



“Global Weimar / Global Nahda” Preliminary Programme, 25.-27.01.2024

Held at *The Divan – The Arabic Culture House*
Schützallee 27-29, 14169 Berlin

Thursday, 25.01.2024

- 16:00-17:30 – Internal & informal meet-and-greet of participants
- 17:30-17:45 – Opening by H.E. Sheikh Abdulla Bin Mohammed bin Saud Al-Thani, Ambassador of the State of Qatar to Germany
- 17:45-18:00 – Introduction: „Global Weimar – Global Nahda“ – The Genesis of an Idea
Dr. Peter Makhlouf (Princeton University) & Simon Conrad (Princeton University)
- 18:00-18:20 – “What is the Nahda?”
Prof. Dr. Jens Hanssen, Director of the Orient-Institute Beirut (OIB)
- 18:20-18:35 – Break
- 18:35-18:45 – Keynote Introduction: Prof. Dr. Beatrice Gründler, Arabist and Professor of Arabic Language and Literature (Freie Universität Berlin)
- 18:45-20:00 – Keynote Lecture: Weimarism: the Jew, the Orient and the Quest for New Subjectivity
Prof. Dr. Susannah Heschel, Eli M. Black Distinguished Professor (Dartmouth College)
- 20:00 – Reception

Friday, 26.01.2024

- 09:30-10:00 – Continental Breakfast and Introductory Remarks
Dr. Peter Makhlouf, Simon Conrad, Prof. Dr. Jens Hanssen, Prof. Dr. Max Weiss (Princeton University)
- 10:00-11:30 – Session 1: Spirit and Matter
- Presentation I: Rim Naguib (EUME, Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin): Yiddish Universalism. The case of the Egyptian Communist Joseph Rosenthal
- Presentation II: Prof. Dr. Amir Engel (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Humboldt Universität): Martin Buber's Universal Spiritualism: An East-Western Intervention in the History of Spirit



Response: Prof. Dr. Susannah Heschel & Georges Khalil (EUME, Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin)

11:45-13:15 – Session 2: Subjects of Reception

Presentation I: Prof. Dr. Nader El Bizri (University of Sharja): Heidegger and Modern Arabic Thought in Charles Malik's 1937 Doctoral Thesis at Harvard

Presentation II: Prof. Dr. Jens Hanssen: The Arabic Nietzsche from Farah Antun to Edward Said

Response: Simon Conrad & Prof. Dr. Max Weiss (Princeton University)

13:15-14:30 – Lunch

14:30-16:00 – Session 3: Philology & Exegesis

Presentation I: Dr. Sana Bou Antoun (Sorbonne): Normative fabric of knowledge in the “Biblical Quran's episteme’: the case of Tor Andrae's argumentation.”

Presentation II: Prof. Dr. Boutheina Khaldi (American University of Sharja): The Reception of Goethe in the Arab World

Response: Dr. Peter Makhlouf & Prof. Dr. Islam Dayeh (Freie Universität Berlin)

16:15-17:45 – Session 4: A New Political Aesthetics

Presentation I: Dr. Diana Abbani (EUME, MECAM, Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin): Beirut, Berlin, and Baidaphone: A Cross-cultural History of Music and Entertainment Industries

Presentation II: Barbara Winckler (University of Münster): “The New Woman” in Beirut and Damascus: Gender, Nation and the Position of Syrian Women’s Journals of the 1920s

Response: Prof. Dr. Florian Zemmin (Freie Universität Berlin) & Prof. Dr. Jens Hanssen

18:00-19:00 – Oud-Concerto mit Marwan Alkarjousli in the Divan

Dinner

Saturday, 27.01.2024

09:30-10:00 – Breakfast

10:00-11:30 – Session 1: *Insān/Mensch*: The Quest for the Human

Presentation I: Dr. Peter Makhlouf: “Of Parallels and Polarities: The Syncretic Journeys of Weimar's Total Man from Conservative Revolution to Oriental Studies and Beyond”



Presentation II: Simon Conrad: „The Universal Man in Mid-20th Century Egypt“

Respondents: Prof. Dr. Nader El Bizri, Dr. Amir Engel

11:45-13:15 – Session 2: Discussion

Reflections by Georges Khalil followed by an open discussion, thinking further about “Global Weimar/Global Nahda”

moderated by Dr. Peter Makhlouf and Simon Conrad

13:15-14:30 – Lunch and Closing Remarks