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The Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies

Founded in 1971, the Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies at Ruhr University Bochum (RUB:AI) has become a leading institution dedicated to the research and teaching of the languages, literatures, and cultures of the Islamic world. Distinguished by its philological and historical-critical approach to sources and materials spanning all centuries, the institute is renowned for its interdisciplinary collaboration in research and teaching, particularly with the social sciences, religious studies, and other philological disciplines. In addition to exploring the history of philosophy, theology, and the sciences within the Islamic world as well as the social structure and semantics of Muslim societies, the institute places a significant emphasis on new methods within the Digital Humanities.

The Avicenna Study Center

The Avicenna Study Center (ASC), established 2025 at the RUB:AI, promotes research on the life, thought, and influence of the renowned Muslim philosopher, physician, and scientist Avicenna (Ibn Sīnā). The ASC offers an institutional environment conducive to research projects, organises workshops and lectures, and serves as the academic home for a diverse group of fellows and visiting scholars engaged in various research endeavours related to Avicenna's legacy and its contexts.

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Fifth International Meeting of the Avicenna Study Group

2–4 December 2025
Ruhr University Bochum
Building GB, Floor 5, Room I60



An event of the Avicenna Study Center (ASC) and
the Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies (RUB:AI).

Programme

Tuesday, 2 December 2025

9:00–9:15 Kübra Bahçi and Andreas Lammer
Welcome and Introduction

Natural Philosophy
Chair: Peter Tully

9:15–10:15 István Lánckzy
Bahmanyār and Avicenna on the Identity of Hylomorphic Compounds

10:20–11:20 Ruizhi Ma
Transmission without Affection: The Mocked Avicenna and his Response

11:20–11:40 qahwa & čāy

11:40–12:40 Zhenyu Cai
Avicenna's Conception of Prime Matter in al-Mubāḥaṭāt

12:40–14:15 Lunch Break

14:15–15:15 Fariduddin Attar
Celestial Demiurgy and the Metaphysics of the Efficient Cause: Materials from al-Mubāḥaṭāt

Psychology
Chair: Hanif Amin Beidokhti

15:20–16:20 Stephen Ogden
Avicenna on Abstraction and Emanation in al-Mubāḥaṭāt

16:20–16:40 qahwa & čāy

16:40–17:40 Meryem Sebti
Avicenna's Psychology under Discussion: al-Mubāḥaṭāt as a Site of Doctrinal Elaboration

Wednesday, 3 December 2025

Metaphysics
Chair: Sultan Saluti

9:15–10:15 Catarina Belo
The Concept of Simplicity in Avicenna's al-Mubāḥaṭāt

10:20–11:20 Osama Eshera
Discussions on Substance in al-Mubāḥaṭāt

11:20–11:40 qahwa & čāy

11:40–12:40 Zachary Candy
Strong and Weak Models of taškīk al-wuḡūd: al-Mubāḥaṭāt and the Origins of a Point of Postclassical Metaphysical Contention

12:40–14:15 Lunch Break

Modalities
Chair: Sümer Şen

14:15–15:15 Jari Kaukua
Modality in al-Mubāḥaṭāt

15:20–16:20 Kübra Bahçi
Whose Possibility Is Where? al-Mubāḥaṭāt as a Crib Sheet of Post-Avicennian Philosophy

16:20–16:40 qahwa & čāy

Translation Project

16:40–17:40 Andreas Schneider and Andreas Lammer
Website Launch

Thursday, 4 December 2025

9:15–10:15 ASG General Assembly
moderated by Shahrzad Irannejad

10:15–10:35 qahwa & čāy

Reception
Chair: Hans Hinrich Biesterfeldt

10:35–11:35 Hamed Arezaei
The Avicennan Idea of Graded Epistemology in al-Mubāḥaṭāt: Its Theoretical Foundations and Pedagogical Application

11:40–12:40 Haruo Kobayashi
Self-Awareness and its Annihilation in Šahrzūrī's Commentary on Suhrawardī's al-Talwīḥāt: Examining the Enduring Influence of al-Mubāḥaṭāt

12:40–14:15 Lunch Break

14:15–15:15 Amílcar Aldama Cruz
Mullā Šadrā's Interpretation of al-Mubāḥaṭāt within the Debate on Unification of the Intellector and the Intellected in al-Ḥikma al-muta'āliya fi l-asfār al-'aqliyya al-arba'a

15:20–16:20 Asad Ahmad
The Avicennan Corpus in South Asia: al-Mubāḥaṭāt and Other Texts

16:20–16:40 qahwa & čāy

Conclusion

16:40–17:40 Olga Lizzini and Michael Rapoport
"Ra'isiyya Recognition" Ceremony