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The workshop's theme is a key research area of the Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies at the RUB. It covers a wide range of topics and texts, and is the first in a series of events to promote the institute's new professorship dedicated to the history of knowledge and its transfer from late antiquity into the Arabic-Muslim world.

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The Avicenna Study Center

The Avicenna Study Center (ASC) – founded in 2025 – is located at the RUB's Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies. Its primary objective is to promote 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 engaged in various research endeavours related to Avicenna's contributions and their contexts.

The Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies

Founded in 1971, the Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies at Ruhr University Bochum (RUB) 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.

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The Reception and Transformation of the Late Ancient Knowledge Tradition in the Arabic-Muslim World

June 11–13, 2025
Building GB, Room 5/160



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

Program

Day One: Wednesday, June 11, 2025

GB 5/I60

18:15–19:45 Asad Ahmed (Berkeley/Paris)
Keynote lecture with discussion: “The Legacy of Avicennism in Nineteenth-Century South Asia”

Day Two: Thursday, June 12, 2025

GB 5/I60

09:00–09:15 *qahwa & čāy*

09:15–09:30 Cornelia Schöck & Andreas Lammer
Opening Words

09:30–10:45 David Wirmer (Cologne)
“Ibn Bāǧǧa on the Agent Intellect as ‘Form of Forms’”

10:45–11:00 *qahwa & čāy*

11:00–12:15 Ibrahim Safri (Heidelberg/Munich)
“Re-Thinking Aristotle: An Atomist Account of Motion in Pre-Modern Islamic Philosophy”

12:15–13:45 Lunch break

13:45–15:00 Miriam Rogasch (Cologne)
“al-Fārābī’s Influence on Avicenna’s Ontology of Essence”

15:00–15:15 *qahwa & čāy*

15:15–16:30 Alexander Lamprakis (Munich/Utrecht)
“The Sources and Afterlife of the Section on Logic in al-Lawkarī’s *Bayān al-ḥaqq bi-ḍamān al-ṣidq*”

16:30–17:00 *qahwa & čāy*

17:00–18:15 Paul Hullmeine (Munich)
“al-Bīrūnī’s Reception of Greek Knowledge”

Day Three: Friday, June 13, 2025

GB 5/I60

08:45–09:00 *qahwa & čāy*

09:00–10:15 Joschka Dunz (Würzburg)
“Psychology and Epistemology in Ibn al-Hayṭam’s Optics”

10:15–10:30 *qahwa & čāy*

10:30–11:45 Hanif Amin Beidokhti (Bochum)
“In Defence of the Peripatetics: Suhrawardī against Abū l-Barakāt on Void and Body”

11:45–13:00 Cornelia Schöck (Bochum)
“Systematic Place and Function of the Division of the Signification of Terms in Avicenna’s Theory of Science”