

# The David Patterson Lectures Week 3

**Professor Paul Fenton**  
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## ‘The Visualisation of Colours in Jewish and Muslim Mysticism’

**Professor Paul Fenton** is both an Arabist and Hebraist. He was Co-Director of the Department of Arabic and Hebrew Studies at the Sorbonne Université, Paris, where he had been Professor of Hebrew Language and Literature since 1996. He is also a statutory research member of the Laboratoire de l'étude des monothéismes (CNRS). His field of research covers various aspects of Jewish civilisation in the Muslim world, including comparative Jewish and Islamic philosophy, theology and mysticism. He is director of the E. J. Brill series «Études sur le judaïsme médiéval», and has published numerous studies and monographs in the field of Jewish culture in the Islamic context in several languages. His numerous books include *Judah Ibn Malka, La Consolation de l'expatrié spirituel* (2007); *Juda al-Harizi, Kitâb al-Durar, The Book of Pearls* (2009); *Muhammad Ibn Zikri (17th c.), On the Eminence of Israelites and Arabs* (Madrid, CSIC, 2015); *Exile in the Maghreb: Jews under Islam* (2016); and *Samuel Romanelli, Voyage en pays arabe* (2019). His latest book, *Getzel Selikovitsch, un aventurier juif au pays du Mahdi* (2021), is translation from Yiddish of an Orientalist's biography.

**Thursday, 12 May 2022**  
**6-7pm (UK time)**

**This lecture will be a hybrid session which will be accessible both online (see below) and in person in the Catherine Lewis Lecture Room (refreshments to follow)**  
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