

**ENSIE meeting in association with ESSWE
Wednesday June 25, 2025**

Vilnius University

Program

12:30–12:45	Welcome
12:45–14:15	<p>Panel 1: Foundational</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liana Saif (Amsterdam), “Esotericism and Antinomianism (8th-9th centuries).” • Fares Gillon (Aix-Marseille), “‘Human Angels’ in Early Shi’ism and Ismailism.” • Jannis Kostelnik (Hamburg), “Magic Squares as a Weapon of War: The Manuscript WMS Arabic 723 as an Expression of Applied Esotericism in West Africa.”
14:15–14:30	Break
14:30–16:00	<p>Panel 2: Conceptual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles Burnett (Warburg Institute), “Sūra and Figura.” • Antonio de Diego González (Malaga), “<i>Ajami</i>-beings. An Onto-Epistemic Aperture to Islamic Esotericism.” • Mark Sedgwick (Aarhus), “Islam, Esotericism, and NRMs.”
16:00–16:30	Break
16:30–18:00	<p>Panel 3: Modern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oleg Yarosh (Aarhus), “Trajectories of Sufi Healing in the Post-Soviet Esoteric Milieu.” • Rasoul Namazi (Duke Kunshan), “Ahmad Fardid: Westoxification and Mystical Politics in Modern Iran.” • Maryam Abbasi (Erlangen), “Digital Mediumship: An Ethnographic Study of Spirit Mediumship on Social Media Platforms in Contemporary Iran.”
18:00–18:15	Meeting of members
19:00	Dinner