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Conference „Key Concepts in Interreligious Discourses“  
**The Concept of Matter and the Concept of Spirit  
in Judaism, Christianity and Islam**  
June 25 – 26, 2025

**Wednesday, June 25th 2025:**

14:00-14:15

Welcome and introduction by Prof. Dr. Georges Tamer,  
Chair of Oriental Philology and Islamic Studies,  
Director of the Bavarian Research Center for Interreligious Discourses (BaFID), FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg

*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

17:00-18:00

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

14:00-15:00

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

Session II

15:15-16:15

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

Session III

16:45-17:45

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

17:45-18:45

Concluding discussion of the three presentations and  
preparation of the volume

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

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