

[Call for Papers - Ideas in Motion: Arabia in Late Antiquity \(Leiden University\)](#)

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Ideas in Motion: Arabia in Late Antiquity

Organisers: Leiden University and King Faisal Centre for Research and Islamic Studies

Date: August 26-27, 2020

Location: Leiden, the Netherlands

The Leiden University Late Antique and Medieval Studies Initiative in conjunction with the King Faisal Centre for Research and Islamic Studies is hosting a two-day international conference on **Ideas in Motion: Arabia in Late Antiquity**. The conference will address key themes in religious, intellectual, and cultural history in Arabia in the period around 570-1000 AD. Central topics include:

- Transmission of ideas and texts
- Religious and philosophical doctrines and beliefs in Arabia
- Devotional piety and theology
- The Qur'an, its history, and intellectual debates surrounding the text
- Early Islam and other religiosities and intellectual trends
- Holy men and holy places
- Apocalypticism and eschatology

We particularly welcome contributions from scholars working on the intersection between intellectual-cultural history and religious studies, and whose primary concern is the history of ideas and thought.

For consideration, please send a 300-word abstract in English to a.bdaiwi@hum.leidenuniv.nl by January 15, 2020. The language of the conference will be in English. Participants' full travel and accommodation costs will be covered by the conference organisers.