

THE MAJLIS

CULTURES IN DIALOGUE

17 September 2019 – 7 January 2020



The international travelling exhibition *The Majlis - Cultures in Dialogue* of the Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani Museum in Doha, Qatar, will be on show at the Weltmuseum Wien after stopovers in Valletta and Paris. The Majlis has shaped the Arab-Islamic civilization for centuries, serving as a centre for social encounters, for political debates and decisions, and for teaching and discussion. A 'sitting place' by definition, the Majlis has in fact always been much more. It has been an integral part of Arabic society, the heart and soul of communities, the setting for passionate discussions, joyous celebrations and heated football matches.

About the exhibition

The Majlis — Cultures in Dialogue offers a platform for discussions about relevant cultural issues, fostering the creation of original perspectives through collective thinking. It aims to initiate meaningful connections between people and cultures by stimulating an enriched exchange. At the heart of the exhibition, both physically and conceptually, stands the Majlis, the space of hospitality and dialogue present in every home in the Arabian Peninsula. For hundreds of years,



families have used the Majlis to welcome and entertain guests, to interact with foreign travelers, to educate their children and to make important as well as smaller decisions relating to their communities.

Visitors to the exhibition are invited to use the central Majlis in the same way. You can play a board game, listen to records, greet other guests, learn about their cultures, share your own, or start a dialogue about the exhibition. On show are selected artworks from the Sheikh Feisal Bin Qassim Al Thani Museum together with five textiles from the Weltmuseum Wien that bear witness to the intercultural dialogue that has taken place across regions and centuries. They include Persian carpets with depictions of the Virgin Mary, mosque lamps made in Vienna, and a wall hanging showing the Last Judgement that was produced in Isfahan.

The Majlis – Cultures in Dialogue is an exhibition that connects people, beliefs and cultures by creating opportunities for respectful dialogues. The museum will host a number of cultural talks in connection with the exhibition.

www.culturesindialogue.org
[#culturesindialogue](https://www.instagram.com/culturesindialogue)

The patrons of the exhibition are Alexander Van der Bellen, President of the Federal Republic of Austria, and His Heighness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of Qatar.

PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS

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Rug depicting famous people from different parts of the world, detail

Kerman, Iran, early 19th century

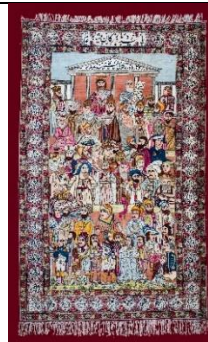
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Moorish ceramic vase glazed with blue and brown decoration on white

Spain, 19th century

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A plate depicting Saint George killing the dragon with a Christian Arabic poem

Mosul, Iraq, 18th century

bronze

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Qalamkār-e taswīrī (Printed and painted wall hanging)

Rūz-e mahshar (The Day of Judgement)
Isfahan, Iran, Qajar Dynasty (1795–1925)
Cotton, pigment
Weltmuseum Wien
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Daily except Wednesday
10 am to 6 pm

Every last Friday of the month
until 9 pm

LIBRARY

Monday to Wednesday
10 am to 4 pm

Thursday
10 am to 6 pm

TICKETS

Adults	€ 12
Reduced*	€ 9
Children and adolescent*	free
Annual Ticket	€ 44
Annual Ticket U25	€ 25
Group Ticket p.p.*	€ 9

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Online Tickets: shop.khm.at/tickets

PUBLICATION

The travelling exhibition *The Majlis - Cultures in Dialogue* is accompanied by a catalogue.

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