





Webinar on "Islamic Intellectual Tradition: Analysing Approaches to Hadith Studies Beyond Historicity

RIWAYA

The word 'riwaya' is the verbal noun of rawa, which originally means "to bear", and hence signifies "to transmit, relate". In hadith literature, the noun riwaya applies to the technical meaning of transmission of narratives and hadith, and also refers to the transmission of books. Riwaya constitutes one among the two integral themes within the hadith studies, with diraya. While riwaya is related to the chain of narrators (sanad), diraya applies to the discussions surrounding the core text (matn). Different fields in hadith science which are enumerated as hundred or more are considered under either one of these two themes. Hadith criticism which emerged as a process to preserve the authentic legacy of prophet was also focused on math and sanad. In addition to riwaya and diraya, math and sanad criticisms are also equally important concepts in hadith studies.



Theme Abstract

Hadith Studies, as a subset of the larger Islamic Intellectual Tradition, is frequently investigated only from a historical perspective. Most of the debates regarding the authenticity of the hadith are mere repetitions of what the classical scholars have said and concluded. Such debates about the authenticity of the hadith have developed in the western world over the past two centuries in many interpretations with different designs. There were only discussions about how the Holy Prophet's words were transmitted in the world and how they remained a part of Islamic history. However, the field's literal, social, philosophical, and epistemic foundations—all of which are crucial in and of themselves—have largely gone unexplored. The Prophetic tradition is not just a chapter in history, but also a sign of a beautiful Muslim tradition woven together with very delicate living links. Literary, social and internal discussions on the form, ideology, reasons, media and different types of hadith transmission need to be further encouraged. This year, we are organizing Riwaya webinar on the theme "Islamic intellectual tradition: Analyzing approaches to Hadith Studies beyond historicity" with the intention of introducing the very wide and vast disciplines of Hadith literature to the modern world.





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