2027 Virtual Islamic Art History Seminar Series (online, 24 Jan - 14 Dec 27)

Online, Jan 24–Dec 14, 2027
Deadline: Dec 11, 2026

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The Virtual Islamic Art History Seminar Series (VIAHSS) is now inviting proposals for presentations and workshops for the spring and fall 2027 semesters, due Friday, December 11, 2026.

Founded at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in May 2020, the Virtual Islamic Art History Seminar Series (VIAHSS) has brought together a diverse community of researchers from around the world interested in the history of art and visual culture in the Islamicate world. The series' monthly virtual seminars and workshops have successfully filled a new niche in academic discourse. While travel has resumed and in-person events have begun again, the need for a forum which brings together international and intergenerational audiences in an inclusive and supportive fashion remains. We are now inviting proposals for paper presentations on topics related to the history of art, architecture, and visual culture of any time period from the Islamic world for spring and fall of 2027. We welcome submissions from current graduate students, faculty, curators, and independent scholars.

The virtual seminar series will take place on zoom from mid-January onwards. Each session will include a 20-30 minute presentation followed by a 20 minute discussion in a constructive and friendly manner. In addition to individual proposals we are also open to workshop proposals, which might include moderated discussions of pre-circulated papers, roundtables, discussions with practicing architects or artists, or other formats.

As a platform, VIAHSS is dedicated to supporting scholars at all stages of their careers by providing an opportunity to share their research. Academic freedom and academic integrity are integral to these efforts. Research proposals and presentations should be about original research. Please note that the use of Large Language Models like ChatGPT and Claude to generate writing that you present as your own goes against the values of this program, so fully AI-generated proposals will be rejected outright. Any use of LLMs to check for grammar or spelling errors must be noted in the proposal.

If you are interested in presenting, please use this form to upload an abstract detailing your topic (not more than 500 words) and your CV by Friday, December 11, 2026: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQ2nrBZh738ELWW0Gq4KnTRnK_HjNq03wpQkCLI3abu93BDA/viewform.

If you have any questions, please contact co-organizers Dr. Alexander Brey (alexan-

der.brey@wellesley.edu), Dr. Rachel Winter (winterr6@msu.edu), and Dr. Jaimee Comstock-Skipp (jaimee.comstock-skipp@ames.ox.ac.uk) with the phrase “VIAHSS 2027 proposal” in the subject line.

Reference:
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