

## **The KRM Ethics Working Group Workshop Held in Cairo**

The Ethics Working Group met at the American University in Cairo (AUC) on Saturday and Sunday, 14–15 February 2015 to discuss the question “Does moral action depend on reasoning?”. Papers and approaches represented at the workshop include intellectual history, philosophical inquiry, and sociological methods for investigating morality in the context of reason and rationality—and how it might be understood with respect to revelation and from within the context of the different theological schools of thought.

The workshop was generously hosted by the Department of Philosophy and the Philosophy Club at AUC. In attendance were: Dr. Ayman Shihadeh, Professor of Medieval Arabic and Islamic Philosophy and Rational Theology at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), UK; Dr. Recep Senturk, Director of the Alliance of Civilizations Institute at the Fatih Sultan Mehmet University in Istanbul; Dr. Karim Lahham, Senior Research Fellow at Tabah Foundation and Barrister-at-Law of the Inner Temple, UK; Dr. Nuha al-Sha’ar, Assistant Professor at the American University in Sharjah; Dr. Sanaa Makhlof, Senior Instructor at the Department of Rhetoric and Composition at AUC; and Yusuf Lenfest of Kalam Research and Media in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

On the final day members participated in a round-table discussion entitled “Ethical Theories in Islam”, chaired by Dr. Steffen Stelzer, Professor of Philosophy at AUC, in which they discussed their area of research and fielded questions from a small group of professors and graduate students in philosophy. Also in attendance were Dr. Robert Switzer, Professor of Philosophy and dean of undergraduate studies, and Dr. Mahmoud El-Gamal, provost and vice president for academic affairs, both at AUC.