

On the occasion of the  
100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF  
THE ALĀWĪ SUFI ORDER

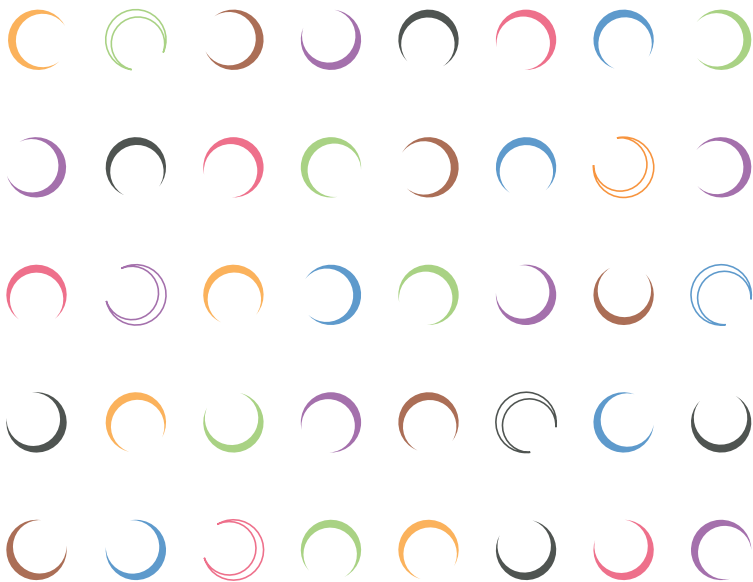
AISA International NGO organizes an International Conference

# SPIRITUAL ISLAM AND CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES

UNESCO HOUSE  
125 avenue de Suffren, 75007 PARIS

28 & 29 SEPTEMBER 2015

free admission



United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization

100th anniversary of the foundation  
of the Alawi Sufi order, a school  
for tolerance and interreligious  
social interaction (1914 - 2014)  
Celebrated in association with UNESCO



With the kind contribution  
of the Permanent Delegation of  
Algeria to UNESCO

PROGRAM

## PRESENTATION

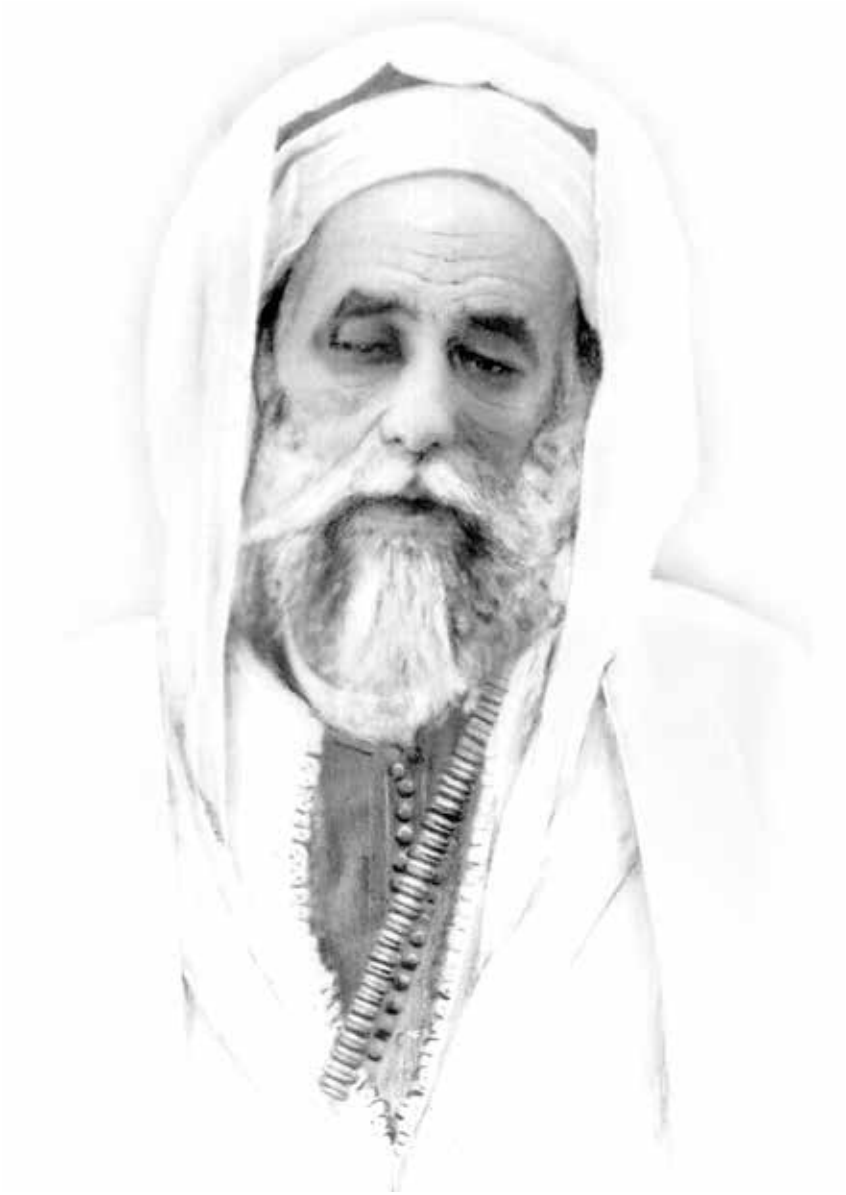
Recognized by the United Nations as an International NGO with "Special Consultative Status" for its Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), AISA (International Association Sufi Alâwiyya) is a federation working at the global level to disseminate the thought of the Algerian Sheikh Ahmad ben Mustafâ al-'Alâwî (1869-1934). With representations in several countries (Algeria, Germany, Belgium, Canada, Spain, France, Netherlands, Switzerland, etc.), AISA International NGO, following the lineage of the spiritual teachings of this Master, endeavours to promote a spiritual Islam, free and responsible and to form a universal fraternity. It favours, through various activities, interreligious dialogue and inter-spiritual exchanges.

It is for this reason that AISA International NGO was encouraged by the UNESCO decision, at its 37th General Conference in November 2013, to associate itself, during the biennium 2014-2015, to the "100th Anniversary of the Founding of the Alâwî Sufi Order, a School for Religious Tolerance and Conviviality (1914)." UNESCO explained its decision by reminding the world that "the 'Alâwî Sufi Order founded by Sheikh al-'Alâwî has made the promotion of interreligious dialogue its priority. The Order shows how

to better serve humanity, how to attempt to harmonize and to embellish the world. It accepts and admits everything that can bring man material comfort, but always in close relation with the inner dimension, in a permanent balance between the secular and the sacred. The Order counts on the loving fraternity of people. It calls, in fact, not to reject rationality at the expense of spirituality, not to lock ourselves away in chilly religiosity." (191 EX / 32, 17 April 2013, p. 2).

In addition to the growing interest that the thought of Sheikh al-'Alâwî has aroused for nearly a century in both the Arab and Western worlds (F. Schuon, A. Berque, M. Vâlsan, Mr. Khelifa, M. Lings, M. Chabry, etc.), this highly symbolic proclamation by UNESCO attests to the universality of the teachings of the Sheikh and, beyond that, of the Sufi tradition, this spiritual path of Islam founded on personal awakening and openness to other cultures.

On the occasion of this recognition by UNESCO and in memory of Sheikh al-'Alâwî, AISA International NGO organizes the international conference "**Spiritual Islam and Contemporary Challenges**". It will take place at UNESCO House on the 28th and 29th September 2015 and will bring together forty speakers from diverse backgrounds (writers, academics, journalists, religious and political figures, etc.) around conferences, round tables, exhibitions and films. It will invite participants to reflect together, in light of the teachings of Sufi masters, on major and current themes such as **Islamic humanism, reform of the Islamic tradition, education to Living Together, the transmission of universal wisdom and of a Culture of Peace.**



Sheikh Ahmad ben Mustafâ al-'Alâwî (1869-1934)

*“Men, despite their differences, form a single truth; the human being is relative to the society the same way the member is relative to the body: members differ from each other because their functions are different, but we cannot dispense of any one of them under the pretext that another more noble member exists: each of them is noble because of its necessity.”*

*Sheikh al-'Alâwî, Philosophical Investigations, r. VIII.*

# FIRST DAY

## 28 SEPTEMBER 2015

### **SPIRITUAL ISLAM: A SCHOOL FOR TOLERANCE AND CONVIVIALITY**

Tolerance ends when the human being becomes a danger to others. All fundamentalisms impose a rigid reading of sacred texts and the world; they demand that the order they have established is immutable. Intolerance today is a major problem that must be remedied by promoting pluralism as much on a philosophical, political, religious level as on the spiritual. Acting this way is to invite to the respect of others and to the preservation of the universal heritage of humanity.

It is this wisdom that spiritual Islam has always promoted and that the Sheikh al-'Alâwî, in particular, has embodied. Thinker, writer, journalist and reformer, this "Saint Muslim of the Twentieth Century" as Martin Lings named him was one of the main promoters of interreligious dialogue of the last century and a leading figure in the struggle against religious obscurantism.

How did this Sheikh lead his reform project of Islam? In what ways did he work towards a rapprochement between Islam and the West? What can finally bring his universal thinking, and that of Sufism in general, to contemporary societies, in their difficult quest for a Culture of Peace and Living Together?

09:00 09:30	WELCOME (limited places)
	<b>OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE</b>
	<b>Ann-Belinda Preis</b> (Head of the Division of Intercultural Dialogue at UNESCO)
09:30 10:00	<b>Representative of Algeria</b> <b>Sheikh Khaled Bentounes</b> (Spiritual Guide of the Sufi Order Alâwî, Founding President of AISA International NGO, the Muslim Scouts of France (SMF) and the European Muslim Scouting)
	Session Chair : <b>Bariza Khiari</b>
10:00 10:20	<b>The universal nature of the teachings of Sheikh al-'Alâwî</b> <b>Denis Gril</b> (Islamic scholar, Specialist in Sufism)
10:20 10:40	<b>Hadith and sufism by a "Muhammadian heir", Sheikh al-'Alâwî</b> <b>Tayeb Chouïref</b> (Islamic scholar, Specialist in Sufism)
10:40 11:00	<b>Sheikh al-'Alâwî and journalistic activities</b> <b>Yacine Benabid</b> (Professor at the University of Setif)
11:00 11:20	Debate
11:20 11:50	Break
	Session Chair : <b>Nasser Eddine Mouhoub</b>
12:00 12:20	<b>Sheikh al-'Alâwî and his influence on the Guénonian milieus</b> <b>Slimane Rezki</b> (Translator, Specialist in Sufism and René Guénon)
12:20 12:40	<b>Comparative approach between Sheikh al-'Alâwî and Emir Abd el-Kader</b> <b>Neema Ghenim</b> (Professor at the University of Oran)
12:40 13:00	<b>Cosmology with Sheikh al-'Alâwî through the treaty <i>Miftâh al-shuhûd</i></b> <b>Inès Safi</b> (Researcher at CNRS in Theoretical and fundamental Physics)
13:00 13:20	Debate
13:20	Lunch Break

### Round Table 1 Sufism and Humanism

The humanism of Islam is embodied in an ethic that places man in a dynamic relationship between freedom and responsibility, rights and duties. This ethic is integral: it seeks to harmonize the different components of the human personality, to balance between the spiritual and the material.

Exploring the inner realities of Islam, Sufism has helped many women and men to see in the other, whoever they are, their own reflection. Hallaj (d. 922) stated thus that "*Judaism, Christianity, Islam and other confessional denominations are just different names; but their goal suffers neither difference nor contrast: a single Principle with multiple ramifications.*" The Sufis have therefore promoted spiritual humanism that is so lacking in our time; they were, and remain, those who pass between religions and cultures. Clearly, it is this openness that is targeted by Islamic fundamentalists when they denigrate and destroy the Sufi heritage, its mausoleums and manuscripts.

Moderator : **Jean-Pierre Perrin** (Great reporter for the daily Liberation, Specialist in the Near-East and the Middle-East)

**Boris Cyrulnik** (Neuropsychiatrist, Director of Education at the University of Toulon and Psychoanalyst)

**Suad Hakim** (Professor at the University of Beirut)

**Leili Anvar** (Translator and Specialist in mystical literature)

**Eric Geoffroy** (Professor at the University of Strasbourg, Islamic scholar, Specialist in Sufism)

15:00

16:00

16:00

16:30

Break

## Round Table 2

### Islam: a Necessary Reform

The idea of reform is omnipresent in Islam. Witness, for example, these words of the Prophet: "God sends at the beginning of each century a person who revivifies the religion." The first centuries of Islam are characterized by an intellectual audacity that most contemporary Muslims do not suspect. But Islamic thought, open to change, has suffered a slow degeneration due to wear of time. If this process was approached early on by Sufis like Ibn 'Arabi (d. 1240) or thinkers like Ibn Khaldūn (d. 1406), the awareness of the need to reform the Islamic field was only formulated at the end of the eighteenth century. The aim was to rid Muslim life of remote customary behaviour far from the spirit of the original Islam, and take a new invigorating look at scriptural sources.

16:30  
17:30

Given the many reproaches made today to the "Sharia" (theocratic governance, minimization of the status of women, disrespect of minority rights etc.), should we not reflect on the reasons why Muslim societies are still unable to practice an aggiornamento to meet the many challenges of the contemporary world?

Moderator: **Abdennour Bidar** (Associate Professor of Philosophy)

**Saad Khiari** (Filmmaker and researcher at IRIS)

**Dominique Reynié** (Professor at Sciences Po Paris)

**Ghaleb Bencheikh** (President of the World Conference of Religions for Peace)

**Khaled Roumo** (Poet, Writer)

20:00

WELCOME

## MUSICAL EVENING

### CONCERT SUPPORT OF LIVING TOGETHER

with **FAIZ ALI FAIZ** (Qawwali music of Pakistan)

21:00  
22:30

**FAIZ ALI FAIZ**  
concert de soutien au  
VIVRE ENSEMBLE  
28 septembre 2015 - 21h00  
Maison de L'UNESCO  
ES avenue du Saffran, 15003 PARIS  
Tarif 20€ - Billetterie réseau FNAC  
infoLine 06 50 29 78 29

150<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de la fondation de l'École Supérieure de l'Université d'Alger, une école pour la tolérance et la convivialité interreligieuses (1914-2014)  
Avec l'aimable contribution de la Délégation Algérienne de l'UNESCO  
15<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de la fondation de la Délégation Algérienne de l'UNESCO  
Délégation Algérienne de l'UNESCO  
Délégation Algérienne de l'UNESCO  
Délégation Algérienne de l'UNESCO  
Délégation Algérienne de l'UNESCO



**Abdenour Bidar**

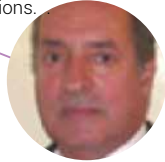
Philosopher, writer, specialist in current evolutions of Islam and changes in spiritual life in contemporary world, on assignment with the Ministry of National Education concerning Pedagogy of Secularism, producer and presenter of the weekly radio show "Cultures of Islam" (Cultures d'Islam) on France Culture.

**Leili Anvar**

Graduate of the Ecole Normale, doctor in Literature, translator, specialist in mystical literature, professor of Persian language and literature at the National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilization, producer of the radio show "The Roots of Heaven" (Les Racines du Ciel) on France Culture and editorialist with Le Monde des Religions.

**Saad Khiari**

Filmmaker, author and researcher with IRIS (Institut des Relations Internationales et Stratégiques) a French research center on strategic, geopolitical and international matters.

**Ghaleb Bencheikh**

Background in Science and Philosophy, doctor in Sciences, Islamic scholar, writer and essayist. He presents the broadcast "Islam" on France 2 and presides over the Conférence Mondiale des Religions pour la Paix ("World Conference of Religions for Peace").

**Dominique Reynié**

Professor at Sciences Po, General Director of the Foundation for Political Innovation. Author of numerous books of political science.

**Eric Geoffroy**

Arabist Islamic scholar at University of Strasbourg, he also lectures in other universities. Specialist in Sufism, he works also on spirituality issues in the contemporary world (globalization, ecology). Author of about ten books.

**Boris Cyrulnik**

Neuropsychiatrist, education director at the University of Toulon, he leads several research groups on resilience. Many times Honoris Causa from foreign universities and writer of several public and professional books.

**Suad Hakim**

Professor at the Lebanese University and former dean of the University of Beirut. Speaker, specialist in Muslim philosophy and in particular Sufism, her works on the lexicon of Ibn 'Arabi are a reference in the field.



French journalist and writer, author of news stories; great reporter for the daily Libération, specialist in the Near-East, the Middle-East and Afghanistan.

**Jean-Pierre Perrin**

## SPEAKERS

**Sheikh Khaled Bentounes**

Writer, teacher, speaker and Spiritual Leader of the Alawiyya Sufi Order. A man of meditation and action, he has founded numerous associations with the goal of promoting peace through better living together".

**Ann-Belinda Preis**

Head of the Intercultural Dialogue section at UNESCO.

**Bariza Khiari**

Former advisor of the 16th district of Paris and Vice-President of the French Senate. She is presently Senator of Paris and member of the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Armed Forces Committee, member of the Senate delegation to NATO, and judge on the High Court of Justice of the French Republic. Coming from a Sufi background, she regularly promotes the spiritual dimension of Islam conveyed by the Sufi tradition.

**Denis Gril**

Specialist in Ibn 'Arabi in History of Sufism in Egypt and in the Muslim Western world, member of IREMAM (Research Institute on the Muslim and Arab World), former professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies.

**Tayeb Chouiref**

Doctor of Islamic Studies at the University of Strasbourg, Professor of Arabic, writer and speaker. His field of research covers various aspects of the mystical literature of Islam.

**Yacine Benabid**

Researcher and lecturer of literature, specialist in Sufi poetry in particular and Sufism in general. Degrees from the French universities INALCO and Sorbonne 3.

**Nasser Eddine Mouhoub**

With a scientific background, doctor of Science, author of numerous books, specialist in Islamic Studies with a focus on mysticism in Islam.

**Slimane Rezki**

Degree in religious sciences from EPHE (Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes). Author and speaker. Specialist in Sufism and the works of René Guénon. Translator of Sufi texts.

Polytechnique Graduate, researcher with the CNRS in quantum nanostructure theory. She also conducts research on the philosophy of quantum physics (collective works and international colloquiums).

**Inès Safi****Khaled Roumo**

Franco-Syrian author, poet and novelist, committed to dialogue between cultures and religions. Administrator of the GAIC (Group for Islamo-Christian Friendship), since two years he conducts an open forum entitled "Enter the intimacy of the Quranic universe" (Entrez dans l'Intimité de l'Univers Coranique) at the Al-Ghazali Institute of the Grand Mosque of Paris.

**Neema Ghenim**

Doctor and professor of English literature at University of Oran 2 in Algeria. Her main researches focus on Sufism in the West of Algeria and Transcendentalism in the East of the United States.



# SECOND DAY

## 29 SEPTEMBER 2015

### SPIRITUAL ISLAM AND LIVING TOGETHER

Asked about Islam, the majority of the Western public will respond without hesitation that they see it as an intolerant and violent religion. The news is indeed studded with crimes committed here and there in its name.

But Islam has however given birth to an authentically spiritual and universal tradition: Sufism. Founded on the principles of *divine love and the sacredness of life*, the Sufi experience inspired the greatest thinkers of medieval Islam such as al-Ghazali (d. 1111). But also modern thinkers such as Shah Wali Allah (m.1762) in whom Jacques Berque saw a kind of "Diderot," Emir Abd el-Kader (d. 1883) who, while the French army brutally occupied his country, saved thousands of Christian lives in 1860 at Damascus, or Mohammed Iqbal (d. 1938) whose translator Eva Vitray-Meyerovitch presented as "the most important philosopher of the Indian subcontinent." He affirmed the need of a spiritual revolution for humanity. "My Nation, he writes, is not limited to Delhi, Isfahan or Samarkand. My nation is not other than *the entire world*."



09:00 09:20	WELCOME (limited places)
	Session Chair : <b>Virginie Larousse</b>
09:20 09:40	<b>At the origins of the presence of Mystical Islam in France (beginning of 20th century)</b> <b>Sadek Sellam</b> (Historian of Contemporary Islam)
09:40 10:00	<b>Sufism, Spirituality and Citizenship</b> <b>Bariza Khiari</b> (Senator of Paris)
10:00 10:20	<b>The Islam of France, Democracy and the Republic</b> <b>Edwy Plenel</b> (Political Journalist)
10:20 10:40	Debate
10:40 11:10	Break
	Session Chair : <b>Leili Anvar</b>
11:20 11:40	<b>The Feminine and Spirituality</b> <b>Cheikha H. Nur Artiran</b> (Founding President of the International Association Şefik Can for Education and Culture on Mevlânâ, Spiritual Guide)
11:40 12:00	<b>Sufism, an Initiation into Otherness</b> <b>Tareq Oubrou</b> (Rector and Imam of the Grand Mosque of Bordeaux)
12:00 12:20	<b>Sufism and Feminism</b> <b>Wassyla Tamzali</b> (Lawyer, Journalist and former Director for Women's Rights at UNESCO)
12:20 12:40	<b>The Notion of <i>Tadjîd</i> or "renewal" in the Sufi tradition</b> <b>Issam Toulbi-Thâalibî</b> (Doctor of History of Islamic Law , Lecturer at the University of Algiers 1)
12:40 13:00	Debate
13:00	Lunch Break

### Round Table 1

#### Sufism, a way of recourse?

The question concerns the reasons of the political collapse, the technical backwardness of the Muslim world, frustration and violence generated by a religious interpretation of a radical Islam increasingly turned in on itself and fanatical. Thinkers are looking for a middle way between immobilism and blind imitation of the West. At the heart of this reflection are the issues of gender equality, ethics and governance.

The Sufi experience aims at establishing inner peace, so that it radiates as a mercy to all creatures. This is the aim of spiritual knowledge or wisdom (al-hikma) proposed to society so that the being can open himself to the universal, be in peace and "love for his neighbor what he loves for himself", according to the teachings of Prophet Muhammad.

15:00  
16:00

Moderator : **Khaled Roumo** (Poet, Writer)

**Sheikh Ahmad al-Tayeb** (Sheikh of al-Azhar Mosque in Cairo)  
**Dr Abdallah Cherif Ouazzani** (Professor at Mohamed V University of Rabat)  
**Mohamed Slaheddine Mestaoui** (Member of the Higher Islamic Council of Zeitouna University in Tunis)  
**Sheikha H. Nur Artiran** (Founding President of the International Association Şefik Can for Education and Culture on Mevlânâ, Spiritual Guide)  
**Yenny Zannuba Wahid** (Director Wahid Institute - Jakarta - Indonesia)  
**Muhammad Amin Ul Hasnat Shah** (Minister of Religious Affairs of Pakistan)  
**Mustafa Cerić** (Great Mufti of Bosnia and Herzegovina)

16:00  
16:30

Break

**Round Table 2**

Living Together is Doing together

We can debate endlessly, but we must act today! How can we bring together our knowledge, our assets, our powers, our wills? Unless by getting involved together in a project: build the House of Peace, whose foundations are primarily the Culture of Peace.

A dream some might say, a utopia, but our challenge does not consist of turning this dream into reality? A mission of planetary issues, a necessity for us and for future generations to promote the core values to which most of humanity aspire: pluralism, equity, justice, sanctity of life, and respect for the environment. A citizen engagement, a common vision and a will to better live together, to know each other better and to reconnect ourselves to our cities, our countries, our communities, our institutions. Let us act in synergy with concrete actions for the development of everyone, in mutual respect for differences. Let us create the impetus for a unifying movement recognized internationally. Let us build and act together to construct a common future "with each other and not against each other" - (Sheikh Khaled Bentounes).

Moderator: **Philippe Dessaint**

(Director in charge of International projects for TV5 Monde)

**Sheikh Khaled Bentounes** (Spiritual leader of Alâwî Sufi Order, Honorary President Founder of AISA International NGO, of Muslim Scouts of France (SMF) and European Muslim Scouting)

**Pr. Mohamed Nadir Aziza** (Chairman of the MED Programme 21, Chancellor-Founder of the World Academy of Poetry-Verona.)

**Samir Frangié** (Writer, Former Lebanese Parliamentarian)

**Jean-Paul Delevoye** (President of the Economic, Social and Environmental Consulting)

**François-Paul Blanc** (Jurist, Honorary Dean of the Faculty of Law and Economics of Perpignan)

**Bernard Montaud** (Body Psychoanalyst)

16:30  
17:30

17:30  
18:00

**Launching ceremony of the Emir Abdelkader Award**

for the promotion of Living Together and peaceful coexistence around the Mediterranean and in the world

**Film projection**  
**"Islam, Voices of Women"**

*"It is difficult to question the status of women in the Qur'an without causing controversy or question their status in the Muslim world without the stereotypes and insinuations coming to hinder the researcher's approach.*

*Yet it is the intent of this film to give an opportunity to see and understand the issues around this theme of women and Islam, indicating the similarities that can bring theologians and feminists together, advocates of reason and followers of Sufi spirituality. From the beginnings of Islam, women have held major roles in the development of Muslim doctrine and practice of the faith. The Prophet Muhammad himself opened channels often unexpected and forgotten today. Back then some women became imams, reputed scholars, spiritual guides...*

*This film for educational purposes probes the Qur'an, questions theology, questions history, challenges patriarchy and political responsibilities to understand the meaning of the relationship between men and women in Islam and open up exciting prospects for equality of genders.*

*An exceptional document.*

*Including: Wassyla Tamzali, Iqbal Gharbi, Fatma Oussedik, Sheikha H. Nur Artiran, Tareq Oubrou, Sheikh Khaled Bentounes ..."*

18:00  
19:00



19:00  
20:00

Buffet Dinner

20:00  
22:00

**Spiritual Evening**  
**Closing**

SPEAKERS

**Muhammad Amin Ul Hasnat Shah**  
Minister of Religious Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.



**Yenny Zannuba Wahid**  
Former political communication advisor in the cabinet of President Abdurrahmad Wahid (her father) and of Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono. Presently Director of the Wahid Institute, which promotes a pluralistic and peaceful Islam in Indonesia and the world.



**Mohamed Slaheddine Mestaoui**  
Doctor at the University of Aix-en-Provence, with a degree in Islamic law from Zaitouna University (Tunisia), he is a member of the High Islamic Council of Tunisia.



**Abdellah Cherif Ouazzani**  
Teacher, researcher and Doctor of Islamic studies at the University Mohamed V, Rabat. Expert in theology and Sufism, he is President of the Foundation for Scientific Studies and Research



**Mustafa Cerić**  
With a Degree from al-Azhar University in Cairo, former Imam of the Islamic Cultural Center of Chicago, he is presently Grand Mufti of Bosnia-Herzegovina.



**Cheikh Ahmed Mohamad el-Tayeb**  
Doctor of Philosophy at the Sorbonne, former Grand Mufti of Egypt, he is presently Rector of al-Azhar mosque.



**Samir Frangié**  
Writer, former parliamentarian and speaker, Lebanese intellectual who has launched numerous initiatives for dialogue and national reconciliation, most notably "the Call of Beirut" (l'Appel de Beyrouth).



**Sadek Sellam**  
Academic, historian of contemporary Islam, lecturer and author of several books on Islam, he has presented Knowing Islam (Connaitre l'Islam), a Sunday broadcast on France 2.



Chairman of the Program MED 21—Network of prizes for promotion of Excellence and Cooperation in the Mediterranean— Paris. Chancellor-founder of the World Academy of Poetry—Verona. Former Director at UNESCO.

**Mohamed Nadir Aziza**



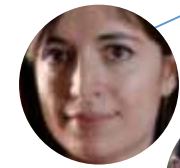
Physiotherapist, osteopath and acupuncturist, he is the initiator of a new understanding of human interiority, and has invented "corporal psychoanalysis". He also studies ancient Chinese, Hebrew and the great sacred writings.

**Bernard Montaud**



**Virginie Larousse**

Graduate of Ecole du Louvre and University Paris-Sorbonne, chief editor of the magazine Le Monde des Religions.



**Edwy Plenel**

Journalist, former editorial director of Le Monde, now president of the online information site Mediapart. He is also Associate Professor at the Universities of Montpellier 1 and Neuchâtel (Switzerland).



**Cheikha Nur Artiran**

Expert on Mevlânâ Jalâluddîn Rûmî and on his work. Researcher, woman of letters, educator. President and founder of the "International Foundation Şefik Can Mevlânâ of Education and CultureCulture" (Istanbul). Member of the Bord of Directors of the Universal Sufi Council (Netherlands).



**Tareq Oubrou**

Former President of the association "Imams of France", he is a theologian and Imam of the Grand Mosque of Bordeaux. Author of numerous books on Islam.



**Wassyla Tamzali**

Ex-lawyer, journalist, director for Former lawyer, journalist, director of women's rights at UNESCO in Paris. Algerian writer and feminist activist in the Maghreb feminist movement for a dialogue between the Mediterranean peoples.



**Issam Toulbi Thaalibi**

Doctor in History of Law (University of Paris 1 - Sorbonne), specialist in reform currents of medieval and contemporary Islam. Lecturer at Faculty of Law of Algiers and coordinator of UNESCO Associated Schools in Algeria.



**Philippe Dessaint**

Director in charge of international projects for TV5 Monde, winner in 2007 of the Grand Prize of European Initiative, and in 2011 of the Grand Prize of the International Press.



**François-Paul Blanc**

Legal historian, Islamic scholar, Romanist, author of several books on Islamic law and Honorary Dean of the Faculty of Law and Economics of the University of Perpignan.



**Jean-Paul Delevoye**

Former parliamentarian, Minister and mediator of the Republic, he chairs since 2010 the Economic, Social and Environmental Council.



# EXHIBITIONS

## EXHIBITIONS

### THE SHEIKH AL-'ALÂWÎ, A SCHOOL FOR TOLERANCE AND CONVIVIALITY



This exhibition sheds light on the different facets of the personality of Sheikh Ahmad ben Mustafâ al-'Alâwî (1869-1934).

Successor to an unbroken chain of Sufi masters dating back to Prophet Muhammed, this Muslim humanist leaves a message that responds more than ever to the questions of this new millennium.

Inauguration : Unesco House, Paris, September 2015.

### EMIR ABD EL-KADER: A MAN, A DESTINY, A MESSAGE



This exhibition traces the life of an exceptional man: Emir Abd el-Kader (1808-1883).

It illustrates the life of a precursor of "Living Together" who remains a model for generations to come.

Inauguration : Institute of the Arab World , Paris, 2002.

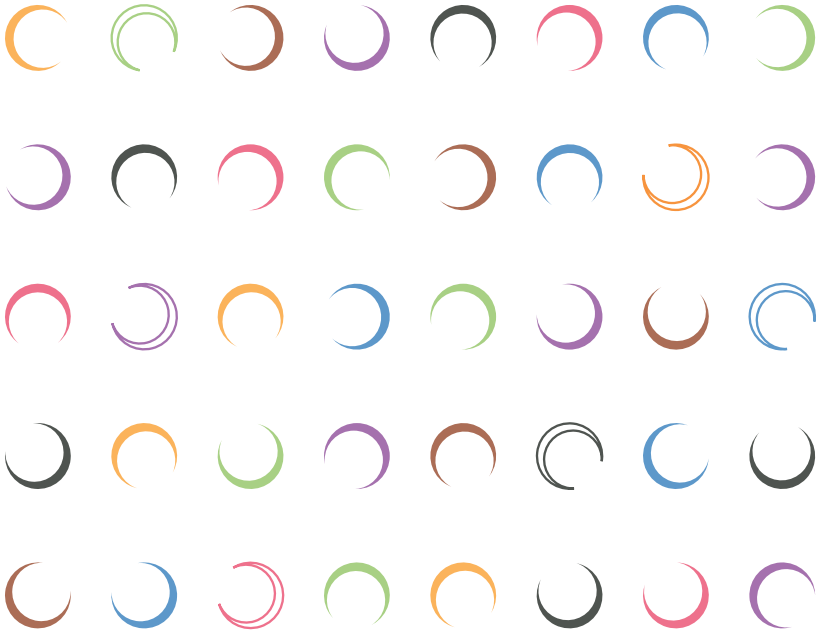
### VEILING UNVEILING

This exhibit invites us to travel through the centuries to discover the religious, cultural and spiritual meaning of "Veiling Unveiling".

It provides a fascinating investigation into the origins of the veil, which sheds light on the multiple values and meaning it carries in different civilizations, from the dawn of humanity to modern times.

Inauguration : International Feminine Congress, Oran, October 2014.





**AISA International NGO**

CH – 1200 Geneva, Switzerland

Address: [info@aisa-ong.org](mailto:info@aisa-ong.org)

Website: <http://aisa-ong.org>

[www.aisa-ong.org](http://www.aisa-ong.org)