In his lecture Parviz Salmani will give an introduction into an Iranian reference publication, the Encyclopaedia of the World of Islam (EWI). It is being produced by researchers of the Encyclopaedia Islamica Foundation (Tehran) founded in 1983. So far twenty volumes in Persian have appeared (letter bâ’ to letter râ’), encompassing all disciplines of Islamic scholarship, including Qur’an, Hadith, jurisprudence, mysticism, philosophy, literature, and arts. The entries are published on paper and online, accessible under www.rch.ac.ir/article/paging. Meanwhile a selection of articles are published in Arabic and English.

During his visit to the project Corpus Coranicum, issues of cooperation are discussed, especially in the field of manuscript studies, textual history, and the study of the Qur’an as a text of Late Antiquity.