Overview of NISIS Autumn Schools, 2010-2014

First Autumn School, 27-30 October 2010
Theme: Texts and Practices
Venue: University of Amsterdam

Keynote speakers and lecture titles:
– Jonathan P. Berkey (Davidson College) | Texts, the Transmission of Texts, and Religious Authority in Medieval Islam: Problems and Prospects
– Charles Hirschkind (University of California, Berkeley) | Ritual and Formation of a Secular Body
– Marion Katz (New York University) | Studying Gender Through Islamic Texts
– A. Kevin Reinhart (Dartmouth College) | What to Do with Ritual Texts?
– Dorothea Schulz (University of Cologne) | Studying Gender in Muslim Societies: Key Concepts and Debates
– Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen (University of Copenhagen) | Studying Islam's Carrier Groups in Modern Times

Second Autumn School, 25-28 October 2011
Theme: Classical and Modern
Venue: VU University Amsterdam

Keynote speakers and lectures:
– Carl W. Ernst (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) | Problems in the Historiography of “Classical” Sufism
– Christian Lange (Utrecht University) | Power, Orthodoxy and Salvation in Classical Islamic Theology
– Muhammad Khalid Masud (Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad) | Classical Islamic Law: Imam Shafi’i’s (d. 820) Legal Theory
– Mark Sedgwick (Aarhus University) | Modifying the Model of Modern Mysticism: Recovering the “Religious” in Islamic Studies
– Abdulkader Tayob (University of Cape Town) | Modern Islamic Trends and New Theologies: Foundations between Justification and Representation
– Knut S. Vikør (University of Bergen) | Islamic Law in the Modern World: State Law and Private Law
Third Autumn School, 23-26 October 2012
Theme: Centres and Peripheries. Networks connecting Muslim Societies in Past and Present
Venue: Leiden University

Keynote speakers and lectures:
- Ulrike Freitag (Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin) | Hajj: Networks Converging on the Hijaz
- Michael Kemper (University of Amsterdam) | Arabic, Tatar, Russian: Language Interaction in the Islamic Discourse in Russia
- Ghislaine Lydon (University of California) | Networks and Trade in the History of Muslim Africa
- Peter Mandaville (George Mason University) | Islamic Movement Networks in Europe and North America
- Benjamin Soares (African Studies Centre, Leiden) | New Muslim Public Figures in Africa
- Pnina Werbner (Keele University) | Sufi Networks, Ethics of Hospitality, and Vernacular Cosmopolitanism

Fourth Autumn School, 22-25 October 2013
Theme: Islam: Culture or Religion?
Venue: Utrecht University

Keynote speakers and lectures:
- Léon Buskens (Leiden University) | Changes and Continuities in Islamic Studies in the Netherlands in an International Perspective
- Syrinx von Hees (Universität Bonn) | Artistic Production of the Middle East in View of the Question Islam: Culture or Religion?
- Carole Hillenbrand (University of Edinburgh) | The Academic Discipline of Islamic History: The Case of Jihad Scholarship
- Bruce Lawrence (Duke University) | Islam between Scripture and Discourse
- Roman Loimeier (University of Göttingen) | “African Islam” vs. “Islam in Africa”: The Problem of Binary Constructions of Muslim Societies
- Adam Silverstein (Bar-Ilan University) | Islam as an Abrahamic Civilization
Fifth Autumn School, 12-24 October 2014
Theme: The Religious/Secular Divide in the Muslim World
Venue: Radboud University (Nijmegen)

Keynote speakers and lectures:
– Yolande Jansen (VU University Amsterdam) | Is It Preferable to Differentiate between Secularisms or to Critique the Secular-Religious Framework More Generally: What Kind of Critique Is Useful for What Purposes?
– Sherine Hafez (University of California) | Islamic Activism and Social Reform: Rethinking the Islamic/Secular Binary
– Nadia Fadil (University of Leuven) | Reclaiming the “Traditional Islam” of the Parents: Practices of Authentication of Liberal and Secular Muslims in Belgium
– Markus Dressler (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen) | Beyond the Binary Knowledge of Religio-Secularism: Reinterpreting Ziya Gökalp
– Gudrun Krämer (Freie Universität Berlin) | Secularity Contested: The Case of Egypt
– John Bowen (Washington University in St Louis) | Secularism as Governance and as Translation