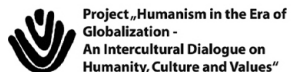




International Symposium
“Humanism in Islam – An Intercultural Discourse”
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Monday, 6 April 2009

9:00 – 9:30 a m	Registration
9:30 – 10:30 a m	Inaugural Session <i>Hagar Islambouly (Head of External Relations Sector at the BA)</i> <i>Ali El-Samman (President Dialogue and Islamic Relations Committee of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs)</i> <i>Daniel Stoevesandt (Goethe-Institut, Egypt)</i> <i>Jörn Rüsen (Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities, KWI, Essen)</i> <i>Youssef Ziedan (Director of BA Manuscript Center)</i>
10:30 – 11:15 a m	Keynote <i>Mohamed El-Shehat El-Guindi (Secretary-General of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs)</i>
11:15 – 11:45 a m	Coffee Break
11:15 a m – 12:45 p m	<i>Plenary Session 1: Humanism and Religion</i> <i>Georg Essen (Nijmegen University)</i> <i>Gamal El-Banna (Writer and Islamic Thinker)</i> Chair: <i>Stefan Reichmuth (Bochum University)</i>

12:45 - 2:00 p m	Lunch Break
2:00 - 5:00 p m	<p>Plenary Session 2: Humanism in Islam: Western perspectives and Middle Eastern Comments I</p> <p>Concept of Man in the Quran <i>Stefan Wild (Bonn University)</i> Comment: <i>Abdel Moaty Bayoumi (Prof. at Al-Azhar University and Member of the Institute of Islamic Research)</i></p> <p>Ibn Arabi's Concept of Perfect Man <i>Hans Hinrich Biesterfeldt (Bochum University)</i> Comment: <i>Youssef Ziedan (Director of BA Manuscript Center)</i></p> <p>Human Dignity in Islam: <i>Michael Kemper (Amsterdam University)</i> Comment: <i>Amna Nosseir (Prof. at Al-Azhar University)</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>Mona Abou Zeid (Helwan University)</i></p>
5:00 - 5:30 p m	Coffee Break
5:30 - 6:15 p m	<p>Lecture: Humanism, Islam, Modernity: Critique of a Western Mode of Thinking <i>Birgit Schäbler (Erfurt University)</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>Kadry Hefny (Prof. of Sociology at Ain Shams University)</i></p>
7:00 - 9:00 p m Goethe-Institut Alexandria	<p>Cocktail Reception for Participants</p> <p>Presentation: Practical Humanism between East and West: SEKEM Initiative in Egypt <i>Ibrahim Abouleish (SEKEM)</i></p>

Tuesday, April 7 2009

9:00 - 9:30 a m	Registration
9:30 - 11:30 a m	<p>Plenary Session 3: Humanism in Islam: Western perspectives and Middle Eastern Comments II</p> <p><i>Islam and the Question of Violence from an European Perspective:</i> Guido Steinberg (SWP Berlin) Comment: Daaa Rashwan (Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies)</p> <p><i>Understanding the Other, Taha Hussein on Reason and Individualism</i> Michael Kreutz (Erfurt University) Comment: Mohamed Zakaria Anani (Prof. Arabic Language at Alexandria University)</p> <p>Chair: Amna Nosseir (Prof. at Al-Azhar University)</p>
11:30 am - 12:00 noon	Coffee Break
12:00 noon - 12:45 pm	<p>Lecture: Humanism in Islam between Mysticism and Literature Stefan Reichmuth (Bochum University)</p> <p>Chair: Umesh C. Chattopadhyaya (Allahabad University, India)</p>
12:45 - 2:00 p m	Lunch Break
2:00 - 4:00 p m	<p>Plenary Session 4: Humanism in the West from a Middle Eastern Perspective - Perception and Critique Magdi Youssef (Cairo University) Mona Abou Zeid (Helwan University)</p> <p>Chair: Maher Abdel Kader (Prof. of Philosophy at Alexandria University)</p>
4:00 - 4:30 p m	Coffee Break
4:30 - 6:30 p m	<p>Plenary Session 5: Culture, Identity and Humanism in the Era of Globalization Jörn Rüsen (KWI) Ilse Lenz (Bochum University) Jürgen Straub (Bochum University)</p> <p>Chair and Comment: Magdi Youssef (Cairo)</p>

Wednesday, 8 April 2009

9:30 - 11:30 a m	<p><i>Plenary Session 6: Beyond Islam and the West - Humanism in Asia and Latin America</i> <i>Humanism in China: Thomas H. C. Lee (National Chiao-tung University, Taiwan)</i> <i>Humanism in India: Umesh C. Chattopadhyaya (Allahabad University, India)</i> <i>Humanism in Latin America: Oliver Kozlarek (Universidad Michoacana, Morelia, Mexico)</i></p> <p>Chair: Jörn Rüsen (KWI)</p>
11:30 am - 12:00 noon	<p>Coffee Break</p>
12:00 noon - 12:45 pm	<p>Lecture: Islam and Europe - Ideas of Peaceful Intercultural Communication <i>Heidrun Tempel (Federal Foreign Office, Berlin)</i></p> <p>Chair: Daniel Stoevesandt (Goethe-Institut Alexandria)</p>
12:45 - 1:15 p m	<p>Lunch Break</p>
1:15 - 2:15 p m	<p>Final Panel Discussion: Future of Humanism <i>Jörn Rüsen (KWI)</i> <i>Diaa Rashwan (Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies)</i> <i>Thomas H. C. Lee (National Chiao-tung University, Taiwan)</i> <i>Umesh C. Chattopadhyaya (Allahabad University, India)</i></p> <p>Chair: Salah El-Gouhari</p>
2:15 - 3:00 p m	<p>Final Remarks <i>Ismail Serageldin (Bibliotheca Alexandrina) (to be confirmed)</i> <i>Heidrun Tempel (Federal Foreign Office, Berlin)</i> <i>Daniel Stoevesandt (Goethe-Institut Alexandria)</i> <i>Jörn Rüsen (KWI)</i></p>