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**A view from Late Antique and
Medieval West Asia**

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Thursday, 19 February 2026

14.00 - 14.30 – Opening remarks and introduction

Panel 1: Aristotle's authority and the *Lives of Aristotle* in Syria

Chair: Matthieu Réal (University of Padua)

14.30 - 15.00 – Giovanni Mandolino (University of Padua), *Aristotle's authority in Syriac philosophy*

15.00 - 15.30 – Jacob A. Lollar (Durham University), *The Syriac Lives of Aristotle: A Comparison*

15.30 - 15.45 – Discussion

15.45 - 16.15 – Coffee break

Panel 2: *Pseudoaristotelica* in Armenian

Chair: Valeria Bacigalupo (University of Padua)

16.15 - 16.45 – Paolo Lucca (University of Venice 'Ca' Foscari'), *Conspectus and prospectus of Aristotle's translations and reception in medieval Armenia*

16.45 - 17.15 – Irene Tinti (University of Florence, SAGAS, ERC project *ArmEn*), *The Armenian Version of De Mundo: a Status Quaestionis*

Syriac Keynote

Chair: Mara Nicosia (University of Padua)

17.30 - 18.30 – Emiliano Fiori (University of Venice 'Ca' Foscari'), *Difference, Quality, and Quantity in Late 6th-century Syria: The Religious Stakes of Aristotelian Philosophy*

20.00 – Dinner for chairs and speakers

Friday, 20 February 2026

Panel 3: Lost and apocryphal Aristotelian treatises in Arabic

Chair: Gertjan Verhasselt (University of Padua)

9.30 - 10.00 – Flavio Bevacqua (University of Padua), *Possible Evidence for Aristotle's Lost Scientific Works in Arabic Sources: Some Case Studies*

10.00 - 10.30 – Peter Adamson (University of Munich), *To Eternity and Beyond: A Disagreement Within the Kindi Circle?*

10.30 - 10.45 – Discussion

10.45 - 11.15 – Coffee break

Arabic Keynote

Chair: Carmela Baffioni (University of Naples 'L'Orientale')

11.15 - 12.15 – Cecilia Martini Bonadeo (University of Padua), *Abd al-Latīf al-Baġdādī's Book on the Science of Metaphysics. Chapter III. A Lexicon for the Virtual Aristotle's Metaphysics in the Post-Avicennian Tradition?*

12.15 - 14.00 – Lunch break

Panel 4: Syro-Arabic *pseudoaristotelica*

Chair: Vittorio Berti (University of Padua)

14.00 - 14.30 – Giorgia Nicosia (Ghent University) & Mara Nicosia (University of Padua), *Syriac and Arabic sayings attributed to Aristotle*

14.30 - 15.00 – Salam Rassi (University of Edinburgh), *Syriac Culture, Arabic Thought? Pseudo-Aristotle's Epistle on Alchemy*

15.00 - 15.15 – Discussion

Panel 5: Influences of Arabic *pseudoaristotelica*

Chair: Edoardo Benati (University of Padua)

15.15 - 15.45 – Carmela Baffioni (University of Naples 'L'Orientale'), *Influences of the pseudo-Aristotelian Theologia in the Risala al-Jami'a*

15.45 - 16.00 – Discussion

16.00 - 16.30 – Coffee break

16.30 - 17.15 – Roundtable general discussion

Chair: Marco Lauri (Università Telematica eCampus)

17.15 - 17.30 – Closing remarks

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