THURSDAY, MARCH 2

Panel 1 | 10:15 – 11:45 am | Where to Locate the Occult
CHRISTIAN LANGE, Utrecht University
No Magic in Hell: Gauging the Place of Sihr in Islamic Ethical, Legal, & Eschatological Literature
NICHOLAS HARRIS, University of Pennsylvania
The Fate of an Occult/Science
Discussant: FRANK GRIFFEL, Yale University
Chair: SHAWKAT TOORAWA, Yale University

Panel 2 | 1:30 – 3:00 pm | Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī – Influences & Reception
MICHAEL NOBLE, Warburg Institute
Sabian Astral Ritual and Avicennian Cognition Theory
YAEL RICE, Amherst College
Cosmic Correspondences: The Nature of the Talismanic Image at the Mughal Court
Discussant: YAHYA MICHOST, Hartford Seminary
Chair: EMILY SELOVE, University of Exeter

Panel 3 | 3:45 – 5:15 pm | Rituals, Spells, & Incantations
ELIZABETH PRICE, Yale University
‘Rationalising Ritual’: Responses to Antinomian Anxiety in the Era of Abbasid Fragmentation
EMILY SELOVE, University of Exeter
Al-Sakkāki’s Magical Encyclopaedia in Context
Discussant: SHAWKAT TOORAWA, Yale University
Chair: CHRISTIAN LANGE, Utrecht University

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

Panel 4 | 9:30 – 11:15 am | How to Handle the Occult
Roundtable Discussion on Manuscripts in the Beinecke Rare Books and Manuscript Library
Held in the Beinecke | Room 13

Panel 5 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm | Reason, Philosophy, & Internal Demarcations
LIANA SAIF, University of Oxford & Université catholique de Louvain
The Place of Magic in the Religious Reformation of the Ikhwān al-Ṣafā’
GODEFROID DE CALLATAĪ, Université catholique de Louvain
‘For Those with Eyes to See’: On the Hidden Meaning of the Animal Fable in the Rasāʿil Ikhwān al-Ṣafā’
Discussant: SALIMEH MAGHSOUDLOU, Yale University
Chair: MATTHEW MELVIN-KOUSHKI, University of South Carolina

Panel 6 | 11:30 – 2:45 pm | Courtly Contexts of Contestation and Production
NOAH GARDINER, University of South Carolina
Ibn Khaldūn versus the Occultists at Barqūq’s Court
MATTHEW MELVIN-KOUSHKI, University of South Carolina
The Coincidentia Oppositorum Imperialized: Ibn Turka’s Munāẓara-yi Bazm u Razm (1426) as a Lettrist Mirror for Timurid Princes
Discussant: ANNA AKASOY, The Graduate Center, CUNY & Hunter College
Chair: TRAVIS ZADEH, Yale University

Panel 7 | 3:15 – 4:45 pm | Ottoman Productions
ÖZGEN FELEK, Yale University
Occult Texts in Murād III’s Court at the Dawn of the Second Islamic Millennium
TUNA ARTUN, Rutgers University
Crete Today, Sicily Tomorrow: An Ottoman Treatise on Divination from the Seventeenth Century
Discussant: RYAN BRIZENDINE, Yale University
Chair: GODEFROID DE CALLATAĪ, Université catholique de Louvain

Panel 8 | 4:45 – 5:30 pm | Ruptures and Continuities
ALIREZA DOOSTDAR, University of Chicago
Islam, Spiritual Empiricism, and the Gender of Reason in Iran
Discussant: ABBAS AMANAT, Yale University
Chair: SAMUEL ROSS, Yale University

Concluding Discussion: 5:30 – 6:00 pm