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# CONVERSATIONS WITH MOROCCAN POET AND WRITER **ABDELLATIF LAÂBI**



WINNER OF

*GONCOURT PRIZE  
OF POETRY (2009)*

*GRAND PRIX DE LA  
FRANCOPHONIE  
(2011)*

*INTERNATIONAL  
PRIZE OF POETRY  
'NUEVO SIGLO DE  
ORO' (2017)*

**TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY**

**2.30 – 6.00PM**

**MAISON FRANÇAISE D'OXFORD**

**2 – 10 NORHAM ROAD OXFORD OX2 6SE**

2.30 Opening: Jane Hiddleston (Exeter College, Oxford)

2.45-3.45 Reading Abdellatif Laâbi today

Chair: Toby Garfitt (Magdalen College, Oxford)

Andy Stafford, University of Leeds

'The Sun Himself Must Die'. Dialectique du solaire dans le 'premier' Abdellatif Laâbi'

Khalid Lyamlahy, St Anne's College, Oxford

'Lire et écrire sous les lumières d'Abdellatif Laâbi'

3.45-4.15 Conversation with Jocelyne Laâbi

Interviewer: Khalid Lyamlahy, St Anne's College, Oxford

4.15-4.45 Coffee break

4.45-5.30 Keynote talk by Abdellatif Laâbi

Chair: Catriona Seth (All Souls College, Oxford)

5.30-6.00 Closing remarks & Book signing

Convener: Khalid Lyamlahy [khalid.lyamlahy@st-annes.ox.ac.uk](mailto:khalid.lyamlahy@st-annes.ox.ac.uk)

**WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY**

**2.30 – 6.00PM**

**THE ERTEGUN HOUSE**

**37A, ST GILES' OXFORD OX1 3LD**

2.30-3.15 Roundtable: Language & Politics in the Maghreb

Chair : Khalid Lyamlahy (St Anne's College, Oxford)

Abdellatif Laâbi, poet and writer

James McDougall, Trinity College, Oxford

Mohamed-Salah Omri, St John's College, Oxford

Kaoutar Ghilani, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford

3.15-3.45 Coffee break

3.45-4.30 Roundtable: Poetry & Translation

Chair : Patrick McGuinness (St Anne's College, Oxford)

Abdellatif Laâbi, poet and writer

Jocelyne Laâbi, writer

André Naffis-Sahely, poet, critic, and translator

4.30-5.15 Poetry reading in French & English

Abdellatif Laâbi, poet and writer

André Naffis-Sahely, poet, critic, and translator

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