

# Visiting Speaker Series

The Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies is  
pleased to present a talk by esteemed academic

**Professor Jorunn Buckley**  
**Bowdoin College, Maine, USA**

## *'Immigrants and Religious Values: Mandaeans as an Example'*

Wednesday, 27 April 2016, 5.15pm

LT1, IAIS Building, Streatham Campus, Exeter, EX4 4ND,  
Tea & Coffee to be served from 4.30 pm in the Common Room,  
Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies.

All are welcome – no registration required



Jorunn J. Buckley, a historian of religions (comparative perspective), works in Gnostic religions, particularly with the Mandaeans, who are the last, still-living Near Eastern Gnostics from ancient times. She has involvement with the Mandaeans themselves, including advocacy, especially in political and religious asylum cases on behalf of Mandaeans.

Since the late 1970s, Buckley has held official positions in the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature. She has taught more than 40 courses in 12 institutions over a 30 year period. Her background in psychology and philosophy continues to inform her focus on myths, rituals, and theory and method in the study of religion.