



## International Symposium

# Islamic Ethics as Educational Discourse

Thought & Impact of the Classical Muslim Thinker Miskawayh (d. 1030)

Göttingen, May 24 – 27, 2018

*Conference Venue*

Hotel Freizeit In, Dransfelder Str. 3, 37079 Göttingen

## Program

### Thursday, 24 May 2018

10:00 a.m. – 02:00 p.m.      **Registration** at the Conference Venue

02:00 p.m.      **Opening Remarks**  
*Professor Dr. Sebastian Günther*, Symposium Convenor, Göttingen

**Words of Welcome**  
*Professor Dr. Norbert Lossau*, Vice-President of the University, Göttingen

*Professor Dr. Peter Gemeinhardt*, Director of the Research Center “Education and Religion”, Göttingen

02:30 p.m.      **Distinguished Lecture**  
Miskawayh: The Uneasy Coexistence of the Philosopher and the Historian?  
*Professor Dr. Wadad Kadi*, The Avalon Foundation Distinguished Service Professor and Professor of Islamic Thought, Chicago

**Introduction**  
*Professor Dr. Riem Spielhaus*, Director of the Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Göttingen

03:15 p.m.      **Coffee Break**

**Panel 1      Ethics of Education and Educational Ethics in Miskawayh's Oeuvre**

**Chair:** *Angelika Neuwirth*, Berlin

- 03:45 p.m.      Different Kinds of Happiness  
*Steffen Stelzer*, Cairo
- 04:15 p.m.      Miskawayh's Notion of Wisdom, 'eternal' and otherwise  
*Lutz Richter-Bernburg*, Tübingen
- 06:00 p.m.      **Conference Dinner**  
Orient-Lounge, Conference Hotel *Freizeit In*

**Friday, 25 May 2018**

**Panel 2      Miskawayh's Reception and Adaption of Ideas from Greek Antiquity**

**Chair:** *Lale Behzadi*, Bamberg

- 09:30 a.m.      Philosophical Culture in the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Centuries: Miskawayh and his Sources in Context  
*Elvira Wakelnig*, Vienna
- 10:00 a.m.      Ibn Miskawayh's Conception of Child Education in the 11<sup>th</sup> Century  
*Seyfi Kenan*, Istanbul
- 10:30 a.m.      **Coffee Break**
- Chair:** *Manfred Fleischhammer*, Halle
- 11:00 a.m.      Ethics as Likeness to God in Miskawayh: An overlooked Tradition  
*Hans Daiber*, Frankfurt/M.
- 11:30 a.m.      Allegorische Erzählungen und Metaphern als Bilder für die Seelen bei Ibn Sīnā (gest. 1037) und Miskawaih (gest. 1030)  
*Dorothee Lauer*, Göttingen
- 12:00 p.m.      **Lunch**

### **Panel 3 Miskawayh's Familiarity with Muslim, Christian, Jewish and Zoroastrian Ideas**

**Chair:** *Ulrich Marzolph*, Göttingen

- 02:00 p.m. An Imami Tradition in Falsafa: From Ibn Muḥārib to Ibn Hindū  
*Hassan Farhang Ansari*, Princeton
- 02:30 p.m. Die Rezeption der Scharia bei dem Moralphilosophen Miskawayh anhand des Werkes *al-Hawāmil wa-š-šawāmil*  
*Mahmoud Haggag*, Osnabrück
- 03:00 p.m. **Coffee Break**
- Chair:** *Enrico Otto Walter Boccaccini*, Göttingen
- 03:30 p.m. Yaḥyā ibn 'Adī and his *Tahdīb al-aḥlāq*  
*Ute Pietruschka*, Göttingen
- 04:00 p.m. The Ethical Writings of Miskawayh's Teacher Yaḥyā ibn 'Adī (d. 974): Between Baghdadian Religious Pluralism and Westsyrian Confessional Identity  
*Christian Mauder*, Abu Dhabi
- 04:30 p.m. In Search of Jewish Sources: Beliefs and Opinions of Sa'adya Gaon vis-à-vis Morals and Ethics of Miskawayh  
*Maxim Yosefi*, Göttingen

### **Saturday, 26 May 2018**

### **Panel 4 Miskawayh's Literary Strategies**

**Chair:** *Jens Scheiner*, Göttingen

- 09:30 a.m. Miskawayh's Kunst zu schreiben und zu lehren am Beispiel vom *Tahdīb al-aḥlāq*  
*Fatima Henini*, Fès
- 10:00 a.m. Individual Ethics and Political Theory in Miskawayh's *Taḡārib al-umam*  
*Hans Hinrich Biesterfeldt*, Bochum
- 10:30 a.m. **Coffee Break**
- Chair:** *Jana Newiger*, Göttingen
- 11:00 a.m. The Intellectual and the Ruler: Society, Government and Authority in Miskawayh's Gedankenwelt  
*Ali Rida Rizek*, Göttingen
- 11:30 a.m. Liberales und säkulares Denken bei Miskawayh?  
*Yassir El Jamouhi*, Göttingen

- 12:00 p.m.     **Lunch**
- 02:00 p.m.     **Excursion** to the *Europäisches Brotmuseum* und the *Wilhelm-Busch-Mühle* in Ebergötzen

## Sunday, 27 May 2018

### **Panel 5     Miskawayh’s Significance for Later Muslim Discourses on Ethics and Education**

**Chair:** *Ghada Jayyusi-Lehn*, Toronto

- 09:30 a.m.     Al-Ghazālī on Virtue and the Law  
*Sophia Vasalou*, Birmingham
- 10:00 a.m.     Mohammed Arkoun: A Contemporary Interpreter Reader of Miskawayh: Rethinking Islam today through the Arab Humanism of the Middle Age  
*Kaouther Karoui*, Koblenz
- 10:30 a.m.     **Coffee Break**
- Chair:** *Fabian Käs*, München
- 11:00 a.m.     A Critical Note on Mohammed Arkoun’s “Secularisation” of Miskawayh’s Thought  
*Ruth Mas*, New York
- 11:30 a.m.     *Tahdīb al-aḥlāq* (Cultivation of Morals): Perspectives on the UAE Moral Education Curriculum  
*Mariam Alhashemi*, Abu Dhabi
- 12:00 p.m. - 01:00 p.m.     **Roundtable & Plenary Discussion**  
**Chairs:** *Sebastian Günther & Yassir El Jamouhi*
- Hans Hinrich Biesterfeldt*, Bochum  
*Ruth Mas*, New York  
*Asma Sayeed*, Los Angeles  
*Steffen Stelzer*, Cairo
- 01:00 p.m.     **Lunch (lunchbox)**
- 01:30 p.m.     **End of Symposium**