

## *Call for papers*

### Jewish and Islamic Studies in an Academic Setting

**Dear colleagues,**

We are inviting you to the conference “Jewish and Islamic Studies in an Academic Setting”, arranged by the Forum for Jewish Studies, Uppsala University.

The conference is held as part of the series “Children of Abraham” addressing the shared history of Jews and Muslims. It will focus upon possibilities and challenges of pursuing Jewish and Islamic studies in different academic settings. It is clear that many scholars in these fields face similar challenges. Since the scholars in both fields usually attend their separate conferences in Jewish and Islamic studies respectively, it is unusual for them to get the benefit of the experience of the others as partners in conversation on how to develop their respective fields.

**The conference is to be held in Uppsala 23-24<sup>th</sup> of April 2019.**

Main themes:

1. Relationship to other research areas. Advantages and disadvantages of different types of academic settings.
2. Secular studies and minority needs. How can the research driven activities be balanced against the educational needs of Jewish and Muslim minorities?
3. The loneliness of the Jewish/Islamic studies scholar. How do you handle being the sole representative of a field at your department?

Each theme will be discussed in pleno.

#### **Scientific committee**

- Evyatar Marienberg, Associate Professor of Jewish History and Culture, Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- Ruth Illman, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Åbo Akademi University, Director, The Donner Institute, Turku.
- Mohammad Fazlhashemi, Professor of Islamic Theology and Philosophy, Department of Theology, Uppsala University.

It will bring us much joy if you would participate, or attend. If, so we would appreciate if you could fill in the attached form.

We will confirm your agreement in January 2018 and get back to you with more information concerning content and practical arrangements in February 2019.

Kind regards,

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