### Friday, 3 April 2020

12:30 Registration and Lunch / Coffee

14:30 Welcome and Introduction Opening remarks from Sara Kuehn (Aix-Marseille/Tübingen)

15:15 Panel 1 Stillness in the Eye of the Storm: Mira Burke and the Performance of Spiritual Ecstasy Amila Buturović (Toronto)

Reflections from the Visual World of Zöhre Ana Mark Soileau (Ankara)

Break

Bektashi Ladies: Poetry and Images Thierry Zarcone (Paris)

Artwork presentation Video and Sound Installations Meliha Teparić (Sarajevo) and Manoël Pénicaud (Aix– Marseille)

18:30 Dinner

19:30 Public *dhikr* with Shaykha Dr. Fawzia Al-Rifai-Al-Rawi

### Saturday, 4 April 2020

09:00 Panel 2

Colours and Visions: A Hybrid of Sufi Mysticism and Science Pnina Werbner (Manchester)

The Visionary Female Guarding of Turkish Cultural Heritage: The Case of the Turkish Rifai Shaykha Samiha Ayverdi Feyza Burak-Adli (Boston)

10:30 Break

11:00 Panel 3

'A Real-Life Jātaka Tale': Seeking Inspiration from the Life of Pīrzade-Shahīda Noor-un-Nisa Inayat Khan Sara Kuehn (Aix-Marseille/Tübingen)

Mapping the Vision: Sufi Dream Guidance in Contemporary Afghanistan
Annika Schmeding (Boston)

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Panel 4

Ziyāra and Feminine Harīm in Post-Socialist Albania: The Case of Dervishe Hatixhe's Grave in Tirana

Gianfranco Bria (Paris)

Reflexions on Muslim Women Religiosity and Experience in Shared Sacred Spaces:

The Case of the House of Mary in Ephesus

Manoël Pénicaud (Aix-Marseille)

15:30 Break

16:00 Panel 5

Wrapping Body, Voice, and Self: Female Chanters in the Fayda Tijāniyya Sufi Community in Senegal

Joseph Hill (Alberta)

The Female Caliphate: The Qur'ān, Female Voices and Gender Dynamics in Present-Day Sufism

Yunus Hentschel (Vienna)

17:30 Break

17:45 Public Speech and Q&A: The Meaning of Motherhood in Taşawwuf with Cemalnur Sargut (Istanbul)

Womanhood as a Metaphysical Concept Dilek Güldütuna (Frankfurt)

19:30 Dinner

### Sunday, 5 April 2020

09:00 Panel 7

Female Sufi Scholars in Mauritania: Visions of Pious Women Britta Frede (Bayreuth)

Holy Women in the Early Twentieth-Century Red Sea Region: Spatial Spheres, Travelling Images Silvia Bruzzi (Padova)

10:30 Break

11:00 Panel 8 Progressive-Pluralist Sufi Heritage, New Mediatization and Female Artists in Sindh, Pakistan Rafique Wassan (Bern)

Female Sufi Visual and Material Culture in Qajar Era Iran Pedram Khosronejad (Paris)

The Visual Culture of Sufi Mysticism in the Works of Female Artists

Meliha Teparić (Sarajevo) and Rosana Ratkovčić (Zagreb)

12:45 Closing remarks

13:00 Lunch and End

### Chairmanship of the Conference

Dionigi Albera (Aix-Marseille)

Sara Kuehn (Aix-Marseille/Tübingen)

Christian Ströbele (Stuttgart/Tübingen)

Erdal Toprakyaran (Tübingen)

### **Female Visions**

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Drawing on recent research regarding the visual-material turn in the study of religion, this interdisciplinary conference will focus on the often-overlooked role of women in contemporary Islamic mysticism and in the socially-engaged dimension of Sufi belief and practice. This trend in visualmaterial studies has been accompanied by a broadening of analytical perspectives. Attention is now increasingly paid to religious practices, rituals, and discourses in terms of their connection to certain types of artefacts. Scholars have also begun to focus on the sensory perceptions and the social effects or atmospheres evoked by visual-material engagements. The conference focusses on the sensorium in visualmaterial culture and on its religious, cultural, and social connections/implications. In doing so, we hope to present a more nuanced and polyvocal understanding of the role and place of women within mystical Islam and Sufism, a tradition that is in constant dialogue with society and its political, cultural, and economic dynamics.

In cooperation with the Centre for Islamic Theology (ZITH), University of Tübingen, and Institut d'ethnologie méditerranéenne, européenne et comparative (IDEMEC), Aix-Marseille/CNRS





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Conference attendance 50,00 €
Board and lodging Single Room 105,00 €
Board and lodging Double Room 95,00 €

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#### Registration

is available at: http://www.akademie-rs.de/vanm\_23429

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#### **Convention Centre Address:**

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- Convention Centre Weingarten (near Ravensburg) - Kirchplatz 7, 88250 Weingarten Phone: +49 751 5686 0

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