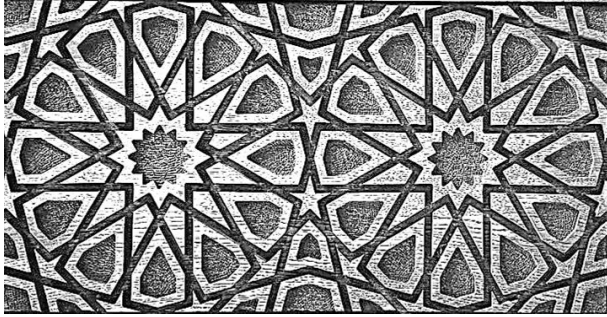


## The Conference



Theological anthropology as the study of the human person within a particular religious tradition has always formed an important part of theology. Today, in responding to contemporary challenges, theological anthropology needs to develop a new approach that takes into account other religious traditions and their understanding of the human being.

Christianity and Islam are the most widespread religions and, at the same time, are very close to each other in their origins. A discussion of theological anthropology in an interreligious perspective will be important for their mutual understanding and will allow both Christians and Muslims to cast new light on their own traditions.

The conference *'Theological Anthropology in Interreligious Perspective'* aims to promote academic discussions in interreligious perspective and also provide a good space for informal communications between academics and students. We hope this will be the first conference in a series of similar events in different locations (Cambridge, Moscow, Rome, Sarajevo, etc.).

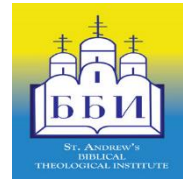
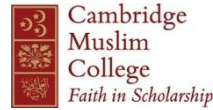
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## Wednesday, March 7th

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**14:00 Registration and Tea/Coffee**

**14:30 Welcome and Introduction:**

Lejla Demiri (University of Tübingen)  
Christoph Schwöbel (University of Tübingen)

**14:45 Panel 1: Approaching the 'Whole Human Being'**

**Chair:** Michael Tilly (Universität Tübingen)

*'Theology .. defines the whole and complete and perfect human being.'* Martin Luther's view of what it means to be human in the dispute between philosophy and theology - variations on Christian and Muslim theme – **Christoph Schwöbel** (University of Tübingen)

*Rafanelli and Saint-Point as theorists of the Muslim body-subject* – **Tim Winter** (Cambridge Muslim College)

**15:45 Coffee Break**

**16:00 Panel 2: The Dignity and Misery of Humans**  
**Chair:** Stefan Schreiner (University of Tübingen)

*Ādamiyya and 'iṣma: Theological anthropology as a ground for human dignity in Islam and Christianity* – **Recep Şentürk** (Ibn Haldun University)

*'These people have no grasp of God's true measure' (Q 39:67): Does the doctrine of original sin do justice to God and humanity?* – **Dan Madigan** (Georgetown University)

*The 'fall' of humanity – the understanding of sin in interreligious perspective* – **Ralf K. Wüstenberg** (Europa-Universität Flensburg)

**17:30 Coffee Break**

**17:45 Panel 3: Naming God and Naming the Human**  
**Chair:** David Marshall (Georgetown University)

*Anthropology is theology: Is there life before death?* – **Conor Cunningham** (University of Nottingham)

*The end of Divine naming in Christian & Muslim theological anthropology* – **Paul Hardy** (New York, USA)

**19:15 Dinner**

## Thursday, March 8th

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**09:30 Panel 4: Human in Relation to God: Human Capacities and Incapacities**

**Chair:** Katrin König (University of Tübingen)

*Is God a moral model? The theological debate about the Imitatio Dei and its moral interpretations* – **Samer Rashwani** (University of Tübingen)

*God, man, existence: Nābulusi's explanation of the intellect's capacity to know God in al-Wujūd al-Haqq* – **Simone Dario Nardella** (University of Calabria)

*'The wound where life enters': Girardian mimetic theory as a 'common word' for being human in Islam and Christianity* – **Michael Kirwan** (Heythrop College)

**11:00 Coffee Break**

**11:15 Panel 5: Human Becoming, Personhood and Religious Experience**

**Chair:** Erdal Toprakyan (University of Tübingen)

*Rethinking personhood, gender and power in Islam: Conversations with Ibn 'Arabī* – **Sa'diyya Shaikh** (University of Cape Town)

*'The soul's growth is not like the body's growth. Teresa of Jesus' fourfold path for mystical transformation* – **Charlo Camilleri** (Malta University)

*Mutual influences of Christian and Muslim anthropologies in history: A case study of 16<sup>th</sup> century Morisco devotional interests* – **Amina Nawaz** (University of Tübingen)

**13:00 Lunch Break**

**15:00 Panel 6: Death, Suffering and Spiritual Growth**  
**Chair:** Volker Leppin (University of Tübingen)

*Facing suffering and death: A Christian Perspective* – **Donna Orsuto** (Pontifical Gregorian University)

*'He Who has created death and life' (Q 67:2): Death in Islamic spirituality* – **Lejla Demiri** (University of Tübingen)

*Transformations of thanatological discourse in Christian anthropology of the 20<sup>th</sup> century: The problem of a positive attitude to death* –

**Svetlana Konacheva** (Russian State University for the Humanities)

**16:30 Coffee Break**

**17:00 'Peripatetic Theology' through Tübingen**

**19:00 Dinner**

## Friday, March 9th

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**09:30 Panel 7: Children and the Formation of Persons**

**Chair:** Aaron Looney

*Children in the medieval Islamic imagination: A path towards pedagogic dialogue* – **Mujaddad Zaman** (University of Tübingen)

*The anthropology of the child: A neglected topic in Christian-Muslim dialogue?* – **Friedrich Schweitzer** (University of Tübingen)

**10:30 Coffee Break**

**10:45 Panel 8: The Cultures of Being and Becoming Human**

**Chair:** Alexei Bodrov (St. Andrew's Biblical Theological Institute)

*'They forgot God and God made them forget themselves' (Q 59:19): A theological enquiry into the anthropological premises of the ittibā' al-nabī (sequela prophetae)* – **Ruggero Vimercati Sanseverino** (University of Tübingen)

*The shift towards cultural Islam* – **Ishat Nasyrov** (Russian Academy of Sciences)

*Created to be and to become human: A Christian perspective* – **Ivana Noble** (Charles University of Prague)

**12:15 Closing Remarks:**

Tim Winter (Cambridge Muslim College) and Alexei Bodrov (St. Andrew's Biblical Theological Institute)

**12:30 Lunch Break**

**14:30 Visit to Bebenhausen Monastery (optional)**