

# Musical Sources and Theories from Ancient Greece to the Ottoman Period



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## 10.06.2021 Thursday

### Greek and Byzantine

- 15.45 **Yasemin Gökpınar** (Bochum) **Stephanie Schewe** (Berlin)  
(CET\*) Reception and Welcome
- 16.00 **Stefan Hagel** (Vienna)  
A Greek Perspective on the 'ūd?
- 16.30 **Giulia Accornero** (Cambridge)  
The Circulation of Musical-Medical Theories of Pulse in the Greater Mediterranean
- 17.00 **Charles Atkinson** (Würzburg)  
On Modulation in Byzantine and Early Western Chant: The Treatise of Manuel Chrysaphes, the Papadikai, and the Enchiriadis Complex
- 17.30 Break

### Arabian

- 18.00 **Anas Ghrab** (Sousse)  
Identification and Analysis of the Greco-Arabic Concepts Related to the Theory of Music: a Digital Humanities Perspective
- 18.30 **Stephanie Schewe** (Berlin)  
Al-Kindī's Writings on Music – a Variety of Traditions
- 19.00 **Yasemin Gökpınar** (Bochum)  
Thinking Greek, singing Arabic: Aspects of al-Fārābī's Musical Integration
- 19.30 Break
- 20.00 **George Dimitri Sawa** (Toronto)  
The Debt of al-Kindi and al-Farabi to Greek Music Theorists and Philosophers
- 20.30 **Alison Laywine** (Montreal)  
Fārābī's Disruptive Reconstruction of Ancient Greek Music Theory
- 21.00 Discussion: From Greek theories and Byzantine sources to Arabic texts?
- 21.30 Online Exhibition:  
Instruments from Ancient Greece to Ottoman Period

## 11.06.2021 Friday

### Arabian - Persian

- 16.00 **Dwight Reynolds** (Santa Barbara)  
Tuning the Bamm
- 16.30 **Michael Frishkopf** (Alberta)  
Gestural Tonality and Tonal Neutrality: Pitch, Emotional Communication, and Mysticism in Islamicate Musics
- 17.00 **Yaron Klein** (Minneapolis)  
Percussion Instruments in Samā' Literature: al-Udfuwī's Kitāb al-imtā' bi-aḥkām al-samā'
- 17.30 Break
- 18.00 **Arastoo Mihandoust** (Tehran)  
The Echo of 'Babylonian' Modal System in Early Persian Writings on Music
- 18.30 **Farzad Hosseinabadi** (Tehran)  
**Shokouhossadat Arabihashemi** (Najafabad)  
Harmonic Study of the non-17-TET Scale of Safī al-Dīn al-Urmawī
- 19.00 Break
- 19.30 **Mazyar Mohamadi** (Karaj)  
"Rāst", the Forgotten Scale in Middle Eastern Music
- 20.00 **Mohammed Sadegh Ansari** (New York)  
Al-Urmawī and His Commentators on the Role of the Soul in Apprehending Consonance and Dissonance
- 20.30 Break
- 20.45 **Concert with Suzanne Meyers Sawa and George Dimitri Sawa**

## 12.06.2021 Saturday

### Persian

- 16.00 **Nastaran Masoumpour** (Tehran)  
**Kouhyar Shamshiri** (Tehran)  
Music Commonalities between Iran and Ancient Greece
- 16.30 **Sepideh Khaksar** (Berlin)  
The Transition of the Maqam Musical System into the Present  
Repertory of Dastgah in Iran Music History: How the Twelve-Maqam  
System Turned into the Modern System of Dastgah in Traditional  
Iranian Music
- 17.00 **Andrew Hicks** (New York)  
Arabo-Persian Origin Myths About Music
- 17.30 Break

### Ottoman

- 18.00 **Ralf Martin Jäger** (Münster)  
Notation Methods and Reference Systems: On the Phenomenon of  
Cultural Translation in the Eastern Mediterranean
- 18.30 **Jacob Olley** (Cambridge)  
Şafî al-Dîn Goes to Istanbul: The Ottoman Revival of Systematist Music  
Theory, ca. 1890
- 19.00 **Judith I. Haug** (Istanbul)  
“Nourishment of the Soul” – Music, Food and Medicine in Ottoman  
Culture
- 19.30 Break
- 20.00 Discussion: Arabian – Persian – Ottoman Music: Connecting and  
Separating Elements of Music
- 20.30 Final discussion: Interdependencies, Influences and Original  
Developments: From Ancient Greece to Ottoman Period
- 21.00 Organisation & Farewell