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The Faculty of Protestant Theology is awarding this year’s Dr. Leopold Lucas Prize to the Israeli religious philosophers Guy and Sarah Stroumsa. Guy G. Stroumsa (born 1948) was the Martin Buber Professor Emeritus of Comparative Religion at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem from 1991 to 2009 and then Emeritus Professor of the Study of the Abrahamic Religions at the University of Oxford until 2013. His wife, Sarah Stroumsa (born 1950) has held the Alice and Jack Ormut Professorship of Arabic Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem since 2003. From 2008 to 2012 she was the first woman to serve as rector of the university.

The Faculty is paying tribute to the Stroumsas’ internationally-recognized research focusing on the dynamics of encounters between religious traditions and institutions in the Roman Empire and in Late Antiquity in the Mediterranean and the Middle East. They have also carried out important work on philosophy and religion in the Muslim world during the Middle Ages, the jury said. “Both scholars have a special understanding of how to develop deeply analytical theses, and how to test their sustainability in academic discourse,” according to the panel.

This year’s Lucas Prize for Junior Researchers went to Dr. des. Jan Schole (Faculty of Protestant Theology) for his work on the theological, philosophical, and physical ideas of the relationship between God, eternity, and time.

The award will be presented on Tuesday, May 8, at 5:15pm in the Festsaal, Neue Aula, Geschwister Scholl Platz, 72074 Tübingen.

The €50,000 Dr. Leopold Lucas Prize honors outstanding achievements in the fields of theology, intellectual history, historical research, and philosophy. It goes to individuals who have promoted tolerance and better relations between people and nations.
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