

BADR - Writing and Remembering the Battle of Badr (7th-21st century)

Conference Programme

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Day 1 – Thursday, 13 November 2025. Early contexts: historiography, symbolic representations and the Qur’ān.

08:30 – 09:00 | Welcome of participants

09:00 – 09:20 | Words of introduction

Opening remarks by the organisers and presentation of the project BADR - Writing and remembering the battle of Badr (7th-21st century).

09:20 – 10:00 | Opening conference, keynote speaker

Prof. Hugh Kennedy (SOAS, University of London) — *Caravans and Trade in the Battle of Badr: Image and Reality*

Panel 1 – Early Islamic Historiography of Badr (10:30-12:30)

10:30 – 11:10 | Adrien de Jarmy (Unistra) & Clarck Membourou Moimechème (Université Sorbonne Nouvelle) — *Results of The Badr Project: A Digital Study of Badr Historiography from the Earliest Texts to the 13th Century*

10:40 – 11:10 | Coffee break

11:10 – 11:35 | Tuba Nur Saraçoğlu (Mardin Artuklu University) — *Early Badr Narratives: A Digital Text Analysis*

11:35 – 12:00 | Hassan Bouali (CEFREPA, Université Paris Nanterre) — *Écriture et mémoire de la bataille de Badr dans l'historiographie des débuts de l'islam : l'exemple des Ansāb al-Ashrāf d'al-Balādhurī (m. 279/892)*

12:00 – 12:25 | Javier Albarrán (University of Granada) — “As it happened with the people of Badr”: Remembering the Prophet’s Battles in the Medieval Islamic West (online)

12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch

Panel 3 – Law, Warfare and the Formation of Islamic Norms (14:00-14:50)

14:00 – 14:25 | Samira Mezeghrane (EPHE) — *Normes et pratiques du traitement des prisonniers de guerre lors de la bataille de Badr (2/624)*

14:25 – 14:50 | Ayoub Mazek (Unistra) — *La construction du droit musulman au prisme de la bataille de Badr. L'exemple du Jihād*

Panel 4 – Symbolic Representations and Literary Creativity (14:50-15:40)

14:50 – 15:15 | Mehdi Karraz (Unistra) — *Le turban couleur safran*

15:15 – 15:40 | Salim Gasti (Unistra) — *La poésie dans la bataille de Badr entre création et histoire*

15:40 – 16:10 | Coffee break

Panel 5 – Badr and the Qur'ān: Exegesis and Sufi Readings (16:10-17:00)

16:10 – 16:35 | Anne-Sylvie Boisliveau (Unistra) — *Badr, Bell, and the Chronology of the Qur'ān*

16:35 – 17:00 | Prof. Jean-Jacques Thibon (INALCO) — « Recherchez les choses dans leur contraire » : leçons soufies des versets coraniques en lien avec la bataille de Badr

17:00 – 17:30 | Open Floor for Remaining Questions

19:00 – | Diner at Brasserie Floederer

Day 2 – Friday, 14 November 2025. Later developments: Persian-Turkish literatures, global and contemporary memories.

09:00 – 09:30 | Welcome of participants

Panel 6 – Badr in Persian and Turkish Literatures (9:30-12:15)

9:30 – 9:55 | Renaud Soler (Unistra) — *L'intercession des combattants de Badr. Genèse et histoire d'une pratique sociale de l'époque ottomane*

9:55 – 10:20 | Fatih Yücel (University of Vienna) — *A la recherche des « Lions de Badr » : transmissions littéraires des récits persans, tchagataï et ottomans et leurs fondements arabes*

10:20 – 10:45: | Vefa Erginbas (Providence College) — *Tales of Badr in the Ottoman Empire: Perspectives from the Ottoman Universal Histories*

10:45 – 11:15 | Coffee break

11:15 – 11:40 | Okan Keleş (University of Istanbul) — *Turkish-Islamic Literature and Art in the Narrative and Visual Evolution of the Battle of Badr: The Dissemination and Symbolic Reconstruction of the Sacred Victory in Divan Poetry, Siyer Texts, and Miniature-Supported Manuscripts*

11:40 – 12:05 | Güllü Yıldız (Marmara University) — *Translating the Battle of Badr into the Ottoman Context: A Comparison Between Two Ottoman Translations of Siyar-i Kāzarūnī*

12:15 – 13:45 | Lunch

Panel 7 – Global Memories of Badr in India, China and Africa (13:45-15:15)

13:45 – 14:10 | Muhammed Niyas Ashraf (University of Gand) — *Sacred Struggle, Resistant Memory: Piety, Martyrdom, and the Politics of Sainthood in Colonial South India*

14:10 – 14:35 | Vincent Mu-Chien (EHESS) — *The memory of Badr in Contemporary China*

14:50 – 15:15 | Thierno Woûri Diallo (Independent researcher) — *Lâriya, La mémoire poétique de Badr au Fouta Djallon (Guinée): étude d'un poème de Thierno Sadou Dalen (m. 1854)*

15:15 – 15:45 | Coffee break

Panel 8 – Contemporary and Political Reinterpretations of Badr

15:45 – 16:10 | Roxane Razavi (EHESS) — *Le nom, la bataille et le récit : L'Opération Badr (1985) et ses reconfigurations narratives*

16:10 – 16:35 | Thibaud Laval (EPHE) — *Le corps Badr : Origine, fondation et objectifs (1982-1988)*

16:35 – 17:00 | Abdelmonim Elmoutassim (University Ibn Zohr) — *The Battle of Badr in Friday Sermons: Preaching Memory, Morals and Politics in Contemporary Morocco*

17:00 – 17:30 | General Discussion and Remaining Questions

17:30 – 18:00 | Closing Roundtable and Concluding Remarks by Prof. Éric Vallet — *Badr, between History, Memory and Rewritings*