Day 1 – Thursday, 22 November

8:30 – 8:55  Registration

9:00 – 9:15  Opening Address & Welcome - Professor Amin Saikal & Professor James Piscatori

9:15 – 10:15  Keynote speech  
Dr Stefano Carboni - Venice and its Artistic Relationship with the Islamic World: A tale of many languages and cultures

10:15 – 10:30  Morning tea

10:30 – 11:15  Persian keynote speech  
Dr Ali Mozaffari - Cultural heritage in Iran: the dialectics of continuity and sudden change

11:15 – 12:15  Persian Panel  
Dr Michael King - The Hidden Wisdom of Ibn-e-Sina  
Dr Bahar Davary - Sohrab Sepehri: A Muslim-Zen eco-critic

12:15 – 1:00 pm  Lunch

1:00 – 1:45  Arabic keynote Speech  
Associate Professor Hakeem Kasem - Global Language Engagement Through Virtual Worlds: Enriching Arabic learners’ proficiency and cultural understanding

1:45 – 2:25  Arabic Panel  
Luluh Alfurayh and Melanie Burns - Redefining ‘me’: Identity change among female Saudi study abroad students in Australia

2:30 – 3:15  Turkish keynote speech  
Dr Banu Senay - Musical Islam: Explorations in Sufi music

3:15 – 3:30 pm  Afternoon tea

3:30 – 5:30  Turkish Panel  
Dr Aydogan Kars - Commentary Tradition on the Divine Names: Sufi theology from Andalusia to Ottoman Anatolia  
Associate Professor Adrian Jones - Eyes of beholders: When was a gift a bribe, a tribute, and/or a facilitation: whose, when for whom  
Scott Patton - The intersection of identity: Kurdish, Turkish, Arabic, Persian, and their attempted synergy  
Tamas Dudlak - House of Kurds in Turkey: the use of security narrative in contemporary politics

7.00 – 10.00 pm  Conference Dinner
Day 2 – Friday, 23 November

9:00 – 10:30 Arabic Panel (Lecture Theatre)

- Charbel El-Khaissi - A Comparative Phonetic Analysis of Native and Non-Native Arabic Speakers at the Australian National University
- Dr Majdi Faleh - The City in Pre-modern and Modern Arabic Literature
- Khoirin Nikmah - Question Words: An error analysis of Indonesian learners in L2 Arabic

9:00 – 10:30 Persian Panel (Tutorial Room)

- Dr Yaghoob Foroutan - The Place of Languages in Gender Identity in Iran: Persian, Arabic and English languages
- Elham Naeej - Gender Violence in Contemporary Iranian Romance Novels
- Dr Michael King - The Culture of Love in Hafiz Poetry: A comparison of the Persian poetry and its English translation

10:30 – 11:00 Morning tea

11:00 – 12:30 Persian Panel (Lecture Theatre)

- Dr Heydar Shadi - Noah’s Three Sons and Identity Politics in the Modern Middle East
- Dr Hamish McGregor - Reformism and Political Discourse in Iran: looking back at the legacy of President Seyed Mohammad Khatami
- Parisa Nakhaei - Caught Between the Formal and Informal Economy: Women home-based business entrepreneurs in Iran

11:00 – 12:30 Arabic Panel (Tutorial Room)

- Grant Kynaston - Universalising International Law through Language: The use of Arabic in United Nations conventions
- Hasan al Almay - Politeness in Saudi Arabia: An observational analysis of social interaction between hosts, guests, and audiences in television shows
- Zakaryia Mustafa Siameh Almahasees - Holistic Assessment of Google Translate in the Translation of UN Documents from English into Arabic

12:30 - 1:15 Lunch
Day 2 – continued

1.15 – 3.15  Arabic Panel (Lecture Theatre)

Mona Al Bluwi - Investigating Learners’ Beliefs about Arabic as a Foreign Language
Dr Terhi Nurmikko-Fuller - Ancient tales and modern machines: Publishing Sumerian literary narratives in machine-readable formats
Hend Saeed - The fall of Saddam Hussein in 2003: Iraqi literature new identity

1.15 – 3.15  Persian Panel (Tutorial Room)

Mahmoud Pargoo - Haram or Culturally Unacceptable? Secularizing language in post-Khomeini Iran
Muhammad Ourang - A Syllabus for Teaching Persian Grammatical Tenses: From critique on existing resources to designing tasks
Parsa Bamshadi, Shadi Ansarian, Fatemeh Bahrami, Negar Davari Ardakani - Persian Kinship Terms: From sociocultural and cognitive points of view
Leila Alhagh - A Middle Eastern Manuscript Narrates: A study of text and paintings of Futūh al-Ḥaramayn

Closing Address