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Tasawwuf & Traditionalism in Medieval Islam: Texts, Authors and Discourse

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08:45 – 09:00 **Opening**

Words of welcome: Mehdi Berriah & Aiyub Palmer

09:00 – 10:45 **Approaching Traditionalism through the Prism of Sufism**

Chairman: Mehdi Berriah

- **Aiyub Palmer** (University of Kentucky)
The Role of ḥikma as an Alternative to Kalam in al-Ḥakīm al-Tirmidhī's Kitāb al-Ḥikma
 - **Fareeha Khan** (Willamette University)
What is Islam?: The Perspective of the Sufi-Jurist
 - **Abolfazl Moshiri** (research Associate at the Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Institute of Iranian Studies, University of Toronto)
Between Antinomianism and Tradition: Shams-i Tabrīzī and His Maqālāt
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10:45 – 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 – 12:30 **Sufism and the Hanbali School**

Chairman: Aiyub Palmer

- **Hala Abdel Meguid** (CERMOM, Paris)
The Compatibility of Hanbalism and Sufism Through the Story of the Christian physician the Kitāb al-Tawwābīn of Ibn Qudamā' al-Maḥdisī (D. 620/1223)
 - **Arjan Post** (KU Leuven)
Traditionalist Tendencies amongst the Ḥanbalī Qādirīs of Mamluk Damascus
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12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch**



14:00 – 15:15 Sufis at War

- **Mehdi Ghouirgate** (University of Bordeaux)
The ribāṭ or the Genesis of Sufism in Western Islam
- **Mehdi Berriah** (Institut français du Proche-Orient)
Sufi and Mujāhid: the participation of Sufis in the Mamluk war effort.

15:15 – 15:45 Coffee break

15:45 – 17:00 Hadith's Importance in Sufism

Chairman: Mehdi Berriah

- **Abdenour Padillo** (The Spanish National Research Council, CSIC)
Negotiating boundaries. Sufism and Hadith in al-Andalus
- **Gavin N. Picken** (Hamad Bin Khalifa University)
Synthesizing Tradition and Spiritual Purification: The Role of Ḥadīth in the Works of al-Ḥārith al-Muḥāsibī
- **Mohammad Mushtak** (Jamia Millia Islamia Central University)
A Sufi-Interpretation of Hadith Literature

19:00 Dinner

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09:00 – 10:30 Sufism and the Clash with Exoteric Legalism

Chairman: Aiyub Palmer

- **Kamal Gasimov** (University of Michigan)
Worldviews in Conflict: The Head of the Sufi Lodge Against the “Scholars of Formalities”
- **Farid Bouchiba** (University of Le Mans)
The subḥa: tradition or innovation?
- **Wassem Farooq** (Refence and Instructional Librarian at the Aga Khan Library, London)
Was al-Fatāwā al-ṣūfīyah confined to archives of the discarded due to its weakness in hadith?