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EXPERIENCE IN THE PREMODERN SCIENCES OF SOUL AND BODY

# Early Science in Conversation

“Early Science in Conversation” invites experts from different fields and with varied perspectives to examine the ways in which science defines itself and ask what the history of science is as a discipline. The seminar especially encourages collective reasoning about conceptions of science and the methodologies with which we inquire about our sources. Among other things, we will reflect on what have been regarded as premodern scientific and proto-scientific practices, their methods, and their techniques. The conversational format, along with lectures and discussions of work in progress, aims to build fruitful connections across the intellectual spectrum of the MPIWG. Sessions take place on Fridays at 16:00–17:30 online or in a hybrid format at the MPIWG, Boltzmannstr. 22. For more details and to receive the



Fol. 15v of *Kalīla wa-Dimna*, translated by Ibn al-Muqaffa, Bibliothèque nationale arabe 3465 (15th cent.).

link for online participation, please contact us at [science\\_conversation@mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de](mailto:science_conversation@mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de).

NOV 25, 2022 · 16:00–17:30 · HYBRID

*“Animal Intelligence and Animal Character in Aristotle’s *Historia Animalium*”*

CHRISTOF RAPP, LMU MUNICH, GERMANY

JAN 27, 2023 · 16:00–17:30 · HYBRID

*“Wisdom between Practice and Philosophy in ‘Kalila and Dimna’”*

BEATRICE GRÜNDLER, FU BERLIN, GERMANY

FEB 24, 2023 · 16:00–17:30 · HYBRID

*“Poetic Sciences around 1800: Challenge and Inspiration for Today”*

KOCKU VON STUCKRAD, UNIVERSITY OF GRONINGEN, THE NETHERLANDS

MAR 24, 2023 · 16:00–17:30 · ONLINE

*“Science and Supersession”*

ELLY TRUITT, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, USA

MAY 5, 2023 · 16:00–17:30 · ONLINE

Title: TBC

JENNIFER RAMPLING, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, USA

JUN 2, 2023 · 16:00–17:30 · HYBRID

*“Sanskrit into Arabic: On the Reception of Ayurvedic Medicine in Early Abbasid Society”*

OLIVER KAHL, UNIVERSITY OF MARBURG, GERMANY

JUN 16, 2023 · 16:00–17:30 · ONLINE

*“Sources of the Critical Edition of Ibn al-Jazzār’s Medical Handbook”*

FABIAN KÄS, UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE, GERMANY

JUN 30, 2023 · 16:00–17:30 · ONLINE

*“Science, Art, Both, or Neither? The Geopolitics of Disciplinary Canons”*

SUREKHA DAVIS, UTRECHT UNIVERSITY, THE NETHERLANDS

JUL 7, 2023 · 16:00–17:30 · HYBRID

Title: TBC

MICHAEL STANLEY-BAKER, NTU, SINGAPORE

JUL 14, 2023 · 16:00–17:30 · HYBRID

*“Liber Nemroth”*

ISABELLE DRAELANTS, CNRS, FRANCE