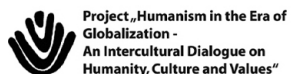




**International Symposium  
 “Humanism in Islam—An Intercultural Discourse”  
 in cooperation with**

**6-8 April 2009, Alexandria, Egypt  
 Bibliotheca Alexandrina Conference Center**



**Monday, 6 April 2009**

9:00 – 9:30 a m	<b>Registration</b>
9:30 – 10:30 a m	<b>Inaugural Session</b> <i>Hagar Islambouly (Head of External Relations Sector at the BA)</i> <i>Ali El-Samman (President Dialogue and Islamic Relations Committee of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs)</i> <i>Daniel Stoevesandt (Goethe-Institut, Egypt)</i> <i>Jörn Rüsen (Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities, KWI, Essen)</i> <i>Youssef Ziedan (Director of BA Manuscript Center)</i>
10:30 – 11:15 a m	<b>Keynote</b> <i>Mohamed El-Shehata El-Guindi (Secretary-General of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs)</i>
11:15 -11:45 a m	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:15 am -12:45 pm	<i>Plenary Session 1: <b>Humanism and Religion</b></i> <i>Georg Essen (Nijmegen University)</i> <i>Gamal El-Banna (Writer and Islamic Thinker)</i>  <b>Chair:</b> <i>Stefan Reichmuth (Bochum University)</i>

12:45 - 2:00 p m	<b>Lunch Break</b>
2:00 - 5:00 p m	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Plenary Session 2: Humanism in Islam: Western perspectives and Middle Eastern Comments I</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Concept of Man in the Quran</b> Stefan Wild (Bonn University) Comment: Abdel Moaty Bayoumi (Prof. at Al-Azhar University and Member of the Institute of Islamic Research)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ibn Arabi's Concept of Perfect Man</b> Hans Hinrich Biesterfeldt (Bochum University) Comment: Youssef Ziedan (Director of BA Manuscript Center)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Human Dignity in Islam:</b> Michael Kemper (Amsterdam University) <b>Comment:</b> Amna Nosseir (Prof. at Al-Azhar University)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chair:</b> Mona Abou Zeid (Helwan University)</p>
5:00 - 5:30 p m	<b>Coffee Break</b>
5:30 - 6:15 p m	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lecture: Humanism, Islam, Modernity: Critique of a Western Mode of Thinking</b> <i>Birgit Schäbler (Erfurt University)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chair:</b> Kadry Hefny (Prof. of Sociology at Ain Shams University)</p>
7:00 - 9:00 p m Goethe-Institut Alexandria	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cocktail Reception for Participants</b> <b>Presentation: Practical Humanism between East and West: SEKEM Initiative in Egypt</b> <i>Ibrahim Abouleish (SEKEM)</i></p>

Tuesday, April 7 2009

9:00 – 9:30 a m	Registration
9:30– 11:30 a m	<p><b>Plenary Session 3: Humanism in Islam: Western perspectives and Middle Eastern Comments II</b></p> <p><i>Islam and the Question of Violence from an European Perspective:</i> Guido Steinberg (SWP Berlin) <b>Comment:</b> Daaa Rashwan (Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies)</p> <p><i>Understanding the Other, Taha Hussein on Reason and Individualism</i> Michael Kreutz (Erfurt University) <b>Comment:</b> Mohamed Zakaria Anani (Prof. Arabic Language at Alexandria University)</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Amna Nosseir (Prof. at Al-Azhar University)</p>
11:30 am – 12:00 noon	Coffee Break
12:00 noon – 12:45 pm	<p><b>Lecture: Humanism in Islam between Mysticism and Literature</b> <i>Stefan Reichmuth (Bochum University)</i></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Umesh C. Chattopadhyaya (Allahabad University, India)</p>
12:45– 2:00 p m	Lunch Break
2:00– 4:00 p m	<p><b>Plenary Session 4: Humanism in the West from a Middle Eastern Perspective – Perception and Critique</b> <i>Magdi Youssef (Cairo University)</i> <i>Mona Abou Zeid ( Helwan University)</i></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Maher Abdel Kader (Prof. of Philosophy at Alexandria University)</p>
4:00– 4:30 p m	Coffee Break
4:30 - 6:30 p m	<p><b>Plenary Session 5: Culture, Identity and Humanism in the Era of Globalization</b> <i>Jörn Rüsen (KWI)</i> <i>Ilse Lenz (Bochum University)</i> <i>Jürgen Straub (Bochum University)</i></p> <p><b>Chair and Comment:</b> <i>Magdi Youssef (Cairo)</i></p>

Wednesday, 8 April 2009

9:30 – 11:30 a m	<p><i>Plenary Session 6: Beyond Islam and the West – Humanism in Asia and Latin America</i> <i>Humanism in China: Thomas H. C. Lee (National Chiao-tung University, Taiwan)</i> <i>Humanism in India: Umesh C. Chattopadhyaya (Allahabad University, India)</i> <i>Humanism in Latin America: Oliver Kozlarek (Universidad Michoacana, Morelia, Mexico)</i></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Jörn Rüsen (KWI)</p>
11:30 am – 12:00 noon	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
12:00 noon – 12:45 pm	<p><b>Lecture: Islam and Europe - Ideas of Peaceful Intercultural Communication</b> <i>Heidrun Tempel (Federal Foreign Office, Berlin)</i></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Daniel Stoevesandt (Goethe-Institut Alexandria)</p>
12:45 – 1:15 p m	<p><b>Lunch Break</b></p>
1:15 – 2:15 p m	<p><b>Final Panel Discussion: Future of Humanism</b> <i>Jörn Rüsen (KWI)</i> <i>Diaa Rashwan (Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies)</i> <i>Thomas H. C. Lee (National Chiao-tung University, Taiwan)</i> <i>Umesh C. Chattopadhyaya (Allahabad University, India)</i></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Salah El-Gouhari</p>
2:15 – 3:00 p m	<p><b>Final Remarks</b> <i>Ismail Serageldin (Bibliotheca Alexandrina) (to be confirmed)</i> <i>Heidrun Tempel (Federal Foreign Office, Berlin)</i> <i>Daniel Stoevesandt (Goethe-Institut Alexandria)</i> <i>Jörn Rüsen (KWI)</i></p>