RATIONALISM — Result In Brief

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Religious boundaries bridged through rationalism

**Ground-breaking research transcends three main disciplines of academia and three religious denominations, connecting researchers separated by religious and cultural boundaries.**

Usually, Islamic Studies, Jewish Studies and Studies of Eastern Christianity are separate and one-dimensional in scope. The EU-funded RATIONALISM (Rediscovering Theological Rationalism in the Medieval World of Islam) project broke away from this convention with a multi-dimensional, interdisciplinary approach that combines the three.

In the medieval world of Islam, the three shared a unique cultural commonality and used Arabic as the common language. The focus was on critical and facsimile editions of key texts by Muslim, Jewish and Samaritan writers, which constituted roughly 60 subprojects.

A significant portion of the work was to locate and collect the manuscripts and materials. The research team spent extended periods of time in St. Petersburg, Yemen, Istanbul, Tashkent, Iran, Europe and the USA where the most important collections are located.

Studies of important works have been published and critical editions have been prepared.

This is the first time that relevant manuscript collections from all over the world have been drawn together simultaneously, with full access to both the West and Islamic world. In so doing, their intellectual developments and interrelatedness has become apparent. As a result, a new quality of research has been created.

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