
Conference „Key Concepts in Interreligious Discourses“
**The Concept of Matter and the Concept of Spirit
in Judaism, Christianity and Islam**
June 25 – 27, 2025

Wednesday, June 25th 2025:

14:00-14:15

Welcome and introduction by Prof. Dr. Georges Tamer,
Chair of Oriental Philology and Islamic Studies,
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*The Concept of Matter in Judaism,
Christianity and Islam*

Session I

14:15-15:15

Lecture: The Concept of Matter in Judaism by
Dr. Tanja Werthmann, The Hebrew University of
Jerusalem (Israel)
Chair: Dr. Nathanael Riemer, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg

Session II

15:30-16:30

Lecture: The Concept of Matter in Christianity by
Prof. Dr. Richard Bell, University of Nottingham (UK)
Chair: Jan Gehm, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg

Session III

16:45-17:45

Lecture: The Concept of Matter in Islam by
Prof. Dr. Jon McGinnis, University of Toronto (Canada)
Chair: Ramy Abdin, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg

Thursday, June 26th 2025:

09:00-12:00

Concluding discussion of the three presentations and
preparation of the volume

*The Concept of Spirit in Judaism,
Christianity and Islam*

Session I

14:15-15:15

Online-Lecture: The Concept of Spirit in Judaism by
Prof. Dr. Elliot R. Wolfson, University of California
Santa Barbara (USA) (
Chair: Bouchra Saab, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg

Session II

15:30-16:30

Lecture: The Concept of Spirit in Christianity by
Prof. Dr. Rötting, Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg
(Austria)
Chair: PD Dr. Christian Lange, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg

Session III

16:45-17:45

Lecture: The Concept of Spirit in Islam by
Prof. Dr. Mohammad Azadpur, San Francisco State
University (USA)
Chair: Dr. Pascal Held, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg

Friday, June 27th 2025:

09:00-12:00

Concluding discussion of the three presentations and
preparation of the volume

If you wish to attend any of the lectures in person or online please register **by email (bafid@fau.de) until June 18th 2025**. The concluding sessions are not conducted online.

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