

# Intellect and Contemplation in Ancient Greek and Medieval Islamic Philosophy 1-2 October 2021, LMU Munich

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## Programme

### Friday, 1 October

9:30–10:00 Welcome and introduction

**Section 1** Chair: Laura Castelli (LMU Munich)

10:00–11:00 Mauro Bonazzi (Utrecht University)  
“Antiochus, Ulysses and the Limits of Contemplative Life”

11:00–12:00 Bert van den Berg (Leiden University)  
“Living Statue and Confusion: Reading the Great Myth in Plotinus’ School and Proclus’ Academy”

**Section 2** Chair: Rotraud Hansberger (LMU Munich)

14:00–15:00 Tommaso Alpina (LMU Munich)  
“*Contemplating the Contemplator*. Human Soul as the Object and the Subject of Contemplation”

15:00–16:00 Bethany Somma (LMU Munich)  
“Externalized Contemplation in Ibn Ṭufayl’s *Ḥayy Ibn Yaqzān*”

16:45–17:45 Keynote talk: Peter Adamson (LMU Munich)  
“From Known to Knower: Affinity Arguments for the Mind’s Incorporeality in the Islamic World”

### Saturday, 2 October 2021

**Section 3** Chair: Mareike Hauer (KU Leuven)

09:30–10:30 Riccardo Chiaradonna (Roma Tre University)  
“Life and Contemplation in Plotinus’ Hierarchy of Being”

10:30–11:30 Thomas Bénatouïl (University of Lille)  
“Porphyry on the Digression of the *Theaetetus* and Intellectual Detachment from Sensations and Social Activities”

12:00–13:00 Julia Trompeter (Utrecht University)  
“Michael of Ephesus on the Objects of Contemplation”

**Section 4** Chair: Tommaso Alpina (LMU Munich)

15:00–16:00 Jari Kaukua (University of Jyväskylä)  
“Knowledge of Essences in Suhrawardī: Presence or (Modified) Avicennian Science?”

16:00–17:00 Cécile Bonmariage (UC Louvain)  
“‘Knowledge is the seed of vision’: Contemplation, Knowing Things as They Are, and the Intellect in Ṣadr al-Dīn Shīrāzī”

17:00–17:30 Concluding discussion

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