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FONDAZIONE GIORGIO CINI
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12 - 14 June 2018

TUESDAY, 12 JUNE 2018

09:00 – 09:30 Welcome

Francesco Piraino

Director of the Centre for Comparative Studies
of Civilisations and Spiritualities and conference
co-organiser

Mark Sedgwick

Aarhus University, coordinator of ENSIE
(European Network for the Study of Islam and
Esotericism) and conference co-organiser

Dilek Sarmis

CETOBaC and conference co-organiser

09:30 – 11:00

Sandra Valabregue

Hebrew University of Jerusalem—Israel: “The Role of
Images in the Theory of Emanation in Medieval
Neoplatonism and Kabbalah: A Comparative Study”

Gianfranco Bria

CETOBaC—France: “Alchemy, Cosmology and
Gnosticism: The Origin of the Islamic *Meganthropus*”

Saer El-Jaichi

University of Copenhagen—Denmark:
“The Neoplatonism of Ibn M. Al-Hallaj, and its
Implications for his Negative Theology”

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00

Andrea Gondos

Ben Gurion University of the Negev—Israel:
“Seekers of Love: Ecstatic Rapture as Mystical Ideal
in Jewish, Christian, and Sufi Mysticism”

Micha J. Perry

University of Haifa—Israel: “Medieval Jewish Female
Prophetesses between Christianity and Islam”

Ildikò Glaser-Hille

Concordia University, Montreal—Canada: “Compelling
the Other: Appropriation, Exorcism and Supersession
Theology in Premodern Christian Ritual Magic”

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:00

Augusto Cosentino

University of Messina—Italy: “The Figure of Solomon
in the *Rasā'il Ikhwān al-Safā'*: from Jewish Legend
to Islamic Tales”

Gal Sofer

Ben Gurion University—Israel: “And you Should
also Adjure in Arabic’: Islamic, Christian and Jewish
Formulas in the Solomonic Corpus”

Luca Patrizi

University of Turin—Italy: “Like Hidden Pearls:
The Symbolism of Gemstones and its Relationship
with Language in the Context of Abrahamic Religions”

WEDNESDAY, 13 JUNE 2018

09:30 – 11:00

Sasson Chahanovich

Harvard University—USA: “‘Hidden’ Connections:
Shared Esotericism(s) between Ottoman Apocalypticism
and Sabbatean Messianism in the Early Modern Eastern
Mediterranean”

Mark Wagner

Louisiana State University—USA: “Kabbalah
and Sufism Synthesized or Juxtaposed? The Poetry
of Salem Shabazi and his School”

Yuri Stoyanov

University of London—UK: “Christian Elements
in Alevi/Bektāšī Esotericism: Old Controversies
and New Approaches”

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00

Mario Wintersteiger

University of Innsbruck—Austria: “Enlightenment from the Orient: The Philosophical Esotericism of the *Falāsifa* and its Impact on Western Thought”

Rasoul Namazi

University of Chicago—USA: “Alfarabi as Leo Strauss’ Teacher of Platonic Esoteric Writing: Leo Strauss’ Rediscovery of Esotericism and its Islamic Origin”

Vadim Putzu

Missouri State University—USA: “Ozarkian Kabbalah: Preliminary Notes on the Place of Jewish Esotericism in Thomas Moore Johnson’s Platonism”

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:00

Iheb Guerhazi

MIT, Cambridge—USA: “Western Esotericism and the Hermeneutics of Islamic Art”

Alexandre Toumarkine

INALCO Paris—France: “Tlemcen (Algeria): Would-be *Fin de Siècle* and Colonial Esoteric Setting”

Arthur Shiwa Zárate

University of Wisconsin—USA: “Worlds Unseen: Islamic Reform and Euro-American Spiritualism and Psychical Research in Mid-Twentieth-Century Egypt”

THURSDAY, 14 JUNE 2018

09:30 – 11:00

Marco Pasi

University of Amsterdam—Netherlands: “Aleister Crowley and Islam”

Dilek Sarmis

CETOBaC—France: “Associating and Sharing Esotericisms: The Academic Ways and Issues of Generalizing *Tasavvuf* to other Spiritualities in Early Republican Turkey”

Johanna Kühn

University of Goettingen—Germany:
“Christian Angel Tarots, Reiki Healing Sessions and Vortex meditation: Local Interpretations of Globalized Esoteric Practices in Beirut, Lebanon”

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00

Marwa Elshakry

Columbia University—USA: “The Metaphysics of Modernity: Rescripting Rationalism and Mysticism in Islam and Christianity in the Early Twentieth Century”

Liana Saif

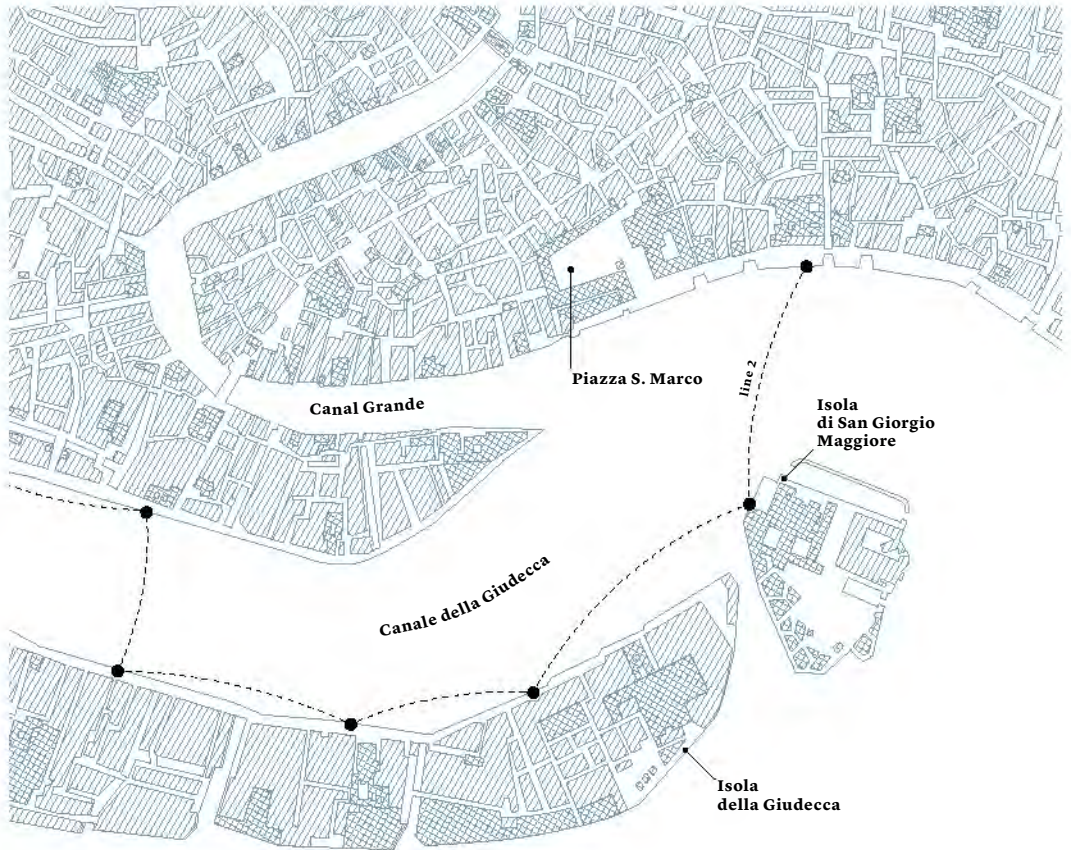
Oxford University—UK: “What is Islamic Esotericism?”

Boaz Huss

Ben Gurion University—Israel: “Kabbala and Sufism: Connection, Comparison and Mystification”

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 Plenary Session



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