

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

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# **Shi'ite Islam and the Challenges of the Present Time**

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 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**



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## **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**