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Storytelling has a long tradition in the history of Islamic education, dating back to the time of the Prophet Muḥammad. It is one of the traditional forms of Islamic education to convey values, virtues and attitudes that are embedded in cultural texts, that is, narratives. It is implicit in narratives that they construct cultural phenomena such as beliefs, knowledge, behaviors, and values and preserve them in the collective memory. How can they become the basis for reflection and orientation and how can they create identity?

The Department of Islamic Religious Education and Practical Theology at the Berlin Institute of Islamic Theology (BIT) attaches great importance to the aesthetic-religious education of children. A particular focus is on literature from the Islamic educational tradition, including the masterpiece “Mathnawī” by Jalāladdīn Rūmī (1207-1273), which contains numerous stories. Since 2023, the Berlin Institute for Islamic Theology and the Institute for Sufi Studies have been working together as part of the “Mathnawī Children Project” on how these stories from the Mathnawī can be integrated into religious education processes and contribute to literary-aesthetic learning. In this project, we would like to prepare the narrative material of the tradition in a more contemporary and child-friendly way.

We cordially invite all interested scholars to participate in this first international symposium on Rūmī from a religious education perspective.

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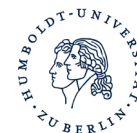
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MAWLĀNĀ JALĀL AL-DĪN

Rūmī
In Today's
Education:
**RETHINKING
METHODOLOGIES**

**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
11th – 13th October 2024, BERLIN**

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin,
Senatssaal (main building 1st floor)
Unter den Linden
10117 Berlin



**INSTITUTE FOR
SUFİ STUDIES**

Friday, October 11, 2024

5 pm-7 pm Senatssaal (main building)

SYMPOSIUM OPENING

Welcome Speeches

Prof. Dr. Serdar Kurnaz (Director of BIT)

Prof. Dr. Nevzat Tarhan (President of Üsküdar University, Istanbul)

Opening Panel

Rûmî and the Meaning of Samâ'

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Tuba Işık

Cemalnur Sargut and

Prof. Dr. Kemal Sayar

Discussion

Refreshments 7pm-8pm

Saturday, October 12, 2024

9:30am-11:00am, Lichtsaal (main building)

PANEL 1: Rûmî's significance in Islamic Theology

Chairperson: Prof. Dr. Anna Akasoy

Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kiliç

Intellect (al-'Aql) in Rûmî

Prof. Dr. Tuba Işık

Mathnawî's Importance for Religious Education

Elif Emrahmetoğlu, M.A.

Conscious Living in Ambivalence: The Human

Being in the Mathnawî in-between Freedom and

Predestination

15 Mins Coffee Break

Saturday, October 12, 2024

11:15am-1:30pm Lichtsaal (main building)

PANEL 2: Mathnawî as a literary masterpiece for education

Chairperson: Hibatolah Nassiri-Vural

Prof. Danielle Widmann Abraham

The Challenge of Rûmî in the Age of Identity

Prof. Dr. Emine Yeniterzi and Dr. Esin Tümer

An Examination of the Methods of Values of

Education in Rûmî's Mathnawî

1:30pm-2:30pm Lunch and Prayer Break

Saturday, October 12, 2024

2:30pm-4:00pm Lichtsaal (main building)

PANEL 3: Aesthetic dimensions of Mathnawî

Chairperson: Dr. Rasool Akbari

Dr. Hatice Dilek Güldütuna

Mathnawî and the Inner Dimensions of Aesthetics

Dr. Cangüzel Güner Zülfikar

"If a thorn pricks you, be thankful! For there,

is a Rose!": The Aesthetic Understanding of

the Mathnawî-yi Ma'navî

15 Mins Coffee Break

Saturday, October 12, 2024

4:15pm-6:15pm Lichtsaal (main building)

PANEL 4: Reflection of knowledge in spirituality

Chairperson: Dr. Cangüzel Güner Zülfikar

Prof. Dr. Gernot Galib Stanfel

Puring the water of the soul: The terms of development, love and immediacy in the Mathnawî and Mevlevi Tradition as guiding elements for concepts of nowadays Islamic teaching

Dr. Rasool Akbari

Mathnawî and the meaning of life: educational implications

6:30pm Dinner

(Alay by Hasir Restaurant)

Sunday, October 13, 2024

9:30 am-11:00 am, Lichtsaal (main building)

PANEL 5: Mathnawî as a source of ethical education

Chairperson: Dr. Mahmud Kellner

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Faruque

Rûmî, Ethical Education, and Sufi Theories of Personality

Prof. Dr. Anna A. Akasoy

The Ethics of Violence in the Mathnawî

15 mins Coffee Break

Sunday, October 13, 2024

11:15am-12:00 Lichtsaal (main building)

Plenary Session: Reflections and Discussion

Dr. Mahmud Kellner and İlnur Bahadır

12:30 pm Closing Lunch