



# Course Description: OSL/NISIS Workshop 2021



Title	Muslim Worlds/World Literatures
Academic year	2020-2021
EC	2-3
Level	600
Language	English
Keynote Speakers	a.o. Dr. Petra de Bruijn, Dr. Hiyem Chuerfa, Dr. Richard van Leeuwen, Dr. Liesbeth Minnaard
Hosted by	Dr. Alberto Godioli (OSL) and Prof. Christian Lange (NISIS)

## Admission requirements

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PhD candidates and research master students active in the field of Islamic Studies may apply for admission via [www.nisis.nl](http://www.nisis.nl).

NISIS junior members qualify automatically and do not need to apply for participation. However, they are required to register for the Seminar via [www.nisis.nl](http://www.nisis.nl).

In order to gain ECs participants should prepare readings and actively engage in the discussion (both during the seminar and in preparation in Perusall).

## Description

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The NISIS/OSL Workshop will be held on 12 February 2021. It will take place online.

As suggested by the plurals in the title, the event aims to question univocal views of both Muslim culture and world literature. On the one hand, we will consider Muslim worlds in their diversity, as opposed to representations of Islam as a dominant, stable essence. On the other, we will problematize the notion of world literature by way of interrogating its multiple definitions



and socio-political implications. From *One Thousand and One Nights* to the latest novel by Jokha Alharthi, we will explore the different ways in which Muslim cultures have shaped (and have been shaped by) the world's literary landscape.

The workshop provides an excellent opportunity for PhD candidates and research master students to acquaint themselves with the newest developments in their field of study and to exchange information and experiences with colleagues and specialists. PhD candidates and research master students within the field of Islamic Studies will be given the opportunity to network with other students and professors from other universities in the Netherlands.

## Course objectives

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- Enlarging and deepening the already existing knowledge of Islam and Muslim societies
- Providing insight and participation in the current academic debate
- Introducing the candidates to an international network of scholars in the field
- Creating an academic community in which research in the field of Islam and Muslim societies can be optimally pursued
- Mediating between a new generation of researchers and innovative disciplinary and interdisciplinary developments, theoretical and methodological initiatives and explorations in the field

## Time Table

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The workshop will take place from 12.00 to 18.00.

The workshop will consist of three online sessions led by international experts in Islamic and/or literary studies (12:00-13:30, 14:30-16:00, 16:30-18:00, with short breaks during each session). Speakers will include: Dr. Petra de Bruijn (Leiden University), Dr. Hiyem Cheurfa (Lancaster University), Dr. Richard van Leeuwen (University of Amsterdam) and Dr. Liesbeth Minnaard (Leiden University). A more detailed program will be circulated closer to the date of the event.

Please make sure to be informed about programme details and updates via our website:

[www.nisis.nl](http://www.nisis.nl).

## Mode of instruction

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- Lecture
- Workshops



- Assignment

## Course load

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### **For 2 EC**

- Attendance workshop: 6 hours
- Readings and Perusall assignment: 50 hours (150-200 pages; annotating and discussion in Perusall).

### **Extra EC**

- Finding and reading additional material relevant to the assignment: 20 hours (at least two extra readings);
- Writing: 8 hours

## Assessment method

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The examination of PhD candidates and research master students is based on:

- attendance of the meeting and participation in the discussion
- written assignment (pass or fail)

## Written Assignment

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The written assignment should be a short reflection (750-1000 words) on the workshop and your role as a researcher.

## Reading list

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## Application

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