

Of Priests and Sufis

Revisiting Catholic Scholarship on Islamic Mysticism

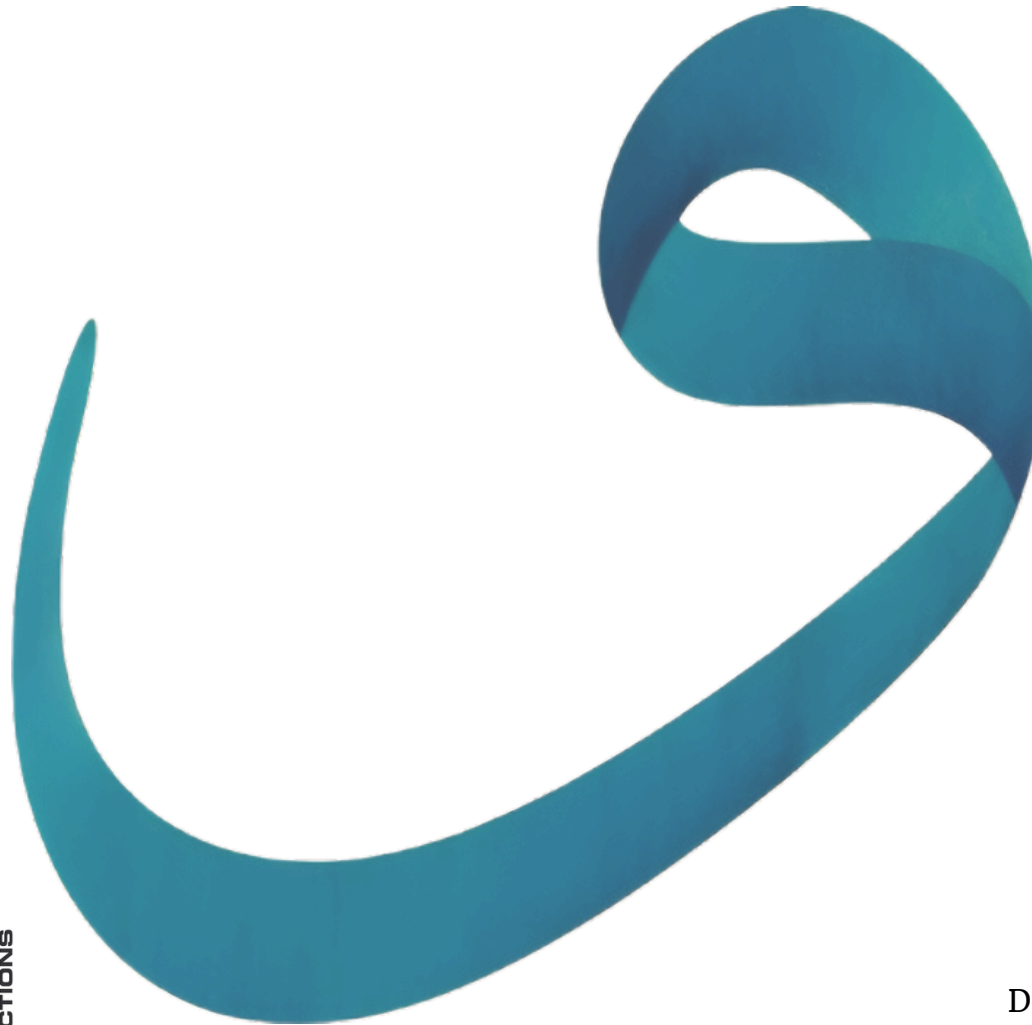


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Saturday, 6 June 2026

- 09:00–09:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Emmanuel Pisani (Director, IDEO)
Riccardo Paredi (Scientific coordinator)
- 09:30–11:00 Session I — *Shaping the Canon***
Chair: Martino Diez
Christian S. Krokus – Herbert Mason: *Translating Massignon, Discovering Catholic–Sufi Affinities*
Ahmad Hasan Anwar – Father Giuseppe Scattolin: *A Journey Through the Realms of Sufism* [Ar]
- 11:00–11:30 Coffee break**
- 11:30–12:45 Session II — *Reframing Islamic Mysticism***
Chair: Paul Heck
Ashkaan Kashani – *Creating Tradition: Gilson, Corbin, and the Novelty of Theosophy*
Naveed Sheikh – *Missing the Prophet? Catholic Hermeneutics of Sufism and the Epistemology of ‘Abd al-‘Azīz al-Dabbāgh*
- 12:45–14:15 Lunch break**
- 14:15–15:45 Session III — *‘Abd-el-Jalīl and the Spirituality of Exile***
Chair: Dennis Halft
Hanane Raoui – *al-Ḥallāj et al-Ghazālī dans le cheminement spirituel de J. M. ‘Abd-el-Jalīl*
Mark Spinnenweber – *Complaining in Exile: ‘Abd-el-Jalīl, ‘Ayn al-Quḍāt, and Scholarship as Self-Disclosure*
- 15:45–16:15 Coffee break**
- 16:15–17:30 Session IV — *Pastoral Theology and Muslim Interlocutors***
Chair: Martino Diez
Jean-Jacques Pérennès – *Henri Teissier et l’Émir Abd el-Kader*
Mehmet Balsever – *Une théologie de l’espérance: Said Nursi, les chrétiens et la lecture de Thomas Michel, S.J.*

Sunday, 7 June 2026

- 09:15–10:45 Session V — *Catholic Presence and Vernacular Sufism***
Chair: Paul Heck
Charles Ramsey – *Liberius Pieterse (1905–1993) and the Sufic Roots of the Urdu Bible*
Gianfranco Bria – *Sufism through Jesuit Eyes: Fulvio Cordignano’s Reading of Albanian Mysticism in Interwar Albania*
- 10:45–11:15 Coffee break**
- 11:15–12:45 Session VI — *Massignon After Massignon***
Chair: Paul Heck
Simon J. Conrad – *In “The City of Mysticism”: Three Egyptian Students of Louis Massignon*
Ahmad Bostani – *Louis Massignon’s Christianized Islam and Ali Shariati’s “Civic Mysticism”*
- 12:45–14:15 Lunch break**
- 14:15–15:45 Session VII — *Reassessing Catholic Engagements with Sufism***
Chair: Jean Druel
Jason Welle – *Of Popes and Sufis: Mysticism and the Care for Creation*
Atif Khalil – *Decolonizing Sufi Studies: At the Nexus of Catholic, Muslim, and Secular Scholarship*
- 15:45–16:15 Coffee break**
- 16:15–16:45 Closing Roundtable and Final Remarks**
Martino Diez