1st Symposium of the Muhyiddin Archive Project

MAPPING THE AKBARIAN CORPUS

TOWARDS A NEW DESCRIPTION OF WORKS BY IBN ʿARABI

Friday 23 - Sunday 25 October 2026
Museo Arqueológico de Murcia

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Friday 23 October
Day 1

10:00 – 10:30 Registration

10:30 – 11.45 Opening Addresses

Chaired by Pablo Beneito

Opening Remarks

In the World of IA: The Challenges of Mapping the Akbarian Corpus
Stephen Hirtenstein

Copies and Copyists of the Akbarian Legacy
Mario Viera

11.45 – 12:30 Coffee Break

12:30 – 14:00 Session 1

Chaired by Gracia López Anguita

Manzil al-manāzil al-fahwāniyya
The Station that Gathers All the Stations in which Face to Face Divine Address Descends
Pablo Beneito

Marātib ʿulūm al-wahb
The Ranks of Divinely Bestowed Knowledge
Hany Ibrahim

16:00–16:45 Visit to Santa Clara la Real (Group 1)

17:00 – 18:15 Session 2

Chaired by José Bellver

al-Tadbirāt al-ilāhiyya fī iṣlāḥ al-mamlaka al-insāniyya
Divine Governances for the Ordering of the Human Kingdom
Gregory Vandamme

ʿUqlat al-mustawfiz
The Bond of the Ready Steady Servant
Gracia López Anguita

18:15 – 18:45 Coffee Break

18:45–20:00 Session 3

Chaired by Aydogan Kars

Kitāb al-Yāʾ wa-huwa kitāb al-huwa
Treatise on the Divine Self
Amina González

al-Maqṣad al-asmā fī l-ishārāt fī mā waqaʿa fī l-Qur'ān bi-lisān al-ḥaqīqa wa-l-sharīʿa min al-kināyāt wa l-asmā'
The highest meaning of the allusions in the nouns and pronouns which occur in the Qur'an in the language of the essential Reality and of the Law
Denis Gril

Saturday 24 October
Day 2

10:15 – 11:45 Session 4

Chaired by Amina González

Ḥilyat al-abdāl wa-mā yaẓharu ʿanhā min al-maʿārif wa-l-aḥwāl
The Adornment of the Spiritually Transformed
Stephen Hirtenstein

al-Ifāda li-man arāda al-istifāda
Book of Giving for the Aspirant for Receiving
Aydogan Kars

11.45 – 12:30 Coffee Break

12:30 – 14:00 Session 5

Chaired by Gregory Vandamme

Risālat al-Intiṣār
The Letter of Vindication
Nick Lobo

Risālat al-Shaykh ilā al-imām al-Rāzī
The Shaykh's Letter to Imam al-Rāzī
Noah Hasan Taj

16:00–16:45 Visit to Santa Clara la Real (Group 2)

17:00–18:15 Session 6

Chaired by Lisa Alexandrin

al-Kawkab al-durrī fī manāqib Dhī l-Nūn al-Miṣrī
The Glittering Star: The Acts of Dhu l-Nūn al-Miṣrī
Ali Porteous

Conference of the Pious – Ibn Arabi's Tales of Adab
Dunja Rašić

18:15 – 18:45 Coffee Break

18:45–20:00 Session 7

Chaired by Denis Gril

Fuṣūṣ al-ḥikam and its Commentaries in the Ottoman Era: Qarabash Wali's Example
Mahmut Erol Kılıç

Ocean Within Ocean: Ibn Arabi's Heritage and the Global Knowledge Systems Project
Aydogan Kars

Sunday 25 October
Day 3

10:15 – 11:45 Session 8

Chaired by Stephen Hirtenstein

Towards Manuscript Descriptions of the Akbarian Corpus
José Bellver

Layers of Meaning: Digital Approaches to Ibn al-ʿArabī
Ali Porteous

11.45 – 12:30 Coffee Break

12:30 – 14:00 Roundtable Discussions

Closing session for contributing speakers and scholars.

12:00–14:00 Historical Walking Tour

Attendees are invited on a walking tour through the architectural and spiritual heritage of Ibn ʿArabī's birthplace, including San Juan de Dios, Cathedral of Murcia, Real Casino de Murcia, and Madina Mursiya.

Conveners and Steering Group

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About the Symposium

Mapping the Akbarian Corpus is the inaugural symposium of the Muhyiddin Archive Project (MAP), held in Murcia, the birthplace of Muḥyiddīn Muḥammad Ibn al-ʿArabī. Over three days, scholars from around the world each take up a single work — including many lesser-known books, epistles and letters — as a first step towards a new comprehensive description of his writings.

MAP, established in 2001, is part of a long and continuous tradition of preserving, describing and authenticating the writings of Ibn al-ʿArabī. His teachings have come down to us in manuscript form: carefully copied, transmitted, annotated and studied by generations of scholars and students. To understand Ibn ʿArabi faithfully, it is essential to both preserve and accurately describe the very materials that have carried his words across the centuries. Our mission is to preserve and advance this invaluable legacy in the digital era according to the highest standards of digital scholarship, and to make it accessible to the wider interested public.

To learn more or to support the project, please write to **map@ibnarabisociety.org.uk.**

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