Byzantium, the Arabs, and the Rise of Islam
Colloquium in Memory of Irfan Shahîd (1926–2016)
Georgetown University and Dumbarton Oaks
October 13, 2017, 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Colloquiarch: Emma Gannagé (Georgetown University)

Georgetown University, CCAS Boardroom (ICC 241)

9:30–10:00 a.m. Welcome
Felicitas Opwis (Georgetown University)
Jan Ziolkowski (Dumbarton Oaks)
Introduction
Emma Gannagé (Georgetown University)

Panel I: *Oriens Christianus*
Chair: Jan Ziolkowski (Dumbarton Oaks)

10:00–10:45 The Bible in Arabic in *Oriens Christianus*: Status Quaestionis
Sidney Griffith (The Catholic University of America)

10:45–11:00 Coffee break

11:00–11:45 *Irfan Shahid and the Martyrs of Najran*
Jack Tannous (Princeton University)

11:45–12:30 p.m. *Irfan Shahid and Pre-Islamic Arab Christianity: Perspectives Past and Future*
Robert Hoyland (New York University)

12:30–2:00 Lunch Break

Dumbarton Oaks, Oak Room, 1700 Wisconsin Avenue NW

Panel II: Byzantium and the Arabs
Chair: Walter Kaegi (University of Chicago)

2:00–2:45 *The Religion of the Pre-Islamic Nomads of North Arabia*
Ahmad Al-Jallad (Leiden University)

2:45–3:30 *Tenth-Century Byzantine and Arabic Poetry on Military Exploits*
Maria Mavroudi (University of California, Berkeley)

3:30–3:45 Coffee break
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