



The Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium, HE Mr Jeroen Cooreman

The General Representative of Flanders, Mr David Maenaut

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request the pleasure of your company at the sixth ABAS meeting

The influence of Arab thought on European philosophy

Tuesday 12 May 2026 at 18h

Residence of the Ambassador of Belgium

36 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QB

The presentations will be followed by a reception.

Dress code: lounge suite

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Programme

- 17:45 Doors open
- 18.00 Word of welcome
- 18:05 Mr Xavier Rodde: The diaspora of Belgian researchers and Horizon Europe research collaborations
- 18:25 Prof Godefroid de Callataÿ (UCLouvain): The Synergy MOSAIC Project
- 18:50 Panel discussion lead by Dr Alessandro Scafì (SAS), with Prof Koert Debeuf (VUB) and Prof Godefroid de Callataÿ (UCLouvain) on the influence of Arab thought on European philosophy
- 19.30 Reception
- 21.00 End

Prof Godefroid de Callataÿ teaches Arabic and Islamic Studies at the Oriental Institute of the University of Louvain (UCLouvain). He has specialized in the history of science and philosophy of the Islamic world, with particular interest in medieval Arabic encyclopedism and Ismailism.

Prof Koert Debeuf is a historian specializing in the Middle East at the Free University of Brussels (VUB). He is the author of *The Influence of Averroes on European Thought: The Disappearance of Latin Averroism from the History of Philosophy* (Bloomsbury Studies in World Philosophies, London, 2026)

Dr Alessandro Scafì is Senior Lecturer in Medieval and Renaissance Cultural History at the Warburg Institute, in London. He has worked on various aspects of the history of cartography and of pilgrimage, Aby Warburg, the relationship between the Italian and Hungarian Renaissances, and on Italian art and literature.

Mr Xavier Rodde of Novation Europe is consultant for the Delegation of the European Union in London, engaging the diaspora of EU researchers in the UK to increase British participation in Horizon Europe.