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Project B03 Imaginatio. Image and History in Theological and Philosophical Discourses in the Middle Ages and the Early Modern Period

Vision,
Light
and
Imagination:
The
Reception
of
Aristotelian
Epistemology
in
Arabic
Philosophy

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VENUE

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ABSTRACT

There is an intensive examination of Aristotelian Psychology and Epistemology in the works of numerous thinkers in Classical Arabic Philosophy. Their interpretations predominantly relied on Aristotle's works *De Anima* and *Parva Naturalia*.

The workshop will explore the transfer of both the Aristotelian concept of soul and his theories of vision, image and light in Classical Arabic Philosophy and the resulting controversies in the Latin Middle Ages. Special emphasis is placed on the Arabic reception of the *Parva Naturalia* as well as on the concepts of vision, light and imagination in the works of Avicenna, Al-Ghazālī and their later reception.

MODERATORS

Claudia Cerami
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PROGRAM

9h Welcome & Introduction Olga Lucia Lizzini 9.15h (Amsterdam) Avicenna and the light metaphor 10.15h Rotraud Hansberger (München) Imagination, Dream and Reality in the Arabic Adaptation of Aristotle's Parva Naturalia Beate Ulrike La Sala 11.15h (Berlin) Al-Ghazālī and 'rational faculty's spies' 12.15h Lunch 13.30h Lukas Muehlethaler (Berlin) Rays and mirrors in visual perception and mental representation: The case of Abū al-Barakāt al-Baghdādī 14.30h Anne Eusterschulte (Berlin) The Arabic Illumination:

Traces in the Latin West