

Jew-HUMAN-Muslim: Otherness and Universalism In Jewish and Muslim Thought

International Conference

The conference seeks to engage with one of the most important questions not only in Jewish and Muslim thought but in general philosophy – and especially in our current situation: What does it mean to be human? Drawing on the theological, philosophical, and ethical dimensions of both traditions, we will explore how humanity is defined and lived in relation to oneself, to others — whether neighbor or stranger —, to the other sex or gender, and to the world as a creation imbued with divine purpose.

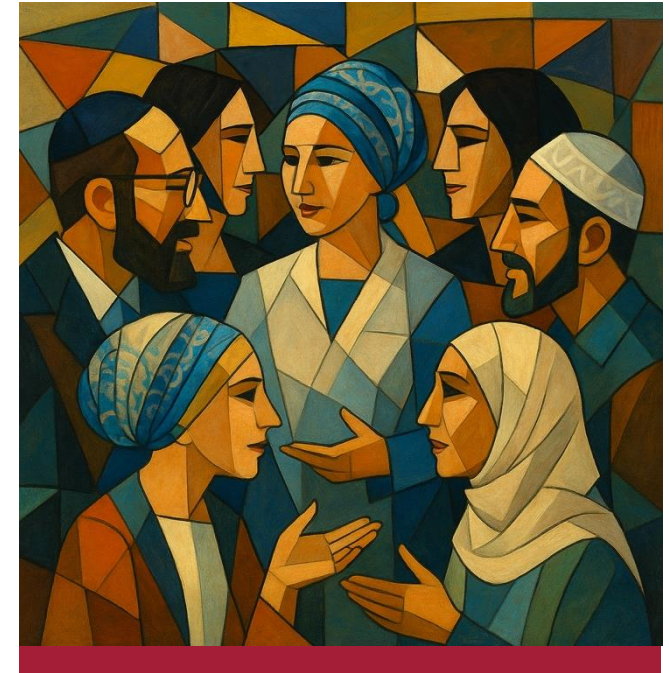
Through an interdisciplinary approach, the conference will address the ways in which Jewish and Muslim traditions conceptualize the human being as both a unique individual and part of a collective whole. We will examine themes such as the ethical demands of encountering "the other," the dynamics of gender and human dignity, and the call to stewardship of creation as a shared responsibility.

The speakers shall delve into how these traditions have historically shaped and continue to inform notions of identity, responsibility, and the sacredness of human life. By exploring these intersections, we aim to highlight the richness of Jewish and Muslim perspectives on what it means to live meaningfully in a diverse and interconnected world."



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Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen
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Monday, November 17, 2025

09:00 – 09:30

Welcome and Opening Remarks
Asher Mattern & Fahimah Ulfat

Grußwort von Prorektor Prof. Dr. Wagner

09:30 – 11:00 | Panel I

Moderation: Regula Forster

Gerard Haddad (Paris)

The Osmosis between Judaism and Islam in the Middle Ages

Farid Suleiman (Greifswald)

Views on Jews and Judaism in Classical Muslim Quranic Exegesis



11:00 – 11:30 | Break

11:30 – 13:00 | Panel II

Moderation: Anna-Viktoria Vogelmann

Fahimah Ulfat (Münster)

The Question of the Human Being in Islamic Religious Education: Reflections from an Empirical Study on Muslim Children's Relationship with God

Nati Kupper (Jerusalem)

Citizen A': Thoughts on the Abrahamic Polis, Then and Now



13:00 – 14:30 | Lunch Break



14:30 – 16:00 | Panel III

Moderation: Vladimir Latinovic

Silvana Rabinovich (Mexico City)

Translation and the Justice of the Other: Some Notes on Selected Texts in the Judeo-Arabic Language

Asmaa El Maaroufi (Münster)

Facing the Other: An Islamic-Ethical Perspective on Vulnerability and Responsibility

From 16:15 | Social Activity in Tübingen

(City tour and shared dinner)

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

09:00 – 10:30 | Panel IV

Moderation: Lejla Demiri

Asher Mattern (Tübingen)

Creating a Human World: Election, Law and Universality in Rabbinic Thought

Dina El Omari (Münster)

Being Human in the Face of Gender Role Attributions and Understandings



10:30 – 11:00 | Break

11:00 – 12:30 | Panel V

Moderation: Johanna Rahner

Guadalupe Seijas (Madrid)

"The Other" in the Book of Ruth: An Unconventional and Countercultural Paradigm

Erkan Binici (Münster)

How Discrimination in Media is Perceived Beyond the Own Experience: Reflections from an Empirical Study on the Religious Socialization of Muslim Youth in a Mediatized World

12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:30 | Closing Discussion

Moderation: Reinhold Boschki

A Common Future: Perspectives and Challenges