

Conference Programme

Thursday 2nd of July 2015

Venue	Orient-Institut Beirut
12:30	Registration and Lunch at the Orient-Institut Beirut
13:45	Welcome and Introduction Stefan Leder, Sara Kuehn and Hans-Peter Pökel

Panel I (14:00–17:30)

'Physiology' of Heavenly Beings

Chair	Astrid Meier (Beirut)
14:00–14:45	Frederick S. Colby (Oregon): Uniting Fire and Snow: Representations of the Wondrous Angel 'Beloved' in Medieval Muslim Versions of Muḥammad's Ascension and in the Late Rabbinic 'Ascension of Moses'
14:45–15:30	Marlène Kanaan (Balamand): Création et Êtres angéliques d'après un manuscrit Arabe inédit, l'Hexaéméron du Pseudo-Épiphanes de Salamine
15:30–16:00	Coffee Break
Chair	Jack Khalil (Balamand)
16:00–16:45	Jad Hatem (Beirut): Angélogologie et contingence
16:45–17:30	Samir Mahmoud (Beirut): 'Angelomorphosis': He Who Knows Himself Knows His Lord
18:00–19:30	Keynote Lecture: Aziz Al-Azmeh (Budapest): Celestial and Mundane at the Emergence of Islam Reception

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Panel II (09:30–13:00)

'Topography' and Hierarchical Scheme of the Heavenly Host

Chair	Hussein Abdulsater (Beirut)
09:30–10:15	Johann Hafner (Potsdam): Where Angels Dwell. Extraterrestrial Worlds in Jewish and Christian Texts in Late Antiquity
10:15–11:00	Stephen Burge (London): 'Panangelon': Angelology and Its Relation to Polytheism
11:00–11:30	Coffee Break
Chair	Thomas Scheffler (Beirut)
11:30–12:15	Godefroid de Callataÿ (Louvain): The <i>Ikhwān al-ṣafā'</i> on Angels and Spiritual Beings
12:15–13:00	David Kiltz (St. Andrews): Heavenly Geography (Uranography) in the Ancient Near/Middle East

13:00–14:30 Lunch

Panel III (14:30–18:00)

Mission, Vocation and Agency of Angels

Chair	Dahlia E. M. Gubara (Beirut)
14:30–15:15	Sebastian Günther (Göttingen): "As the Angels Stretch Out Their Hands" (Qur'ān 6:93): The Work of Heavenly Agents according to Muslim Eschatology
15:15–16:00	Roberto Tottoli (Napoli): The Carriers of the Throne: Sunni Angelology and Sectarian Debates and Polemics
16:00–16:30	Coffee Break
16:30–17:15	Jack Khalil (Balamand): "Angel of Satan" in 2 Cor 12:7
17:15–18:00	Stefan Leder (Beirut): Ibn Khaldūn's Scientific Approach to Angels as Part of Human Civilization Hans-Peter Pökel (Beirut): Transmitters of Knowledge – Guardians of Secrets. Perfect Servants and Messengers of the Hidden in 'Abbāsīd Literature

Saturday 4th of July (University of Balamand)

08:30 Drive to Balamand

Panel IV (11:00–15:30)

Visual and Textual Evolution: Angelic Nomenclature and Iconography

Chair	Souad Slim (Balamand)
10:30–11:15	Karin Rühdanz (Toronto): Zakariyyā' al-Qazwīnī on the Inhabitants of the Supralunar World: How to Reconcile Activities of Angels with the Workings of Nature
11:15–12:00	Sara Kuehn (Marseille/Beirut): The Primordial Cycle Revisited: Adam, Eve and the Angels
12:00–13:30	Lunch
13:30–14:15	Nada Hélou (Beirut): Aux origines de l'image des anges: une approche iconographique
14:15–15:00	Yuka Kadoi (Washington): Dressing like the Phoenix. The Angelic Fashion in the Medieval East Islamic World
15:00–15:30	Coffee break
15:30–16:00	Conclusions
16:00–17:30	Visit of the Monastery of Balamand (guided by Souad Slim)
17:30	Return drive to Beirut Dinner