While a variety of unsystematic popular scientific explanatory approaches dealt with the supposed crisis of Islamic morality, the theological-academic discourse on the underlying contemporary issues of Islamic ethics remained largely underdeveloped. To this day, there are hardly any studies that deal with the history of ideas and epistemology in terms of the depth of meaning of Islamic ethical concepts and the transformation of the normative concept of sari’a during the different epochs of Islamic intellectual history. Based on an epistemological examination of the ethical theory of the so-called maqāsid, which focuses on the goals of the sari’a and the intentions of the legislator, Mohammed Nekroumi undertakes a reconstruction attempt to determine the relationship between Islamic morality and ethical questions of modernity such as conscience, freedom, responsibility, virtue and bliss. At the center of his theological-hermeneutic reflection is the work of the Andalusian polymath Abū Ḳāḥfābūbī ibn Musā aš-Šāṭibī (died 790/1388), which marks the heyday and epistemological maturity of Islamic theological ethics. German text. 228p (Harrassowitz Verlag, February 2018, Diskurse der Arabistik 25) paperback, 9783447109581, $73.00. Special Offer $59.00

Reading Slowly A Festschrift for Jens E. Braarvig
edited by Lutz Edzard, Jens W. Borgland and Ute Hüsken
Reading Slowly contains contributions from a variety of fields, all focused in some way on the importance of philological scholarship for understanding history, culture, religion, language and law. Although their objects of study, source language(s), media, focus and research questions are different, the essays in this volume are firmly bound together by the philological method—in the broadest sense of the term—and the scholarship of Jens E. Braarvig, whose vast scope of interest and knowledge is reflected in the breadth of this Festschrift. 494p, 43 illus, 1 map, 16 tbls (Harrassowitz Verlag, January 2018) hardcover, 9783447109642, $173.00. Special Offer $139.00
The Mamluk Sultanate from the Perspective of Regional and World History
Economic, Social and Cultural Development in an Era of Increasing International Interaction and Competition
edited by Reuven Amitai and Stephan Conermann
The Mamluk Sultanate represents an extremely interesting case study to examine social, economic and cultural developments in the transition into the rapidly changing modern world. On the one hand, it is the heir of a political and military tradition that goes back hundreds of years, and brought this to a high pitch that enabled astounding victories over serious external threats. On the other hand, as time went on, it was increasingly confronted with modern problems that would necessitate fundamental changes in its structure and content. The Mamluk period was one of great religious and social change, and in many ways the modern demographic map was established at this time.

220p (V&R unipress, June 2018, Mamluk Studies 12) hardcover, 9783847104117, $50.00. Special Offer $40.00

MAHOMET
Repräsentationen des Propheten in deutschsprachigen Texten des 18. Jahrhunderts
by Daniel Cyranka
In this book the topic “Islam and the 18. century” is extensively presented and critically evaluated for the first time. “Islam” seems to be a self-evident term whose birth dates from 7th-century Arabia and whose story is told from the view of this epicenter. The studies in the history of religion presented here take a different perspective, because this expression cannot be found in the German-language literature of the 18th century. “Islam” is not a reference represented in the 18th century. On the other hand, the sources provide many textual representations of the Prophet MAHOMET. These representations are multifaceted and contradictory. In addition to references to fraud, they talk about sensible religion, in addition to mentions of heresy, there appears prudent statesmanship. In the 25 chapters of this book representations of the Prophet in the historical context of the 18th century are visited and presented. German text.

566p (V&R Academic, July 2018, Beiträge zur Europäischen Religionsgeschichte 6) hardcover, 9783835755407, $125.00. Special Offer $100.00

Dialog und Begegnung
Impulse für das Gespräch zwischen Christentum und Islam
edited by Dirk Siedler
In the field of interreligious, especially Christian-Islamic conversation, there exists now an almost unmanageable abundance of approaches and considerations. Many suggestions emanate from the Islamic theological faculties, which are, however, barely noticed in the ecclesiastical and Christian theological fields. Therefore, this book seeks to combine previous approaches of reflection on interfaith dialogue with current societal and church challenges. The authors include both Islamic and Christian theologians who are in exchange with Islamic theological approaches. As a result, this anthology provides an overview of the current state of the discussion and builds on previous considerations by making individual important contributions accessible again. In addition, the volume presents some practical projects. German text.

307p (V&R Academic, May 2017) paperback, 9783788731519, $50.00. Special Offer $40.00
Islamic Peace Ethics
Legitimate and Illegitimate Violence in Contemporary Islamic Thought
edited by Heydar Shadi
This book addresses the arguments of contemporary Muslim thinkers regarding war and peace. It takes into account the confessional, geographical and ideological diversity of Islamic peace ethics and includes papers on peace ethics by different groups and scholars who represent both the Sunni and Shi'a branches of Islam, as well as on different attitudes towards violence from pacifism and traditionalism to fundamentalism and jihadism. The chapters of the book discuss the topic from different disciplinary perspectives, such as theology, philosophy, religious studies, cultural studies and the political sciences.
263p (Aschendorff Verlag, January 2018, Studien zur Friedensethik 57) hardcover, 9783402117040, $63.00. Special Offer $51.00

Islamic Elements in the Architecture of Puglia
by Christiane L. Joost-Gaugier
Puglia is one of the most extraordinary parts of Italy. Inhabited for over 8,000 years, this region has experienced almost every type of civilization known to the European world. This book focuses on the little known but important Islamic contribution to the architecture of Puglia, a contribution which was centered in the once Muslim city of Lucera and subsequently came to be of significance for the building of Christian cathedrals and churches in this beautiful region, little known to the outside world.
280p, 120 col & 1 b/w illus (Brepols Publishers, October 2018, Architectural Crossroads 7) paperback, 9782503580319, $164.00. Special Offer $132.00

The Villages of the Fayyum
A Thirteenth-Century Register of Rural, Islamic Egypt
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The history of the medieval Islamic countryside has been neglected or marginalized. Basic questions such as the social and religious identities of village communities, or the relationship of the peasant to the state, are either ignored or discussed from a normative point of view. This volume addresses this lacuna in our understanding of medieval Islam by presenting a firsthand account of the Egyptian countryside dating from the middle of the thirteenth century.
600p, 1 map (Brepols Publishers, August 2018, The Medieval Countryside 18) paperback, 9782503542775, $164.00. Special Offer $132.00

Rural Economy and Tribal Society in Islamic Egypt
A Study of al-Nābulusī’s Villages of the Fayyum
by Yossef Rapoport
The Villages of the Fayyum is a unique and unparalleled thirteenth-century Arabic tax register of the province of the Fayyum in Middle Egypt. Based on this tax-register, this book utilizes quantitative research methods and spatial GIS analysis to provide a rich account of the rural economy of the medieval Fayyum, the tribal organization of the village communities, and their rights and duties in relation to the military landholders. It also draws on the rich documentary evidence of the Fayyum, which stretches back to the Greco-Roman and early Islamic periods, to trace the transformation of the Fayyum into a Muslim-majority and Arab province.
315p, 4 b/w illus, 12 maps, 18 tbls (Brepols Publishers, August 2018, The Medieval Countryside 19) hardcover, 9782503577791, $104.00. Special Offer $84.00

Jewish-Christianity and the Origins of Islam
edited by Francisco del Río Sánchez
Among all the different theories that currently explore the religious milieu of Late Antiquity to elucidate the origins of the Islamic religion, there are a large group of scholars that come away from the Qur'an with the impression that Jewish-Christianity must have played a role in its formation, reviving the question of a potential link between Early Islam and the beliefs and practices of those followers of Jesus that maintained or adopted certain Jewish beliefs and practices, either Jews that believed in the messianism and/or the prophecy of Jesus (groups whose existence and nature is still a matter of debate). Many of Qur'an scholars argue against the Jewish-Christian thesis with strong arguments or simply ignore it. In any case, the question is still subject of passionate debate among specialists. This volume collects the papers of a two-day colloquium held in Washington DC in October 2015 about this question and highlights the vitality of this field of studies. The contributions included here cover a broad range of topics, and they offer new ideas, interpretations and understandings of the question.
192p (Brepols Publishers, March 2018, Judaïsme ancien et origines du christianisme 13) paperback, 9782503577791, $112.00. Special Offer $90.00

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The Occult Sciences in Pre-modern Islamic Cultures
edited by Nader El-Bizri and Eva Orthmann
Contents: The Arithmology and Arithmetic of the Ikhwan al-Safa’; Avicenna on Properties (khawāss) and Qualities (kayfiyyāt); Reflections on the Kitāb al-Firāsa of Fakhr al-Din al-Rāzi; A Science for Kings and Masters; Cometary Theory and Prognostications in the Islamic World; Predictions of ‘Natural’ Disasters in the Astro-meteorological Malhamah Handbooks; Persianate Geomancy from Tusi to the Millenium; The Occult Sciences in Hurufi Discourse; Lettrism and Magic in an Early Mughal Text; Going Egyptian in Medieval Arabic Culture. 271p (Ergon Verlag, January 2018, Beiruter Texte und Studien 137) hardcover, 9783956502842, $74.00. Special Offer $60.00

Kinda in der frühislamischen Geschichte
Eine prosopographische Studie auf Basis der frühen und klassischen arabisch-islamischen Geschichtsschreibung
by Georg Leube
The present study systematically examines the abundance of Arab-Islamic historiography from a prosopographical perspective, using the example of the Kinda tribe (Arabic qabila) to develop exemplary approaches. German text. 244p (Ergon Verlag, January 2018, Mitteilungen zur Sozial- und Kulturgeschichte der islamischen Welt 41) paperback, 9783956502941, $54.00. Special Offer $44.00

Die Gülen-Bewegung im Spiegel von Selbstdarstellung und Fremdrezeption
Eine textuelle Performanzanalyse der Schriften der BefürworterInnen (Innenperspektive) und KritikerInnen (Aussenperspektive)
by Florian Volm
In this publication, meaningful basic elements and key concepts of the Gülen or Hizmet movement are examined by means of a textual and multi-perspective performance analysis. German text. 429p (Ergon Verlag, February 2018, Judentum - Christentum - Islam 17) paperback, 9783956503467, $72.00. Special Offer $58.00

Organisation des Islams in Deutschland
Diversität, Dynamiken und Sozialformen im Religionsfeld der Muslime
by Raïda Chbib
This study deals with the topic of Islamic institutionalization in Germany. From the perspective of functional structural theory of society and religion, it addresses the key question of how Islamic religion generates itself within and as part of modern society, how it is structurally manifested and how it vacillates systemically. German text. 448p (Ergon Verlag, January 2018, Religion und Politik 15) paperback, 9783956502613, $98.00. Special Offer $79.00

Muḥammad Yaḥyā al-Walātī und die Nāzila fī ibāḥat atāy
edited with translation and commentary by Tobias Mayer
Tobias Mayer edits, translates and comments on a Mauritanian manuscript partly written by Muhammad Yahya (1843–1913) to discuss the religious aspects of the enjoyment of tea. The importance of the text lies in the role played by its author, undoubtedly one of the greatest scholars of Mauritanian literary history, in the pre-colonial legal history of the country. German text. 134p (Ergon Verlag, January 2018, Arbeitsmaterialien zum Orient 31) paperback, 9783956502835, $40.00. Special Offer $32.00

Vom Osmanen zum Türk en
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