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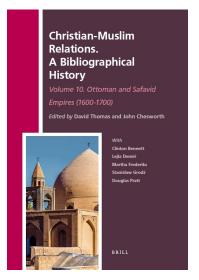
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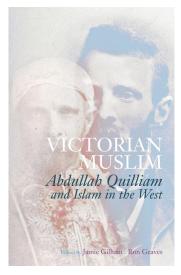
elcome to this third edition of the CMR1900 newsletter. We are pleased to announce that Volume 10 is currently being typeset so we look forward to this, and Volume 9, published very soon. We can then move on to the 18th and 19th centuries which we will be working on simultaneously in our efforts to have everything completed by the end of 2018.

In this issue we are delighted to present a discount for a forthcoming title, *Victorian Muslim*, thanks to the co-editor, and CMR 1900 contributor, Jamie Gilham. We also have a report on the recent conference in Bangalore, and details of new publications which may be of interest. As ever, we welcome your suggestions of news, events, and publications.





Exclusive discount for CMR readers!





Victorian Muslim

Abdullah Quilliam and Islam in the West

Eds. Jamie Gilham and Ron Geaves

April 2017 | £25 | 256pp

After formally announcing his conversion to Islam in the late 1880s, the Liverpool lawyer William Henry Abdullah Quilliam publicly propagated his new faith and established the first community of Muslim converts in Victorian Britain. Despite decades of relative obscurity following his death, with the resurgence of interest in Muslim heritage in the West since 9/11, Quilliam has achieved iconic status in Britain and beyond as a pivotal figure in the history of Western Islam and Muslim-Christian relations. In this timely book, leading experts of the religion, history and politics of Islam offer new perspectives and shed fresh light on Quilliam's life and work.

Click on the Hurst logo (left) to purchase the book for the discounted price of £17.99 through the Hurst PayPal page.





Illustrations from Volume 10



Anonymous portrait of Sulaymān, Shah of Persia—Rijksmuseum.



Preparations for prayer,

Caspar Luyken—Rijksmuseum.



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South Asian Intercultural Understandings in Historical Perspective: Select Studies

Centre for Islamic Studies | South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies (SAIACS) | Bangalore



The Centre for Islamic Studies (CIS), together with the CMR1900 project, recently organised an academic discussion on Christian-Muslim relations in South Asia on February 19-21 at the SAIACS CEO centre in Bangalore.

Christian scholars on Islam such as Dr David Thomas, Dr. Peter Riddell, Dr. Alan Guenther, and Dr. Charles Ramsey presented their papers, along with Muslim scholars Dr. Gulfishan Khan from Aligarh Muslim University and Dr. Mujeebu Rehman from the University of Calicut. The conference was well received by the good number of participants from different states, religions, universities, seminaries and Christian organisations.

The evening open lectures by Dr. David Thomas and Dr. Charles Ramsey gave us an opportunity to connect with the different seminaries and churches, and to serve them by offering lessons from the history of Christian-Muslim relations in South Asia. Though the CIS director was not able to visit India, he was able to lead the CIS team and to help them in their preparatory work for the conference. Dr. Alan Guenther (Briercrest College, Canada) stepped in to host the conference, lead the sessions, and handle the lively Q&A sessions.

[Arputharaj Samuel, CIS]







What is CMR1900?

Christian-Muslim Relations 1500 - 1900 (CMR1900) traces the history of relations between followers of the world's two most populous religions in the early modern and modern period.

Each volume contains introductory essays on various topics, in addition to the entries which provide:

- -biographical details of authors,
- -full descriptive accounts of the contents of their works.
- -explanations of the work's significance for CMR,
- -and exhaustive lists of manuscripts, editions, translations and studies.

CMR1900 seeks to explore the question of what happened to Christian-Muslim relations in the period 1500-1900, looking at how Christians and Muslims deployed inherited depictions, as well as assessing how far they moved beyond them.

CMR1900 builds on the successful AHRC funded project CMR600 which examined the time period 600—1500 and was published by Brill (Leiden) in 5 volumes.

For more information about the project please visit our website at

If you have any questions about the project, or would like to be involved, please contact the project Research Officer Dr John Chesworth

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For further updates and links to articles and projects that could be of interest, you can also follow us on twitter at @cmr1900projec



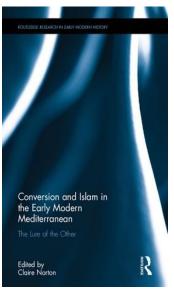
Seminar | 9 May | 2.30 - 4pm

MUSLIM-CHRISTIAN

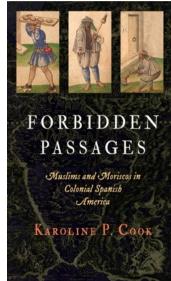
CMR Research Officer, Dr John Chesworth, will give a seminar for The Centre for Muslim-Christian Studies in Oxford on Writing about the 'other' - Christians and Muslims in the Safavid Empire during the 17th century. It will be held at The Song School, 109a Iffley Road. All welcome.

Recent and forthcoming publications

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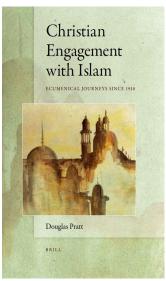
OXFORD ISLAM, GENDER, AND DEMOCRACY IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE JOCELYNE CESARI AND JOSÉ CASANOVA



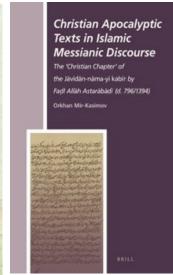
This collection examines the idea of the convert as a mediator and translator between cultures. provides readers with theoretically informed, new research on the subject of conversion to or from Islam in the early modern Mediterranean world.

The relationship between secularism, democracy, religion, and gender equality has been a complex one across Western democracies and still remains contested. When we turn to Muslim countries, the situation is even more multifaceted.

Forbidden Passages is the first book to document & evaluate the impact of Moriscos in the early modern Americas, and shows how legislation & attitudes toward Moriscos in Spain assumed new forms & meanings in colonial Spanish America.



This volume charts recent Christian engagement with Islam up to the early 21st century and examines the ecumenical initiatives of Africa's PROCMURA, 'Building Bridges', and the German 'Christian-Muslim Theological Forum'.



Orkhan Mir-Kasimov offers an account of the interpretation of these Christian texts by Fadl Allāh Astarābādī (d. 796/1394), the founder of a mystical & messianic movement which was influential in medieval Iran & Anatolia.



This book examines the role of Islamic identity in Indonesia's foreign economic relations and in its engagement with the world order.



