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# On Modernity

## Approaches from Arab, Latin American and European Philosophy

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**International  
conference**

**December 11-12  
2009**

Friday,  
December 11, 2009

- 9:30 Address of welcome  
**Arthur Mettinger,**  
Vice-Rector of the University of Vienna  
**Kurt Appel,**  
Vice-Dean of the Catholic Theological Faculty  
**Franz Römer,**  
Dean of the Faculty of Philological and Cultural Studies
- 9:45 Introduction  
**Hans Schelkshorn; Jameleddine Ben-Abdeljelil**  
(Conference chairs)  
„An Intercultural Discourse on Modernity  
– Facts and Prospects“
- 10:00 **Hasan Hanafi (Cairo):**  
„Is Modernity in an Intercultural Perspective Possible?“
- 11:00 **Wolfgang Knöbl (Göttingen):**  
„Theorizing Culture within the Discourse on Modernity: Problems  
and Pitfalls“
- 12:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00 **Moncef Ben Abdeljelil (Tunis/London):**  
„Thinking Modernity from within Muslim Cultures“
- 15:00 **Rüdiger Lohlker (Vienna):**  
„‘Islam’ as Tool to create European Modernity“
- 16:00 *Break*
- 16:30 **Bolívar Echeverría (Mexico):**  
„‘Whiteness’ and Modernity“
- 17:30 **Chantal Mouffe (London):**  
„Democracy and Alternative Modernities“
- 18:30 – 19:00 General Debate

Saturday,  
December 12, 2009

- 9:30 **Franz Martin Wimmer (Wien):**  
„Global Philosophy and Centrisms –  
On Preconditions for True Universalism“
- 10:30 *Break*
- 11:00 **Mohammed Mesbahi (Rabat):**  
„Modernity as a Common Space for a  
Dialogue between Cultures“
- 12:30 *Lunch*
- 14:30 **Enrique Dussel (Mexico):**  
„Western Modernity and Decolonial Transmodernity“
- 15:30 **Hans Schelkshorn (Vienna):**  
„Modernity as a Process of Dislimitations“
- 16:30 *Break*
- 17:00 – 18:30 Roundtable: Impulses of  
**Franz-Martin Wimmer (Vienna)**  
**Jameleddine Ben-Abdeljelil (Vienna/Tunis)**  
**David Cortez (Vienna/Quito)**