

**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 Shahîd and the Martyrs of Najran*  
Jack Tannous (Princeton University)

11:45–12:30 p.m. *Irfan Shahîd 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

- 3:45–4:30 *The Court of Women in Baghdad and Constantinople*  
Nadia Maria El Cheikh (American University of Beirut)
- 4:30–4:45 *Concluding Remarks*  
Walter Kaegi (University of Chicago)
- 4:45–5:15 *Perspectives and Prospects*  
Alan G. Walmsley (Macquarie University/Dumbarton Oaks)
- 5:15–6:00 Reception