

## Conference Office

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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.

## A<sub>LIVE</sub>

The Fifth International Meeting of the Avicenna Study Group is organised as part of A<sub>LIVE</sub><sup>3</sup>, one of the four sub-projects of the ERC Starting Grant project "Avicenna Live: The Immediate Context of Avicenna's Intellectual Formation" (grant agreement no. 101117895).



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## Engaging the Master Critical Thoughts in and on Avicenna's *al-Mubāḥatāt*

### 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 Ṣadrā'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 Q. Ahmed  
*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*