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 10th and 11th Centuries: Miskawayh and his Sources in Context
Elvira Wakelnig, Vienna

10:00 a.m  Ibn Miskawayh’s Conception of Child Education in the 11th 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-ṣ-ṣawāmil  
Mahmoud Haggag, Osnabrück

03:00 p.m.  Coffee Break  
Chair: Enrico Otto Walter Boccaccini, Göttingen

03:30 p.m.  Yahyā ibn ‘Adī and his Tahḏīb al-aḥlāq  
Ute Pietruschka, Göttingen

04:00 p.m.  The Ethical Writings of Miskawayh’s Teacher Yahyā 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.  Miskawayhs Kunst zu schreiben und zu lehren am Beispiel vom Tahḏīb 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. **Tahḍīb al-aḥlāq (Cultivation of Morals): Perspectives on the UAE Moral Education Curriculum**
Mariam Alhashemi, Abu Dhabi

12:00 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**