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Gordafard fighting Sohrab. From a story of *Shahnameh*. © Photo taken by Fatih Ermiş

## WORKSHOP

# TYPOLOGIES IN THE ISLAMIC ETHICAL DISCOURSE

**Orient-Institut Beirut  
&  
American University of Beirut**

**March 10 - 12, 2022**

Thursday, March 10, 2022 [OIB]

09:30 – 09:45    Welcome and Introduction  
Birgit Schäßler, Bilal Orfali, Fatih Ermiş

9:45 – 13:00  
Panel 1: Typological characters

**Chair: Thomas Würtz** (Orient-Institut Beirut)  
**Didar Ayşe Akbulut** (Harvard University)  
Ancient Sages, Modern Moralists: Pre-Islamic Figures as Typological Characters in Islamic Ethical Literature

**Enrico Boccaccini** (Orient-Institut Beirut)  
Reflecting Women: Female typologies in Mirrors for princes

11:45 – 12:00    Coffee Break

**Alessandro Cancian** (The Institute of Ismaili Studies London)  
‘You shall not be a burden to society’: Wandering Sufis and ethics of work in early modern and modern Shi’i Sufi literature in Iran

13:00 – 14:45    Lunch

14:45 – 16:45  
Panel 2: Typology of the soul/personality

**Chair: Fatih Ermiş** (Orient-Institut Beirut)  
**Mukhtar H. Ali** (University of Illinois)  
Personality Analysis according to Islamic Analytical Physiognomy (*al-firāsa al-hikmiyya*)

**Fariduddin Attar** (McGill University)  
Moral Character, Psychic Types, and the Metaphysics of the Human Soul: The Irreducibility of Moral Character and Psycho-somatic States according to Abū al-Barakāt al-Baghdādī and Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī

Friday, March 11, 2022 [AUB - West Hall Auditorium A]

9:30 – 12:45  
Panel 3: Ethnic Typologies

**Chair: Enrico Boccaccini** (Orient-Institut Beirut)  
**Elmin Aliyev** (Ankara University)  
The Impact of Geographical Conditions on Morality: Ethnic Typology in Islamic Philosophical Ethics  
**Fatih Ermiş** (Orient-Institut Beirut), **Heydar Shadi** (Institute for Humanities and Islamic Sciences, Hamburg)  
Typology of “Turk” in Islamicate Literature and Ethical Works

11:30 – 11:45    Coffee Break

**Emin Lelić** (Salisbury University)  
Managing the Household: Ottoman Ethnicity

12:45 – 14:30    Lunch

14:30 – 17:45  
Panel 4: Typology of society

**Chair: Bilal Orfali**  
**Omar Ali de Unzaga** (The Institute of Ismaili Studies London)  
The Known Unknown- the Ethics of the Ikhwān al-Safā’

**Ali Rida Rizek** (Georg August University of Göttingen)  
Avoiding the Ruler: Piety and Quietism in Imami Ethical Discourse

16:30 – 16:45    Coffee Break

**Hanif Khan** (Keele University)  
*Kitāb Sirāj al-Mulūk*: Justice, Political Obedience, and Stability in the Political Theology of Imām At-Turtūshī

Saturday, March 12, 2022 [OIB]

9:30 – 12:45  
Panel 5: Religious typologies

**Chair: Emin Lelić** (Salisbury University)  
**Hussein Ibrahim** (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich)  
Religious Discourse as a Methodological Tool in Islamic Practical Philosophy: The Case of Quranic Typologies in Philosophical Ethics

**Julio César Cárdenas Arenas** (Complutense University of Madrid)  
Linguistic and religious typologies on Jews and Christians in medieval Islamic texts, from Hebrew and Greek into Arabic

11:30 – 11:45    Cofee Break

**Abdur Rahoof Ottathingal** (Leiden University)  
Sacred Biography / Vernacular Hagiography as Ethical Discourse: Muhyiddin Mala (1607) and Muslim Community in Early Modern Malabar, South India

12:45 – 13:30    Concluding Discussion