Byzantium, the Arabs, and the Rise of Islam
Colloquium in Memory of Irfan Shahîd (1926–2016)

Georgetown University and Dumbarton Oaks
October 13, 2017, 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Colloquiarch: Emma Gannagé (Georgetown University)

Georgetown University, CCAS Boardroom (ICC 241)

9:30–10:00 a.m.  Welcome
Felicitas Opwis (Georgetown University)
Jan Ziolkowski (Dumbarton Oaks)

Introduction
Emma Gannagé (Georgetown University)

Panel I: Oriens Christianus
Chair: Jan Ziolkowski (Dumbarton Oaks)

10:00–10:45  The Bible in Arabic in Oriens Christianus: Status Quaestionis
Sidney Griffith (The Catholic University of America)

10:45–11:00  Coffee break

11:00–11:45  Irfan Shahîd and the Martyrs of Najran
Jack Tannous (Princeton University)

11:45–12:30 p.m.  Irfan Shahîd and Pre-Islamic Arab Christianity: Perspectives Past and Future
Robert Hoyland (New York University)

12:30–2:00  Lunch break

Dumbarton Oaks, Oak Room, 1700 Wisconsin Avenue NW

Panel II: Byzantium and the Arabs
Chair: Walter Kaegi (University of Chicago)

2:00–2:45  The Religion of the Pre-Islamic Nomads of North Arabia
Ahmad Al-Jallad (Leiden University)

2:45–3:30  Tenth-Century Byzantine and Arabic Poetry on Military Exploits
Maria Mavroudi (University of California, Berkeley)

3:30–3:45  Coffee break
3:45–4:30  The Court of Women in Baghdad and Constantinople
Nadia Maria El Cheikh (American University of Beirut)

4:30–4:45  Concluding Remarks
Walter Kaegi (University of Chicago)

4:45–5:15  Perspectives and Prospects
Alan G. Walmsley (Macquarie University/Dumbarton Oaks)

5:15–6:00  Reception