Department of Middle Eastern Studies
Faculty of Arts, University of West Bohemia in Pilsen
together with
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Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences

are pleased to invite you to an academic conference

Shi‘ite Islam and the Challenges
of the Present Time

May 14th, 2019
Conference room (?), Czech Academy of Sciences
Národní 3, Prague, Czech Republic

9:30 Opening Speeches
Daniel Křížek, University of West Bohemia in Pilsen
Marek Hrubec, Czech Academy of Sciences

9:45 Shi‘ite Islam and the Modern State I
Elaaf R. Hadi, Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Prague
Idea of Secular State in Contemporary Iraq
Firas Hussein Ali and Hussain Bassim Abdulameer, Karbala University
The Development of the Modern State in Iraq and the Shi‘ite Religious Role of Marjeiya
Zora Hesová, Centre of Global Studies, Czech Academy of Sciences
Paradoxes of Secularity and Religion in the Western Reception of Contemporary Iranian Thought

11:00 Coffee Break
11:20  Shi’ite Islam and the Modern State II

Mohsen Malek Afzali, Al-Mustafa International University, Qom
The Basic Principles of Foreign Policy of Islamic Government and Islamic Republic of Iran

Nassr Mohammed Ali, al-Nahrain University, Baghdad
Why Iraq Cannot Rising Above Ethno-Sectarianism?

12:10 Lunch

13:10  Shi’ite Jurisprudence

Rob Gleave, University of Exeter
Caution and Permissibility in Contemporary Shi’ite Legal Theory (usul al-fiqh)

Morteza Agha Mohammadi, al-Mustafa International University, Qom
The Role of Adaptability with the Exigencies of Time and Space in Dynamism of Shi’ite Jurisprudence

Veronika Sobotková, University of West Bohemia in Pilsen
Bioethics in Contemporary Iran from the Viewpoint of Shi’ite Jurisprudence

14:25 Coffee Break

14:45  Shi’ite Minorities

Alexander Weissenburger, Austrian Academy of Sciences
“The Mothers of the Martyrs”: The Huthi Movement and its Take on Gender Relations and the Role of Women in Society

Jan-Peter Hartung, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen
Cornered? · On the Shi’ite Minorities in the Pashtun Borderland

15:35 Dialogue Between Cultures and Faith

Jaroslav Franc, Palacký University Olomouc
Rome Facing the Shi’ite Tradition

Hasan Yousefzadeh, al-Mustafa International University, Qom
The Islamic Basis for Mutual Understanding in Intercultural Communication

16:25 Closing Remarks