Animals in Islamic Theology and Literature

May 20-21, 2022

at the Munich School of Ancient Philosophy: Leopoldstrasse 11b, 4th floor (just next to the southwest exit of Giselastrasse U-Bahn station)

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The event will be hybrid, with most talks given in person, but the possibility to attend online via Zoom. For the Zoom coordinates please contact: [peter.adamson@lrz.uni-muenchen.de](mailto:peter.adamson@lrz.uni-muenchen.de).

Day One: Friday, May 20

9:00-10:00 Asmaa El Maaroufi, “When the Ant Speaks and the Hoopoe Warns: Interspecies Perspectives and the Quran” *Chair: Peter Adamson*

10:00-11:00 Isabel Toral-Niehoff, “Animals in the *Barlaam Romance* and in the *Kalila-wa-Dimna* Traditions: a Comparison” *Chair: Peter Adamson*

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12:30 Godefroid de Callataÿ, “The Ikhwān al-Ṣafāʾ on Animals: a Focus on the Non-Narrative Part of *Epistle 22*” *Chair: Bethany Somma*

12:30-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-15:30 Michael Payne, “A Creature of the ʿAbbasid State: al-Jāḥiẓ on Mules and Hybridity” *Chair: Jens-Ole Schmitt*

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:00 Jeannie Miller, “Al-Naẓẓām's Method: What al-Jāḥiẓ Learned from the Dog-Rooster Debate” *Chair: Racha el-Omari*

19:00 Conference Dinner

Day Two: Saturday, May 21

9:00-10:00 Nicolas Payen, “Al-Fārābī’s systems of animal classification” *Chair: Asad Ahmed*

10:00-11:00 Sarah Virgi “The Conception of Animal Intelligence as Strategy in the Philosophy of the Islamic World” *Chair: Asad Ahmed*

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12:30 Kevin Blankinship, “Al-Maʿarrī’s Defense of Veganism in Letters to al-Muʾayyad al-Shārāzī” *Chair: Hanif Amin*

12:30-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-15:30 Bethany Somma, “Animal Knowing in *The Great* Tafsīr of Faḫr al-Dīn al-Rāzī” *Chair: Ayman Shihadeh*

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:00 Isabel Schatzschneider, “Animal Welfare in Islam: Contemporary Challenges for Theology and Practice.” *Chair: Tommaso Alpina*