

**Medieval Arabic and Latin Conceptions of Spirit:  
Between Philosophy, Theology, and Medicine**

**25-26 March 2022, LMU – Munich**

**Friday, 25 March**

9:00-9:30: Welcome and Introduction by the Organizers

Section 1. *Islamic Philosophy and its Greek Background* – Chair: **Peter Adamson (LMU Munich)**

09:30-10:15: **Rotraud Hansberger (LMU Munich)**

“Spirituality without Spirit: *Rūḥāniyya* in Ps.-Aristotle’s *Kitāb al-Ḥiss wa-l-maḥsūs*”

10:15-11:00: **Tommaso Alpina (LMU Munich)**

“Between Emanation and Perfect Disposition: Avicenna on *Rūḥ*”

11:00-11:30: Coffee Break

11:30-12:15: **Bethany Somma (LMU Munich)**

“Ibn Bāḡḡa on Spirit and How Desire Makes Motion”

12:15-13:00: **Cristina Cerami (CNRS, SPHere)**

“La doctrine du pneuma d’Averroès : entre Aristote et Galien”

13:00-14:30: Lunch Break

Section 2. *Sciences and Theology in the Islamicate World* – Chair: **Bethany Somma (LMU Munich)**

14:30-15:15: **Nicolas Payen (LMU Munich/Sorbonne Université)**

“The Animal as an Ensouled Being in Early Islamic Law”

15:15-16:00: **Daniel Davies (Universität Hamburg)**

“*Rūḥ* and *Ruah* in Medieval Jewish Philosophy”

16:00-16:30: Coffee Break

16:30-17:15: **Sarah Virgi (LMU Munich)**

“Al-Ghazālī on *Rūḥ* and the Causes of Death”

17:15-18:00: **Michael Payne (LMU Munich)**

“al-Jāḥiẓ on *Rūḥ*”

18:30: Dinner

### **Saturday, 26 March**

Section 3. *Latin Reception and Innovation* – Chair: **Sarah Virgi (LMU Munich)**

09:00-09:45: **Michele Meroni (Università degli Studi di Milano/LMU Munich)**

“*Gaudium naturaliter duo conservant, quorum unum est temperantia spiritus*: the Role of Spirit in Albert the Great’s Psychophysiology of Emotions”

09:45-10:30: **Joël Chandelier (Université Paris 8)**

“Medicine, Philosophy and Ethics: The Reception of Avicenna’s *De viribus cordis* in the West (14th-15th centuries)”

10:30-11:00: Coffee Break

11:00-11:45: **Marilena Panarelli (Thomas Institut, Cologne/Università del Salento, Lecce)**

“Bordering on Matter and Form: *Spiritus* and Plant Formation”

11:45-12:30: **Dr. Marek Gensler & Dr. Monika Mansfeld (University of Łódź)**

“Walter Burley on Spirits in the *Parva Naturalia* Commentaries”

12:30-13:15: Conclusion

#### **Organization:**

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