



MAX PLANCK RESEARCH GROUP
EXPERIENCE IN THE PREMODERN SCIENCES OF SOUL AND BODY

Early Science in Conversation

“Early Science in Conversation” invites experts from different fields and with varied perspectives to examine the ways in which science defines itself and ask what the history of science is as a discipline. The seminar especially encourages collective reasoning about conceptions of science and the methodologies with which we inquire about our sources. Among other things, we will reflect on what have been regarded as premodern scientific and proto-scientific practices, their methods, and their techniques. The conversational format, along with lectures and discussions of work in progress, aims to build fruitful connections across the intellectual spectrum of the MPIWG. Sessions take place on Fridays at 16:00–17:30 online or in a hybrid format at the MPIWG, Boltzmannstr. 22. For more details and to receive the



Fol. 15v of *Kalīla wa-Dimna*, translated by Ibn al-Muqaffa, Bibliothèque nationale arabe 3465 (15th cent.).

link for online participation, please contact us at science_conversation@mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de.

NOV 25, 2022 · 16:00–17:30 · HYBRID

“Animal Intelligence and Animal Character in Aristotle’s Animalium”

CHRISTOF RAPP, LMU MUNICH, GERMANY

JAN 13, 2023 · 16:00–17:30 · HYBRID

“Liber Nemroth”

ISABELLE DRAELANTS, CNRS, FRANCE

JAN 27, 2023 · 16:00–17:30 · HYBRID

“Wisdom between Practice and Philosophy in ‘Kalila and Dimna’”

BEATRICE GRÜNDLER, FU BERLIN, GERMANY

FEB 24, 2023 · 16:00–17:30 · HYBRID

“Poetic Sciences around 1800: Challenge and Inspiration for Today”

KOCKU VON STUCKRAD, UNIVERSITY OF GRONINGEN, THE NETHERLANDS

MAR 24, 2023 · 16:00–17:30 · ONLINE

Title and Date: TBC

ELLY TRUITT, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, USA

MAY 5, 2023 · 16:00–17:30 · ONLINE

Title: TBC

JENNIFER RAMPLING, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, USA

MAY 19, 2023 · 16:00–17:30 · HYBRID

“Sanskrit into Arabic: Medical Texts in Translation”

OLIVER KAHL, PU MARBURG, GERMANY

JUN 16, 2023 · 16:00–17:30 · ONLINE

“Ibn al-Ġazzārs ‘Zād al-musāfir’ (Book III-V)”

FABIAN KÄS, UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE, GERMANY

JUN 30, 2023 · 16:00–17:30 · ONLINE

“Science, Art, Both, or Neither? The Geopolitics of Disciplinary Canons”

SUREKHA DAVIS, UTRECHT UNIVERSITY, THE NETHERLANDS

JUL 7, 2023 · 16:00–17:30 · ONLINE

Title and Date: TBC

MICHAEL STANLEY-BAKER, NTU, SINGAPORE