

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP
THEOLOGICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN ISLAM
AND BUDDHISM
BERLIN INSTITUTE FOR ISLAMIC THEOLOGY, 18 JUNE 2021

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

09:00 – 10:30 Opening: Bringing Buddhist and Islamic Traditions into a Conversation

- 09:00 – 09:20 Welcome Speech, Prof. Dr. Mira Sievers
09:20 – 10:00 Keynote Lecture, Prof. Dr. Perry Schmidt-Leukel
 "... that you may come to know one another" (Qur'an 49:13).
 Learning about, from, and with the religious other.
10:00 – 10:30 Discussion

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 First Session: The Concept of God / Reality

Chair: Prof. Dr. Mohammad Gharaibeh

- 11:00 – 11:30 An Islamic Theological Perspective, Dr. Farid Suleiman
11:30 – 12:00 A Buddhist Theological Perspective, Dr. Alexander Berzin/Dr. Fabian Völker
12:00 – 12:30 Discussion

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:00 Second Session: The Nature of Human Existence

Chair: Dr. Ayşe Almıla Akca

- 13:30 – 14:00 An Islamic Philosophical Perspective, Dr. Ufuk Topkara
14:00 – 14:30 A Buddhist Philosophical Perspective, Prof. Dr. Peter Harvey
14:30 – 15:00 Discussion

15:00– 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:00 Third Session: Transformation of Self through Religious Practice

Chair: Prof. Dr. Tuba Isik

- 15:30 – 16:00 An Islamic Theological Perspective, Elif Emirahmetoglu, M.A.
16:00 – 16:30 A Buddhist Theological Perspective, Dr. Carola Roloff
16:30 – 17:00 Discussion

17:00 – 17:30 Coffee Break

17:30 – 18:00 Concluding Reflection

Prof. Dr. Andreas Feldtkeller

