

Results of contemporary research on the Qurʾān

The question of a historio-critical text of the Qurʾān

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The central idea of that panel was to elaborate on recent trends in Qurʾānic studies and to formulate new goals, and perhaps even make some progress towards these goals. Contemporary studies on other religions based on revelations in the scriptures have led the way and created a template for how to tackle the issues: the compilation of a critical edition accompanied by a historical commentary of the textual bases, which believers take as divine revelation.

In view of the extraordinary, positive response as well as the academic novelty and relevance of several contributions, it seemed appropriate to publish the proceedings in the monograph series of the Orient Institute *Beiruter Texte und Studien*.

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