

## PROGRAMME

### Sunday | 11

Arrival:  
7 pm: Getting together

### Monday | 12

9-9.45 am: Welcome Addresses by Prof. Dr. Klaus von Stosch, University of Paderborn and by the President of the University of Paderborn and the Mayor of the City

10-11 am: Lecture by Prof. Dr. Rahim Acar, Marmara University: *Ibn Sina's Conception of Divine Knowledge: in Search of a Position between Anthropomorphism and Transcendentalism*

Coffee break

11.30-12 am: Discussion  
Lunch break

2.30-4 pm: Seminar 1 and 2  
Coffee break

4.30-6 pm: Seminar 3 and 4

6-7 pm: Lecture by Prof. Dr. Brian Leftow, Rutgers University: *Can God Know What Time It Is?*

7-7.30 pm: Discussion  
Dinner

Seminar 1: *Divine Knowledge* by Prof. Rahim Acar and Prof. Brian Leftow

Seminar 2: *The Mystery of Divine Knowledge and Power - A Perspective on Classical Theism from Islamic and Christian Sources* by Prof. Muhammad Legenhausen and Prof. Thomas Schärftel-Trendel

Seminar 3: *God Hidden - God Revealed: Duplicity of the Divine?* by Prof. Ebrahim Azadegan and Prof. Gesche Linde

Seminar 4: *Divine Omnipotence* by Prof. Aicha Lahdhiri and Prof. Klaus von Stosch

### Tuesday | 13

9-10 am: Lecture by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Legenhausen, Imam Khomeini Education and Research Institute: *Divine Power and Knowledge in Early Shi'i Kalam*

10-10.30 am: Discussion  
Coffee break

11-12 am: Lecture by Prof. Dr. Thomas Schärftel-Trendel, University of Regensburg: *Omnipotence, Omniscience and Classical Theism*

12-12.30 am: Discussion  
Lunch break

2.30-4 pm: Seminar 1 and 2  
Coffee break

4.30-6 pm: Seminar 3 and 4  
Dinner

7.30-9 pm: Public Panel Debate: *Omnipotent and Omniscient? – Rethinking the Classical Attributes of God*

### Wednesday | 14

9-10 am: Lecture by Prof. Dr. Ebrahim Azadegan, Sharif University of Technology: *God's Foreknowledge in Shiite New Theology*

10-10.30 am: Discussion  
Coffee break

11-12 am: Lecture by Prof. Dr. Gesche Linde, University of Rostock: *Divine Omnipotence, Grace, and the Problem of Evil: Is there a Lesson from Luther?*

12-12.30 am: Discussion  
Lunch break

2.30-4 pm: Seminar 1 and 2  
Coffee break

4.30-6 pm: Seminar 3 and 4  
Dinner

### Thursday | 15

9-10 am: Lecture by Prof. Dr. Aicha Lahdhiri, Al-Zeitouna University, Tunis: *The Conception of God and Divine Attributes in Medieval Islamic Philosophy and Kalam (Theology)*

10-10.30 am: Discussion  
Coffee break

11-12 am: Lecture by Prof. Dr. Klaus von Stosch, University of Paderborn: *Omniscience and Free Will Theism*

12-12.30 am: Discussion  
Lunch break

2.30-4 pm: Seminar 1 and 2  
Coffee break

4.30-6 pm: Seminar 3 and 4  
Dinner

7.30-9 pm: Public Panel Debate: *Abschied vom allmächtigen Gott?*

### Friday | 16

9-10.30 am: Research Project Presentations by PhD/ Graduate Students, followed by feedback and discussion

Coffee break

11-12 am: Research Project Presentations by PhD/ Graduate Students, followed by feedback and discussion

12-12.30 am: Evaluation of the Programme, Collection of open questions/topics for Summer School 2020

Lunch break

2-3 pm: Seminar 1 and 2  
Coffee break

3.15-4.15 pm: Seminar 3 and 4

End of programme/ Evaluation meeting of project leaders and participating professors

## ABOUT

It has been a major question in traditional theological thinking how the Divine Attributes are to be understood. Recent debates in analytical philosophy have allowed new approaches that, however, are often not linked to those traditional debates. The project "Building bridges between traditional thought and analytical philosophy - Rethinking Divine Attributes in Islam and Christianity" aims at bringing the traditional theological discussions in touch with the modern analytical debate. Moreover, analytical philosophy has mostly focussed on Christian Theism, while we intend to explore the possibility of using analytical philosophy as a tool in inter-religious dialogue. Thus, the project focuses on the following questions:

- How can we perceive the attributes of Omnipotence and Omniscience, Justice and Mercy, Simplicity and Divine Action?
- What can analytical philosophy contribute to an understanding of those attributes?
- Is analytical philosophy an appropriate method to find a „common ground“ between Muslim and Christian theologians who are dealing with similar questions?

Those questions will be explored in three consecutive Summer Schools. This format aims at connecting people and discourses that would otherwise remain separated. The first Summer School, "Discussing the Divine Attributes in Muslim-Christian Dialogue 2019: Omnipotence and Omniscience", will take place from August 12 to 16, 2019.

## SERVICES

Students from Iran: financial support for travel 400 € (round trip)

Students from Turkey and Tunisia: financial support for travel 200 € (round trip)

Accommodation will be covered for all students except for students from Paderborn, it will be provided from August 11 to 17 in four-bed rooms (single rooms for surcharge can be requested).

## LECTURERS

Rahim Acar  
*Marmara University, Istanbul*

Ebrahim Azadegan  
*Sharif University of Technology, Teheran*

Aicha Lahdhiri  
*Al-Zeitouna University, Tunis*

Brian Leftow  
*Rutgers University, New Jersey*

Muhammad Legenhausen  
*Imam Khomeini Education and Research Institute, Qom*

Gesche Linde  
*University of Rostock*

Thomas Schärftl-Trendel  
*University of Regensburg*

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Download of application form and more information at  
[go.upb.de/OmnipotenceandOmniscience](http://go.upb.de/OmnipotenceandOmniscience)

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