Summer Academy “Language, Science and Aesthetics”,
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Thematic Discussion: Renewing *Falsafa*: Epistemic possibilities and methodological obstacles

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Research Seminar: Talking about Art and Aesthetic Reflection in Lebanon and Egypt

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Lecture: Ontological-Epistemological Renewals within the Dialectics of Tradition and Modernity? Critical reflections on methodology in the field of ‘Arabic Sciences and Philosophy’
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Thematic Discussion: Of Mirrors and Words: Arabic and the questions of modernity

**Daniel Blanga-Gubbay** / Lecturer, Political Philosophy, Royal Academy of Fine Arts, Brussels
Project: The Experience of the Possible – The possible as an object in Western modernity

**Edna Bonhomme** / Doctoral candidate, History of Science Program, Princeton University
Project: The Bubonic Plague, Death Rituals and Cemeteries in Eighteenth-Century Cairo and Tunis

**Ray Brassier** / Associate Professor of Philosophy, American University of Beirut
Lecture: Dialectics between Suspicion and Trust

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Project: The Aesthetic Citizen: Leisure architecture and fascism in mid-20th-century Bangkok

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Project: Decorative Arts of the Tunisian École

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Research Seminar: “Situating Science”: The View from Cairo

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Lecture: Reading Paratexts: The significance of textual frames
Thematic Discussion: Textual/Artistic Genre, Modernity and Colonial Governmentality

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Project: The Unresolved Modern in Indian Art

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Project: Bhasa ki ansthirta (The Instability of Language): Grammar and literature in modern Hindi

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Lecture: From the Religious to the Aesthetic image – or the Struggle over Art that offends
Thematic Discussion: Global Art History and the Conceptions of the Local

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Project: From Lived Experience to Emotional and Intellectual Knowledge in Early Modern Ottoman Architecture

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Lecture: Modernity and Misplacement: A curious history of anachronism
Thematic Discussion: Textual/Artistic Genre, Modernity and Colonial Governmentality

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Project: Marx and the Non-European. On the Grammar of ‘Commodity’-Language

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Project: Creative Notions of ‘Modernity’ in Shambaa Colonial Court Culture

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Research Seminar: Towards an Islamic Theology of the Image

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Project: Unfinished Awakenings: Nahdat al Maghrib
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Project: Art History and Modern Aesthetics in the Iranian Context

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Project: Travel of Languages, Trans-Formations of Religion: Arabi-Malayalam and vernacular Islam in Malabar, South India, 17th to 20th C.

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Project: Self-portrait as a Young Man – Autobiography, modernity and the aesthetic apprenticeship in the Egyptian experience

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Lecture: *Dhawq* - On the aesthetics of incorporation and the importance of a linguistic approach
Thematic Discussion: Global Art History and the Conceptions of the Local

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Research Seminar: Language, Objectivity and Aesthetics in an Autobiography

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Project: Possessed Souls, Medical Wars: Madness, religion and modernity in early republican Turkey

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Project: Spiritualist Geographies and the Invention of Syria (1898-1928)

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Project: The Concept of ‘Society’ in the Mouthpiece of Islamic Modernism, *al-Manar* (Cairo, 1898–1940)

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