



CALL FOR PAPERS

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM THE AUTHORITY OF THE SUNNA

16 March 2019, Sakarya, TURKEY

As one of the two normative sources of orthopraxy in Islam, the Sunna – constituting the practices of the Prophet Muhammad – plays an essential role in giving Muslims a certain common corpus. Yet, despite this commonality, the status of the Sunna is the subject of much theological debate today.

At the heart of this debate lies the issue of the binding nature of the authority of the Sunna as a normative source of Islamic theology and law. For example, is it a constitutive normative source of legislation, in other words is it an independent source of Islamic legislation in agreement with the Qur'an? Or is its role to be an explanatory framework (*mubayyina*) of the Text, in other words to explain, clarify or amplify an existing teaching of the Quran?

In order to explore, analyse, and discuss some of the seminal issues concerned, pave the way for greater understanding, and take important steps in the area, Sakarya University Theology Faculty and the International Institute of Islamic Thought UK (IIIT UK) are co-organising a symposium on THE AUTHORITY OF THE SUNNA to take place in March 2019.

The Symposium will address the following list of topics and questions:

- What is the role of the Sunna as a formal source in Islam?
- The Companions' approach of the legal status of the sunna
- The Integrity of the Qur'an and the Sunna
- The Binding Nature of the Sunna and its Legal Status
- The Legal Position of the Prophet Muhammad (*maqāmāt an-nubuwa*)
- The Revelation Aspect of the Sunna
- The Human Aspect of the Sunna
- The Historicity and Universality of the Sunna
- Prophet Muhammad's Actions and Appropriations
- The *Ijtihads* of Prophet Muhammad
- The Classification of the Sunna
- Cultural Tradition and Customs in the Emergence of the Sunna
- The Nature of the Sunna as Sacred or Sacerdotal

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FORMAT AND REQUIREMENTS

- The symposium will be presented in Turkish, English and Arabic.
- Abstracts of no more than 300 words are to be sent by e-mail to: theauthorityofSunna@gmail.com together with a CV and completed registration form.
- Papers should be authentic and not exceed 8000 words.
- Papers submitted will be assessed by a scientific committee and by reviewers.
- The organisers will cover travel and accommodation expenses of presenters.
- Following the symposium, a proceedings will be produced and translated and published in three languages.

KEY DATES	
Deadline for Abstract Submission	15 August 2018
Feedback for Abstracts	07 September 2018
Deadline for Full Paper Submission	31 December 2018
Deadline for Peer Reviews	31 January 2019
Feedback for Full Paper Reviews	08 February 2019
Symposium Date	16 March 2019

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