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IN THE ISLAMIC WEST**
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09:00-09:15 **OPENING. MARÍA ÁNGELES GALLEGO** (Director, ILC-CCHS, CSIC, Madrid)

Session I: Mysticism and Occult Sciences

Chair: MERCEDES GARCÍA-ARENAL

- 09:15-09:45 **GODEFROID DE CALLATAY** (Université Catholique, Louvain)
The Pseudo-Aristotelica on the classification of knowledge: an inquiry into ill-defined material and channels of transmission
- 09:45-10:15 **MICHAEL EBSTEIN** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Rabbī zidnī ʿilman: Knowledge and its Classifications in Andalusī Mysticism, with Particular Emphasis on the Thought of Muḥyī l-Dīn Ibn al-ʿArabī (1165-1240)
- 10:15-10:45 **NOAH GARDINER** (Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms Universität Bonn)
Esotericism as intervention on the hierarchy of the sciences in the thought of Ahmad al-Buni
- 10:45-11:30 *Discussion*
- 11:30-12:00 *Coffee break*

Session II: Falsafa

Chair: SONJA BRENTJES

- 12:00-12:30 **MIQUEL FORCADA** (University of Barcelona)
Classification of the sciences and learning of the sciences in al-Andalus
- 12:30-13:00 **JOSEP PUIG** (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)
Ibn Bajja on the Classification of Sciences
- 13:00-13:30 *Discussion*
- 13:30-15:00 *Lunch*

Session III: The North African Intellectual Tradition, 12th – 17th Centuries

Chair: FERNANDO RODRÍGUEZ MEDIANO

- 15:00-15:30 **JAN THIELE** (ILC-CCHS, CSIC, Madrid)
Scientific Disciplines in Ibn ʿArafa's (d. 803/1401) *Mukhtaṣarāt*
- 15:30-16:00 **CAITLYN OLSON** (Harvard University)
Al-Sanūsī's Self-Positioning in Relation to Earlier and Later Trends in *Kalām*
- 16:00-16:15 *Coffee break*
- 16:15-16:45 **JUSTIN STEARNS** (New York University, Abu Dhabi)
Al-Yusi's 11th/17th Century Classification of the Sciences: Ethical Teaching and Studying of all God's Revelation
- 16:45-17:15 **MARIBEL FIERRO** (ILC-CCHS, CSIC, Madrid) and **OMAYRA HERRERO** (Independent scholar)
Classification of knowledge in the fahāris of the Islamic West (12th-15th centuries)
- 17:15-18:15 *Discussion*

Session IV: Ibn Ḥazm

Chair: ESPERANZA ALFONSO

- 09:15-09:45 **CAMILLA ADANG** (Tel Aviv University)
Ibn Ḥazm on useful and useless sciences
- 09:45-10:15 **DAVID OWEN** (Harvard University)
Logically Speaking: Demonstrative Science as Paradigm in Ibn Ḥazm's Typology of Knowledge
- 10:15-10:45 *Discussion*
- 10:45-11:15 *Coffee break*

Session V: Diverse perspectives

Chair: ARACELI GONZÁLEZ VÁZQUEZ

- 11:15-11:45 **MARIANO GÓMEZ** (ILC-CCHS, CSIC, Madrid)
Classification of Knowledge in Medieval Jewish Encyclopedias
- 11:45-12:15 **SALVADOR PEÑA** (University of Málaga)
Symbols, interpretations and stories: the slave-girl Tawaddud and Islamic approaches to language
- 12:15-12:45 **JOSEF ŽENKA** (Charles University of Prague)
Mukhtaṣar Khalīl in Naṣrid Granada and the study circle of Abū ʿAmr Ibn Manẓūr al-Qaysī (d. 1483)
- 12:45-13:30 *Discussion*