



THE HEART OF THE MATTER

THE MIRROR OF THE SELF IN THE SUFISM OF IBN 'ARABI

A TALK BY STEPHEN HIRTENSTEIN

ISLAMIC MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA,
15A ANDERSON ROAD, THORNBURY
6.00PM THURSDAY. 26 OCTOBER 2017

Stephen's talk will focus on the nature of the self and the heart, from the perspective of Sufism. He will explore the idea of the self as a mirror that needs polishing in contrast to the self that is in control of doing things, and consider what this might mean in the modern world of selfies and will also look at the profound wisdom of the heart expounded in the writings of 'the greatest master', Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi (d.1240).

Stephen Hirtenstein is a senior editor for the *Encyclopaedia Islamica*, editor of the *Journal of the Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society*, author and co-owner of Anqa Publishing dedicated to the publication in English of works by Ibn 'Arabi and his school. He directs the MIAS Archiving Project which has been compiling a database and digital copies of Ibn Arabi's historic manuscripts from libraries around the world. Stephen will be reading from his latest book, *The Alchemy of Human Happiness*. This is his first visit to Australia.

Stephen Hirtenstein's talk is presented in collaboration with Beshara Australia, Anqa Publishing, the Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society and the Islamic Museum of Australia.

For further information and to register for this free event, please contact Beshara Australia, 0418 675 734; rosemary.rule@gmail.com. Registration closes on 24th October 2017.

