

المؤتمر الدولي للاستشراق - الدوحة

International Conference on Orientalism - Doha 26-27 April 2025 | Doha, Msheireb





# Conference<br/>Concept and Objectives



#### Introduction

Orientalism, with its various dimensions, is not a new subject. However, this does not negate the legitimacy of continuing to study it. Orientalism is neither a transient event nor a circumstantial topic; rather, it is an ongoing process that will persist as long as the West maintains its connection with the East. What evolves and changes over time are the approaches, dimensions, and issues through which Orientalism is studied. These aspects vary depending on the context, biases, and underlying references.

Orientalism revolves around the study of the East by the West, where the East serves as the subject and the West as the researcher. In this context, contemporary modernist discourse dominates many aspects of Eastern and Islamic knowledge, shaping the West's perception of the East.

However, Neo-Orientalism - which is linked to the Eastern awareness of Orientalism and its reflection on the East's understanding of the West - has begun to shape the East's perception of itself. It also influences how the East approaches the West's perspective on contemporary political, economic, intellectual, and civilizational realities in the region. In this way, the equation of balanced civilizational exchange is completed.

# Neo-Orientalism: Towards a Balanced Civilizational Engagement

Hence, the idea of establishing an annual conference emerged to examine the latest developments in Orientalism—whether at the methodological, epistemological, or thematic levels. The conference aims to bridge and balance various approaches and perspectives through direct and open scholarly dialogues. This initiative seeks to move Orientalism beyond ideological tensions and preconceived biases, steering it towards serious academic research that fosters constructive engagement and meaningful communication between human societies.

This conference is the first of its kind on Orientalism, held in Doha, the capital of the State of Qatar, providing an intellectual and academic platform for Orientalists, thinkers, and researchers. It offers a space for objective discussions on the state of Orientalist studies, their development, and both historical and contemporary perspectives on current global issues and the ongoing interaction between East and West. Additionally, the conference aims to create opportunities for researchers to engage with and benefit from the expertise of leading scholars across various schools of Orientalism, as well as Arabic and Islamic studies worldwide. It also facilitates future collaboration and communication with these experts.

## **Conference Questions**

#### **Islam and the Contemporary Arab World**

What are the latest developments in Orientalist studies regarding Islam and the Arab world?

#### **Post-Globalization**

How will the post-globalization era and Eurocentrism impact the trajectories of Orientalist discourse?

#### Non-European Orientalism

How does Orientalism in the East differ from its European Western counterpart?

#### **Neo-Orientalism**

What are the forms, trends, and methodologies of Neo-Orientalism?

#### Western decision-making

To what extent does Neo-Orientalism still contribute to Western decision-making?

#### **The Digital Revolution**

What are the latest developments in Orientalism after the Digital Revolution?

# Opening Ceremony





#### Guest of Honor Speech & Center Stage Interview

His Excellency Professor

#### İbrahim Kalın

A Turkish politician and professor of Islamic thought



Guest of Honor for High-Level Panel Discussion

His Excellency Professor

**Ghassan Salamé** 

Minister of Culture of Lebanon



Guest of Honor for High-Level Panel Discussion

His Excellency Doctor

**Mamadou Tangara** 

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Gambia



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#### Guest for High-Level Panel Discussion

Professor

#### **Eugene Rogan**

Director of the Middle East Studies Center at the University of Oxford



### **Opening Ceremony**

9:00 – 9:10	Welcome Address  Master of Ceremonies
9:10 – 9:20	Opening Speech H.E. Ms. Lolwah bint Rashid Al-Khater Chair of the International Conference on Orientalsim Minister of Education and Higher Education of the State of Qatar
9:20 – 9:55	High-Level Panel Discussion: Towards Balanced Civilizational Engagement moderated by Jamal Shayal Guest of Honor: H.E. Prof. Ghassan Salamé Minister of Culture of Lebanon Guest of Honor: H.E. Dr. Mamadou Tangara Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Gambia Prof. Eugene Rogan Director, Middle East Studies Center at the University of Oxford
9:55 – 10:02	Guest of Honor Speech H.E. Prof. İbrahim Kalın A Turkish politician and professor of Islamic thought
10:02 – 10:20	Center Stage Interview presented by Sami Zeidan H.E. Prof. İbrahim Kalın A Turkish politician and professor of Islamic thought
10:20 - 10:30	VIP tour of the accompanying book exhibition

# Conference Program



## The First Day Saturday, April 26, 2025

		Room 1	Room 2	Ballroom 1	Ballroom 2
08:00	09:00		Regis	stration	
09:00	10:30		Opening	Ceremony	
10:30	11:00		Exhibition	Intermission	
11:00	12:30	New Orientalism and Civilizational Dialogue Prof. Maher Abdelkader Ali	Orientalism in Western Academic Discourse: Historical Roots and Contemporary Interpretations Prof. José Miguel Puerta Vílchezl	Palestine in Western and Zionist Orientalist Discourse Ms. Khadija Benguenna	The Arabic Language through the Lens of Orientalism: Perceptions and Approaches Dr. Alaa Ibrahim
12:30	02:00		Lunch, Exhibition	, and Prayer Break	
02:00	03:30	Orientalism in the 21st Century: Identity Challenges and Trends in Arabic Studies Prof. Ali Faraj	New Orientalism and Postcolonial Methodologies Mr. Jamal Ardawi	New Orientalism: Between Islamophobia and the Critique of Representation His Excellency Prof. Ali Bin Ibrahim Al-Namlah	Youth Dialogue Session: The Voice of Youth in the Digital Space Mr. Amjad Alnour
03:30	04:00		Br	eak	
04:00	05:30	Orientalism and Its Impact on Education, Language, and Literature in the Arab World Prof. Paolo Branca	New Orientalism in Global Contexts: From Europe to Russia Prof. Khaled AL-Hroub	Western Approaches to the Study of Islam: Critique, Review, and Future Reflections Dr. Ali Alsanad	The Digital Revolution and Contemporary Orientalism: New Tools for an Old Vision Dr. Tarik M. Yousef

### The Second Day

### Sunday, April 27, 2025

		Room 1	Room 2	Ballroom 1	Ballroom 2
08:00	09:00		Registra	ation	
09:00	10:30	Orientalist Studies and Translating Islamic Texts: The Qur'an as a Case Study Dr. Ahmad Khan	The Arabic Language in the Mirror of Orientalism: Linguistic and Cultural Studies in the Global Context Dr. Muntasir Faiz Al-Hamad	The Impact of Orientalism on the Shaping of History, Knowledge, and Political Decision-Making Mr. Steve Clemons	The Evolution of the Orientalist Vision: New Readings on Islam and the Arab World Dr. Salam Mosafir
10:30	11:00		Exhibition Into	ermission	
11:00	12:30	Orientalism, Islam, Values, and Cultural Identity Dr. Peter Webb	Transformations of Cultural Discourse: The Legacy of Orientalism and Postcolonial Narratives Dr. Iman Al-Hamoud	Women and the East in New Orientalist Discourse Dr. Dalia Fahmy	Orientalism in Multiple Spaces: National Experiences and Contemporary Transformations Dr. Majed Al Turki
12:30	02:00		Lunch, Exhibition, a	nd Prayer Break	
02:00	03:30	Between Travel, Narrative, and Asylum: Transformations of Orientalism in Western Discourse  Dr. Sarra Grira	Orientalism after 9/11: Methodological Shifts and New Legal and Linguistic Perspectives Prof. Xue Qingguo	Post-Orientalism: Critical Approaches and Contemporary Western Representations of the East Dr. Mazin S. Al Mutabagani	Youth Dialogue Session: Occidentalism and Alienation Dr. Ahmed Khairi Al Omari
03:30	04:00		Brea	k	
04:00	05:30		Closing Cer	remony	

# The First Day

## **New Orientalism and Civilizational Dialogue**

Session Chair: Prof. Maher Abdelkader Ali

Prof. Saad Abdulrahman Albazei	The Neglected Window: The Estrangement of Orientalism	ض
Dr. Amar Benboudina	The Dialectic of Ideology and Dialogue in the Structure of Modern Orientalism	ض
Dr. Hayder Qasim Mutar Al-Tameemi	The Civilization Conflict Syndrome and Its Impact on the Reality of Contemporary Orientalist Studies	ض
Prof. Irene Theodoropoulou	Orientalism and Greek culture interplay analysis: Evidence from a comparison between Greek and Arabic proverbs	EN



## Orientalism in Western Academic Discourse: Historical Roots and Contemporary Interpretations

Session Chair: Prof. José Miguel Puerta Vílchez

Dr. Fadoua El Heziti Abbar The Spoken al-Andalus: Orientalism through the Eyes of Arabists Ms. Angelika Palmegiani Post-Orientalism: Translation Strategies of the New Generation of Italian Arabists **Representations of Ibn Battuta in Contemporary Western Academia:** Prof. Fatima Mohammed H Al-Sowaidi A Study of the Transformation of Orientalist Methodology Representation of the East by the West in New Orientalism: A Reading of Reading in Two Books: ض Prof. Ahmed Abdellah Elsheemi Ahmed **Eastern Wisdome and Learning Islam In Europe** 

### **Palestine in Western and Zionist Orientalist Discourse**

Guest of the session

His Excellency Professor

#### **Tarek Mitri**

Deputy Prime Minister of Lebanon and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Palestinian Studies



### Palestine in Western and Zionist Orientalist Discourse

#### **Session Chair: Journalist Khadija Benguenna**

**His Excellency Prof. Tarek Mitri** 

A High-Level Session with His Excellency
the Deputy Prime Minister of Lebanon and Chairman of the Board
of Trustees of the Institute for Palestinian Studies

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Panel Discussion		
Dr. Issam Nassar	Palestine in Torah-Gospel Orientalist Discourse	ض
Dr. Orhan Elmaz	From Philology to Algorithm: Digital Orientalism, Arabic NLP, and the Algorithmic Suppression of Palestine's Digital Resistance	ض
Dr. Nizar Ayoub	Muslims and Arabs in Zionist Orientalism	ض
Prof. Abdulmajid Nusayr	The Scholar's Dilemma Between Al-Quds and Jerusalem	(ý

## The Arabic Language through the Lens of Orientalism: Perceptions and Approaches

**Session Chair: Dr. Alaa Ibrahim** 

Dr. Ashraf Abdelhay	The Impact of Orientalist Perceptions on the Formation of Arabic as a Foreign Language in Western Academia	ض
Dr. Daoud Ibrahim Theeb Abdallah	Arabism in China through My Personal Experience	Ú
Prof. Joseph Dichy	On the Orientalist view of the Arabic language: beyond 'diglossia' the cognitive concept of polyglossia	ض
Dr. Nino Ejibadze	The Two Methodologies for Describing Arabic	ض



## Orientalism in the 21st Century: Identity Challenges and Trends in Arabic Studies

**Session Chair: Prof. Ali Faraj** 

Prof. Zamir Zakariyaev	Dagestan School of Russian Oriental Studies and Its Identity	
Prof. Ignacio Gutierrez de Teran Gomez-benita	Challenges of European Orientalism in the 21st Century: The Role of Reformist Spanish Arabism	
Dr. Rashad Hasanov	Arabic Studies in Modern Azerbaijani Orientalism	
Prof. Yun, Eun-kyeong	Arabic and Islamic Studies in Contemporary Korean Orientalism	



## New Orientalism and Postcolonial Methodologies

Session Chair: Dr. Jamal Ardawi

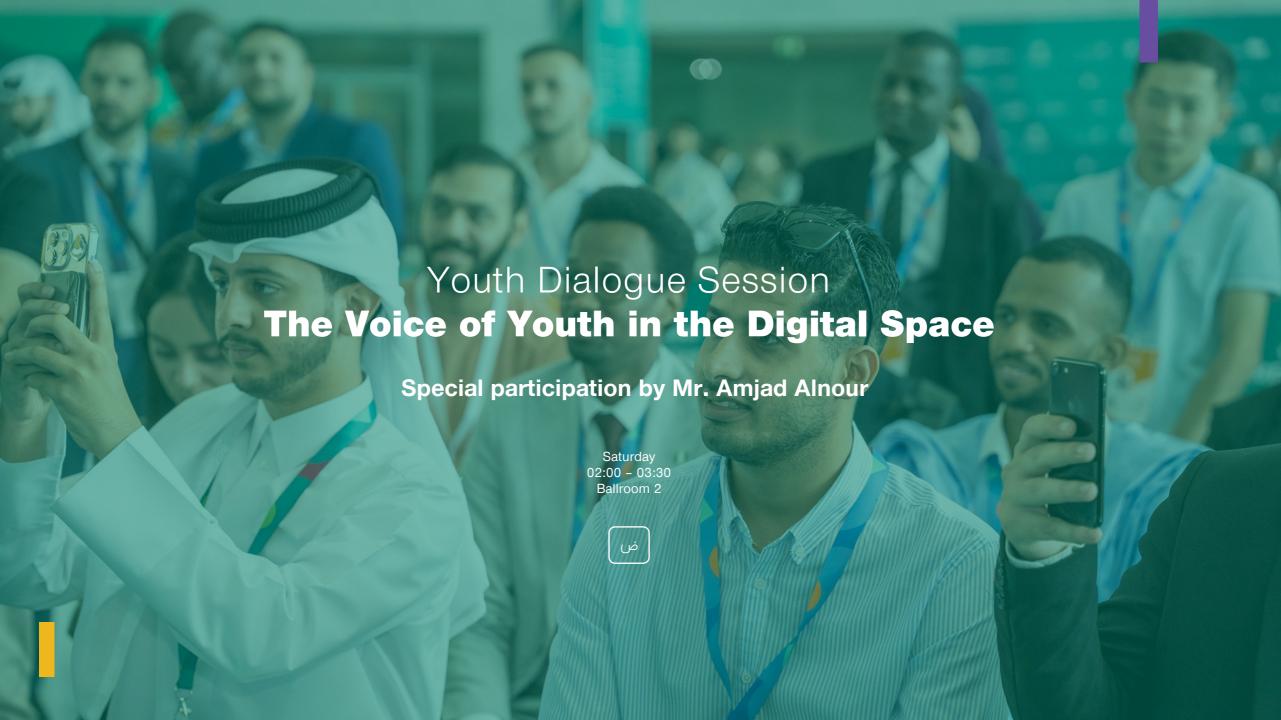
Dr. Abdelhak Belabed	Thus Spoke Edward Said: From the Biases of Orientalism to the Excavations of Postcolonialism	
Prof. Sharustam G.Shamusarov	Forms, Trends, and Methodologies of New Orientalism	
Dr. Assem Hefny	German Academia and New Orientalism:  Methodologies of Eastern Studies from a Postcolonial Perspective	
Dr. Sainul Abideen Kokkancheri	Deconstructing New Orientalism in India:  Confronting Western Distortion of Islam and Reclaiming the True Narrative	



## New Orientalism: Between Islamophobia and the Critique of Representation

Session Chair: His Excellency Prof. Ali Bin Ibrahim Al-Namlah

rof. SEID JAMALDDIN MAYANZHE	Non-European Orientalism: How Eastern Orientalism Differs from Its Western European Counterpart  — New Orientalism and the Foundations of a Chinese School of Orientalism	
Prof. Sindre Bangstad	From Orientalism to Islamophobia to Neo-Orientalism: What Can We Learn From Islamophobia?	
Prof. Ali Behdad	Auto-Exoticism, Neo-Orientalism, and the Predicament of Self-Representation	
Mr. Hassan Abdulla Al-Rumaihi	Critique of "Representation" and the Possibility of Reform:  Toward a New Approach to Engaging with Orientalism	



#### Saturday 04:00 - 05:30 Room 1

### Orientalism and Its Impact on Education, Language, and Literature in the Arab World

**Session Chair: Prof. Paolo Branca** 

Prof. Imourana KABA	New European Orientalism and Arab-Islamic Education in West Africa	ض
Dr. Ali Abdulrahman Alkandari	The Writings of the Dickson Family in Kuwait: A Historical and Critical Study	Uġ
Mr. Zerevan Ali	Kurdish Literature from the Perspective of Classical and Modern Orientalists	ض
Mr. Abdul Rahman Mazhar Muhammad Al- Haloush	New Orientalism: Its Forms, Trends, and Methodologies – A Critical Study	ض



## New Orientalism in Global Contexts: From Europe to Russia

**Session Chair: Prof. Khaled AL-Hroub** 

Dr. Wisam Kh. Abdul-Jabbar	On Liberal Arts as Civilizational Exchange: Is there a Pedagogy to Neo-Orientalism?
Dr. Fatima Agbaria	New Orientalism: What Are Its Forms, Trends, and Methodologies?
Ms. Linda Noor	Dancing along, while trying to change the rhythm of otherness How Norwegian Muslim civil society actors engage with neo-Orientalist discourses
Prof. Dmitry Mikulsky	Prospects of Contemporary Orientalism in the Russian Federation

## Western Approaches to the Study of Islam: Critique, Review, and Future Reflections

Session Chair: Dr. Ali Alsanad

The Structure of the Qur'anic Sūrah in Contemporary Western Studies: Dr. Samer Rashwani **Methodologies and Objectives** The Orientalist Approach to Hadith Criticism: A Critical Review Dr. Muetaz A. Al-Khatib **Orientalism and Islamic Figh: Historical Perspectives and Future Outlook** Dr. Amr Osman Dr. Abdulrahman Helli **Islamic Theology in Germany: Generalized Orientalism** 

### The Digital Revolution and Contemporary Orientalism: New Tools for an Old Vision

Saturday 04:00 - 05:30 Ballroom 2

Session Chair: Dr. Tarik M. Yousef

Dr. Abdul Ghafoor Al-Hadawi Konatudi

Islamic and Arab Representations in American and Chinese Artificial Intelligence Models:

A Comparative Analysis of ChatGPT and DeepSeek

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Ms. Stanislava Khizhniakova

**Semitic Epigraphy in the Digital Age** 



Dr. Raed Hayajneh Youssef Abou Hassira

The Digital Revolution and Its Impact on Reshaping Orientalism



Prof. Mustafa Othman Ismail Al-Amin

Reimagining progress as a continuation of collective wisdom





# The Second Day

## Orientalist Studies and Translating Islamic Texts: The Qur'an as a Case Study

Session Chair: Dr. Ahmad Khan

Dr. Mohamed Said Mallah

The Evolution of the Western Perception of Islam through the Study of Latin Translations of the Qur'an

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Dr. AHMED HASAN ANWAR HASAN

Islamic Sufism in Contemporary Italian Orientalism:
The Case of the Orientalist Giuseppe Scattolin



Dr. Mohamad bin Hussin

The Movement of Islamic Text Translation in the Malay World:
The Translation of the Qur'an as a Case Study



**Prof. Ahmad Mohammad Wais** 

The New Aspects of New Orientalism in Qur'anic Studies:
Reflections on the Work of the German Orientalist Angelika Neuwirth





### The Arabic Language in the Mirror of Orientalism: Linguistic and Cultural Studies in the Global Context

Sunday 09:00 - 10:30 Room 2

**Session Chair: Dr. Muntasir Faiz Al-Hamad** 

**Orientalism and the Arabic Language:** Prof. Basma Ahmad Sidqi Dajani A Proportional Relationship in the Age of Globalization The Issue of Andalusian Muwashshahat and the Position of New Orientalism Toward It **Dr. Ignacio Ferrando** ض An update on studies of loanwords from the Arabic language in France **Prof. Roland Laffitte** ΕN Dr. Hiloula Yoldasheva The Teaching of the Arabic Language in Uzbekistan

## The Impact of Orientalism on the Shaping of History, Knowledge, and Political Decision-Making

**Session Chair: Mr. Steve Clemons** 

Prof. Munir Mujic	The Role of Orientalists in the Modernization of Arabic Language and Literature Teaching in Bosnia and Herzegovina at the Beginning of the 20th Century
Prof. Sonja Brentjes	Diversification and Conflicts within and around History of Science in Islamicate Societies
Prof. Mirza Sarajkic	Revising History, Erasing Identity: The Dynamics of Serbian Neo-Orientalism
Dr. Badrane Benlahcene	"The Ongoing Impact of Orientalism on Western Decision-Making Towards the Arab World: The Case of the Israeli War on Gaza Since October 7, 2023"



## The Evolution of the Orientalist Vision: New Readings on Islam and the Arab World

Session Chair: Dr. Salam Mosafir

Dr. Jan Henningsson	Orientalism from the Distant Outside
Dr. Kinga Dévényi Dr. Tamás Iványi	True knowledge is inspired by love and guided by understanding
Prof. Ibrahim Abu Muhammad	What Is New in Orientalist Studies Regarding Islam and the Arab Worl
Mr. Ibrahim Al Jbain	Orientalism in Renewed Missions

## Orientalism, Islam, Values, and Cultural Identity

**Session Chair: Dr. Peter Webb** 

Prof. Silvia Montenegro Saba	Studies on the Muslim presence in Latin America: Understanding Islam Beyond Orientalisms	
Dr. Maryam Almohammad	Why Does the West Insist on Imagining Syria's Culture in the Past and the Present from an Orientalist Minority vs Majority Multicultural Lens?	
Prof. Serge A. Frantsouzoff (Frantsuzov)	Religious Factor and Formation of the post-Soviet Orientalism in Russia	
Dr. Nassef Manabilang Adiong	Philippine orientalism and Bangsamoro's decolonial responses: how othering of others perpetuates?	
Dr. Khadijah Elshayyal	British Muslims and the state: Orientalism and challenges to authentic engagement	

## Transformations of Cultural Discourse: The Legacy of Orientalism & Postcolonial Narratives

Session Chair: Dr. Iman Al-Hamoud

Dr. Eid Ahmed Abdelwahab Mohamed	Reimagining the Orient: Modes of a Post-9/11 Muslim Identity	
Dr. Mohamed Bassam Kabbani	New Orientalism: Its Tools, Approaches, and Goals	
Dr. Murad Benkacem	The Impact of Orientalism on Maghreb Thinkers	
Dr. Dina Mandour	Post-Orientalist Literature: Eastern Novelists in France as a Case Study	



### Women and the East in New Orientalist Discourse

**Session Chair: Dr. Dalia Fahmy** 

Dr. Malak Ibrahim Mohammad Aljuhani	The Impact of Western Epistemology on Regional Studies of Women in the Third World:  The Muslim Woman as a Case Study
Ms. Tarfa Al-Mansouri	New Orientalism: The Civilizational Mission from the Colonization of Consciousness to the War on Terror
Prof. Baian Rayhanova	Feminist Orientalism: Exploring Arabic Literature
Prof. Fatima Sadiqi	Neo-Orientalist Discourses and the "Issue of Arab Women'

## Orientalism in Multiple Spaces: National Experiences and Contemporary Transformations

Session Chair: Dr. Majed Al Turki

Prof. Nodir Abdullaev	Orientalism in Uzbekistan: Its Past, Present, and Future
Dr. Magomedov Azartsun	Modern Oriental Studies at Dagestan State University
Dr. Muhammad Bachir DIOP	The Dialectic of Values and Their Balancing in the Constitutions of African Countries
Prof. Mehmet Hakkı Suçin	The Impact of Orientalism on the Formation of Arabic Studies in Turkey

### Between Travel, Narrative, and Asylum: Transformations of Orientalism in Western Discourse

Session Chair: Dr. Sarra Grira

Dr. Tarek Sabraa	The Interest of Orientalist Institutions in the Western World in the  Mamluk Period as a Model: Israeli Orientalism	ض ا
Prof. Ahmad Al Hosain	The Dominance of Orientalist Culture over the Asylum File and Its Procedures in the Netherlands	ض
Prof. Abdullah Al-Majidal	Travel Literature and Orientalism: The Case of the Sultanate of Oman	ض
Dr. Shakir Noori	Francophonie and the Colonial Novel: Effective Tools in the New French Orientalism	ض
Ms. Mashael Al-Shammari	Black Gold in White Narratives:  Kuwait in American Journalism of the 1950s	ض

## Orientalism after 9/11: Methodological Shifts and New Legal and Linguistic Perspectives

**Session Chair: Prof. Xue Qingguo** 

Dr. Irfan Ahmad	On Hindu Orientalism: Reformulating Western Orientalism as Neo-Orientalism
Prof. Atsushi Okuda Kamal	Another Orientalism: Overcoming "Islamic Orientalism"
Ms. Safaa BENABDELMOUMENE	The Evolution of Spanish Orientalism after September 11, 2001:  New Arab Issues in the Context of Global Transformations
Dr. Floréal Sanagustin	French Orientalism: A Controversial Necessity

#### Sunday 02:00 - 03:30 Ballroom 1

## Post-Orientalism: Critical Approaches and Contemporary Western Representations of the East

Session Chair: Dr. Mazin S. Al Mutabagani

**Prof. Mohammed Khalid Brandalise Rhazzali** 

New Orientalism and the Construction and Circulation of Representations in Europe: An Analysis of Resistance to Muslim Stereotypes and the Methodological Dilemmas in the Social Sciences

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Prof. Abdel Rady Mohamed Abdel Mohsen Radwan

The crisis of seasoned Orientalism between the dominance of the old and the tendencies of the new



Dr. Ezzedine Maamish

New Orientalism and Trends in Interpreting the Orient in the Contemporary Context:

Between the Space of Methodological Transformations and
the Dominance of Occident Centralism



Prof. Abdelkader Bekhouche

The New French Orientalism: From Traditional Study to the Science of Islamic East.

Towards a Civilizational Understanding with the Islamic World







### **Closing Session**

Guest of the session

His Excellency Professor

#### **Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu**

Turkish academic and politician





### **Closing Session**

**Recorded Interview** 

Professor

#### **Olivier Roy**

French academic & political scientist



#### Sunday 4:00 - 5:00 Ballroom

### **Closing Ceremony**

4:00 – 4:15	Welcome Remark  Master of Ceremonies
4:15 – 4:25	Closing Address Professor Mahmoud Al-Hamza Chair of the Scientific Committee of the Conference
4:25 – 4:30	A Recorded Interview presented by Jamal Elshayyal Prof. Olivier Roy French academic & political scientist
4:30 – 5:00	A one-on-one session presented by Ali Aldafiri His Excellency Professor Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu Turkish academic and politician
5:00	Closing Session  Master of Ceremonies







