

*The Netherlands Institute for Academic Studies in Damascus (NIASD)
has the pleasure to invite you for the lecture:*

Ibn al'Ibri, Syrian Orthodox Bishop of Aleppo (1226-1286) and his interpretation of Abu Hamed al-Ghazali

- Lecture by Herman Teule -



Prof. dr Herman Teule is professor of Eastern Christianity at the Universities of Nijmegen (Holland) and Louvain (Belgium), director of the Institute of Eastern Christian Studies at Radboud University Nijmegen and consultant of the Congregation of the Oriental Churches (Vatican).

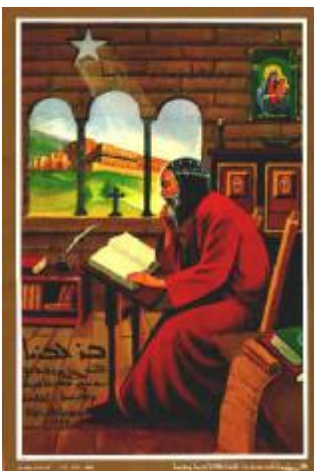
His research focuses on the history and present-day situation of the Syriac communities (Assyrian, Chaldean, Syrian Orthodox, Syrian Catholic and Maronite) with special attention on the interaction between Christian and Muslims: the contribution of Syriac Christianity to Islamic culture in

the first 'Abbasid period and the reception of Islamic culture in 'medieval' Syriac literature.

He recently published a book on the Assyro-Chaldeans (Turnhout, 2008), a 'Bibliographical History' (2009), and currently works on a monograph of the Syrian-orthodox Bishop of Aleppo Gregory Ibn al'Ibri (1226-1286).



Wednesday 28th April 2010, 19:00h at the NIASD



The Syrian-orthodox Bishop of Aleppo and later patriarchal Vicar in Iraq (Mafrian), Ibn al-Ibrī (or Bar'Ebrōyō in Syriac) is one of the original Christian thinkers of Middle Eastern Christianity in the 13th century. He studied philosophy in Tripoli and medicine at the Bimaristan Nuri in Damascus under the leadership of the physician Jamāl al-Dīn Ibn al-Rahbī al-Dimashqī. He is the author of an important corpus of writings in the field of historiography, science, philosophy and theology. His oeuvre, for the greater part written in Syriac, but partly also in Arabic, is on the one side firmly rooted in his Christian tradition, but on the other, he displays an exceptional knowledge of the Islamic cultural, scientific and also religious world. By his personal contacts with Islamic scholars (e.g. Nâsir al-Dīn Tusī) and his reading of Islamic sources (works of Ibn Sina, al-Ghazâlî and others) he is capable of reinterpreting his Christian tradition in a new and refreshing way, thus possibly opening ways to new forms of

Christian-Muslim dialogue. In his lecture, prof Teule will especially deal with Ibn al-Ibri's interpretation of Ghazâlî's Ihyâ' 'ulûm al-dīn and his openness towards a "spiritual Islam".

Language: English only.

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Time: 19:00h

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