The current historiographical turn in Islamic studies has challenged misconceptions about early modern intellectual history of Islam, explained until recently within the paradigm of ‘stagnation’ or ‘decline’. ‘Abd al-Ghanī al-Nābulusī (1641-1731) emerges as a main witness to the early modern endeavor to create a new theology. The richness of Nābulusī’s literary output, mirroring the multifaceted dimensions of early modern Islamic culture, makes him a catalyst of a renewed historiographical awareness.

The contributors of the conference will focus on a careful examination of Nābulusī’s writings, offering an indepth study of his intellectual environment. The conference will thus offer contextual readings, paying attention to the wide range of interrelated trends with which Nābulusī dialogues: Ḥanafī-Māturīdī legal and theological tradition and its relationship with the Ash’arī school of theology; the interpretation of Ibn ‘Arabī’s legacy; poetry; Islamic law in the Arab provinces; contemporary Sunni scholarship across the Islamic world; and the religious and cultural trends within the Christian and Jewish communities of the Ottoman Empire.

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**Thursday, September 4th**

**13:30** Registration

**14:00** Welcome:
Lejla Demiri (University of Tübingen)
Samuela Pagani (University of Salento)

**14:15** Session 1
Chair: Lejla Demiri (University of Tübingen)
“Words in Action: Nābulusī in his Juridical Writings” – Astrid Meier (Orient-Institut Beirut)

**15:45** Coffee Break

**16:00** Session 2
Chair: Samuela Pagani (University of Salento)
“Al-Nābulusī as a Liberal Fundamentalist” – Ralf Elger (University of Halle-Wittenberg)
“The Impact of Ibrāhīm al-Kūrānī’s (d. 1101/1690) Legacy on the Writings of al-Nābulusī” – Atallah Copty (The Academic Arab College for Training Teachers)

**17:30** Coffee Break

**17:45** Session 3
Chair: Mehmetcan Akpinar (University of Tübingen)
Some of ‘Abd al-Ghanī al-Nābulusī’s Kalām Writings” – Jawad Anwar Qureshi (University of Chicago)
Hell without Pain: ‘Abd al-Ghanī al-Nābulusī’s Response to Ibn Taymiyya’s Conception of the Extinction of Hellfire (Fanā’ al-Nār)” – Naoki Yamamoto (Kyoto University)

**19:30** Dinner

**Friday, September 5th**

**09:00** Session 4
Chair: Stefan Schreiner (University of Tübingen)
“The Relation of Kalām Theology and Akbarian Mysticism in the Thought of ‘Abd al-Ghanī al-Nābulusī” – Steven Styer (University of Oxford)
“Al-Nābulusī’s on al-Suhrawardi’s Illuminationism and Ibn ‘Arabī’s Unity of Being” – Ahmad Sukkar (University of London)

**10:30** Coffee Break

**10:45** Session 5
Chair: Ruggero Vimercati Sanseverino (University of Tübingen)
“‘Abd al-Ghanī al-Nābulusī, Commentator of Ibn al-‘Arabī: The Jawāhir al-nusūs fī ḥaṭ kalimāt al-Fusūṣ” – Denis Gril (Aix-Marseille University)

**12:15** Lunch

**14:30** Session 6
Chair: Samer Rashwani (University of Tübingen)
The Principles of Epistemology in the Thought of Muḥyī al-Dīn Ibn al-‘Arabī and ‘Abd al-Ghanī al-Nābulusī” (Arabic) – Ali Ghandour (University of Münster)

**16:00** Coffee Break

**16:15** Session 7
Chair: Fatih Ergüç (University of Tübingen)
The Allegorical Contemplation (al-tafsīr bi-l-īshāra) in the Teachings of Ahmad ibn ‘Aṭība and ‘Abd al-Ghanī al-Nābulusī” – Florian Lützen (University of Hamburg)
“Speaking between Source and its Determination: Interpretation of the Poem Ṣarṭā ḫalāmī fī al-wujūd wa-imāṭat al-Dīwān al-Nābulusī” – Paul Ballanfati (Galaataray University)

**18:00** Session 8
Chair: Jan Felix Engelhardt (Postgraduate Program Islamic Theology)
“‘Abd al-Ghanī al-Nābulusī’s Commentary on Birgīvī Mehmed Efendi’s al-Tariqā al-Muḥammadiyya” – Katharina Ivanyi (Columbia University)
“Reading Birgīvī with and against the Grain: Contested Interpretations of Birgīvī’s al-Tariqā al-Muḥammadiyya in the 17th-18th Century Ottoman Empire” – Jonathan Allen (University of Maryland)

**20:00** Dinner

**Saturday, September 6th**

**09:00** Session 9
Chair: Samir Mahmoud (American University of Beirut)
“Islamic Cosmology in the Post-Copernican Period: Reflections on al-Nābulusī’s Views” – Samer Akkach (University of Adelaide)
“Who were al-Nābulusī’s Students: The Nature of the Networks of his Students” – John O. Voll (Georgetown University)

**10:30** Coffee Break

**10:45** Session 10
Chair: Samer Akkach (University of Adelaide)
“Reading, Writing, and Remembering: ‘Abd al-Ghanī al-Nābulusī and his Relationship with Books” – Nīr Shafīr (University of California)
“‘Abd al-Ghanī al-Nābulusī and the Spiritual Geography of Bilād al-Shām” – Steve Tamari (Southern Illinois University)
“The Importance of ‘Abd al-Ghanī al-Nābulusī for the Central Ottoman Ilmiyye in the 18th Century” – Erdal Toprakryan (University of Tübingen)

**13:00** Closing Remarks:
Lejla Demiri (University of Tübingen)
Samuela Pagani (University of Salento)

**17:45** Coffee Break

**18:00** Lunch