

Department of Middle Eastern Studies
Faculty of Arts, University of West Bohemia in Pilsen, Czech Republic

is pleased to invite you to the academic conference

Shi'ite Islam and Contemporary Challenges

The 2nd International Multidisciplinary Conference on Shi'ite Islam and its
Position in the Contemporary World

Time: Wednesday, 12th June, 2024
Venue: Náprstek Museum of Asian, African and American Cultures
Betlémské náměstí 1, Praha 1, Czech Republic

9:15 Invitation and Opening Speeches

Veronika Sobotková and Petr Pelikán, University of West Bohemia in Pilsen

9:45 Shi'ite Jurisprudence Shi'ite Islam and the Modern State

Bianka Speidl, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter, UK
Contemporary Shiite legal and ethical discourse on environment: A case study of animal rights and protection

Hussain Bassim Abdulameer, University of Karbala, Iraq
Shiite integration into the modern state

10:40 Coffee Break

11:00 Shi'ite Islam and the Modern State

Tomáš Raděj, CEVRO Institute, Prague
European foreign fighters in Iraq and Syria

Alexander Weissenburger, Institute for social anthropology, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna

Bringing together Zaydism and Yemeni nationalism: The Huthi movement in power

Bahrúz Samadov, Institute of Political Studies, Charles University, Prague and Jan Kondrys, Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies, ZČU in Pilsen

Political Shia Islam in Azerbaijan: Repressions, Resistance, Contestations

12:15 Lunch

13:30 Interreligious Dialogue and Shi'ite in Europe

Jaroslav Franc, Sts Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology, Palacký University Olomouc
Pope Francis and Shia Islam: Milestones and Perspective

Václava Tlili, Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies, ZČU in Pilsen
Conversions to Islam in Czech Republic

Badr Tachouche, Anglo-American University, Prague
Usul al-fiqh. Harmonizing Communities: Bridging Sunni-Shia Divide
+musical performance "Milk River, Shia-Sufi chanting"

14:45 Coffee Break

+ Ashura and Arbaeen photo presentation

15:15 Closing Remarks