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# **Islamic Philosophy Conference**

Harvard University, Brandeis University, and Zoom, December 2-5, 2022

| Friday, December 2nd, 2022   |   |   |  |
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| Session 1  | Session 1 11:00am                                       |   |  |
| Aaron Spevack, Justin<br>Poe, Marwan Tayan                                 | Introduction to the Verification and Renewal Curriculum | Brandeis University /<br>Harvard University |  |

| Panel Discussion | 2:15 - 4:15pm   |   |
|------------------|---|---|
| Najah Nadi       | Classical and Late Classical Conceptions of Foundationalism and Occasionalism | Cambridge Muslim<br>College   |
| Mustafa Styer    | The Basic Foundations of a Realist Epistemology and Scientific Method         | Oxford Centre of<br>Islamic Studies / Oxford<br>Faculty of Theology |
| Q & A            |   |   |

## Saturday, December 3rd, 2022

Location: Harvard University, Sever Hall Rm 113

#### **Attendee Zoom Link:**

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| Opening<br>Remarks        | 9:00am                             |  |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Macksood Aftab            | Welcome from conference organizers | Michigan State<br>University               |
| Aaron Spevack             | Welcome from conference organizers | Brandeis University/<br>Harvard University |
| Jenna Albezreh            | Welcome from conference organizers | Harvard University                         |
| Session 1                 | 9:30-11:30am                       |  |
| Shoaib Malik, Panel Chair |                                    |  |
| Carl Sharif El-Tobgui     | Ibn Taymiyya                       | Brandeis University                        |
| Ramon Harvey              | Al-Maturidi                        | Cambridge Muslim<br>College                |
| Nazif Muhtaroglu          | Abdul Jabbar                       | Harvard University                         |
| David Solomon Jalajel     | Al-Razi                            | King Saud University                       |
| Chryssi Sidiropoulou      | Ibn Rushd                          | Bogazici University                        |
| Safaruk Chowdhury         | Ibn Arabi                          | Cambridge Muslim<br>College                |
| Laura Hassan              | Ibn Sina                           | University of Oxford                       |
| Ayse Tekin                | Nasr al-Din al-Tusi                | Yalova University                          |
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Lunch 11:30-12:30am

| Session 2                            | 12:30-4:15pm  |  |
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|                                      | Panel A   |  |
| Muhammad Shafeeq<br>Vayalpeediyekkal | Kalām Atomism's Elementary Qualities: How can Indian Ungodly Cosmologies Define Contemporary Kalām Cosmological Trends?   | Marmara University Istanbul                          |
| Motahare Sadat<br>Hoseinian          | Possibilities and limitations of scientific theories in the subject of the letter of deeds  | Independent Iranian Science and Religion Association |
| Safaruk Chowdhury                    | Quantum Mechanic, The Incompleteness of Physical Reality and Islamic Occasionalism  | Cambridge Muslim College                             |
|                                      | Q&A   |  |
|                                      | Panel B   |  |
| Mansooreh Khalilizand                | The Source of Origination (manšaʾ al-iḥtirāʾ) instead of the Source of Abstraction (manšaʾ al-intizāʾ). Şadr al-Dīn Šīrāzīʾs other Account of Natural Universal | University of Freiburg                               |
| Mahdi Abbaszadeh &<br>Zeynab Shokri  | The Epistemological Interaction between Philosophy and Mysticism in Suhrawardi's Thought  | Islamic Research Institute for Culture and Thought   |
| Kenan Tekin                          | Unity of Philosophy as a Science: A Debate on the Introduction of Matāli' al-Anwār of al-Urmawī   | Yalova University                                    |
|                                      | Q&A   |  |
|                                      | Panel C   |  |
| Davlat Dadikhuda                     | Avicenna against 'existential inertia'  | Ludwig Maximilian<br>University of Munich            |
| Aiyub Palmer                         | The Ideal of Freedom/Liberty as an Emergent Quality Between Ethics and Knowledge in al-Tirmidhī's Nawādir   | University of Kentucky                               |
| Hamza Karamali                       | Something Can Come From Nothing: A Kalam Critique of One Aspect of William Lane Craig's Kalam Cosmological Argument   | Basira Education                                     |

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**Session 3** 4:30-6:30pm

#### **Roundtable Discussion**

#### **Teaching Epistemology**

Aaron Spevack, Panel Chair, Brandeis University/Harvard University

Jawad Qureshi, Zaytuna College Haroon Sidat, Cardiff University

Abbas Ahsan, University of Birmingham Mahsuk Yamac, Zaytuna College

Omar Qureshi, Zaytuna College Talal Ahdab, Zaytuna College

Hamza Karamali, Basira Education Aiyub Palmer, University of Kentucky

Najah Nadi, Cambridge Muslim College Moiz Hasan, IBA, Karachi

Muhammed Stodolosky, Darul Qasim College Celene Ibrahim, Harvard Divinity School

Safaruk Chowdhury, Cambridge Muslim College Macksood Aftab, Michigan State University

Atiq Taiyab, Darul Qasim College Mehmet Fatih Arslan, Istanbul University Mustafa Styer, Oxford Centre of Islamic Studies / Oxford Faculty of Theology

Davlat Dadikhuda, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

Ahmed Abdel Meguid, The American University in Cairo

### Dinner and Keynote Address (6:30pm)

Modal Epistemology and the Critique of Naturalism: A Key to the Harmony between Classical and Post-Classical Islamic Metaphysics and Epistemology

Ahmed Abdel Meguid, The American University of Cairo

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## Sunday, December 4th, 2022

**Location: Sever Hall Rm 113** 

#### **Attendee Zoom Link:**

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| Registration                            | 9:00am -9:30am  |                                     |
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| Session 1                               | 9:30am-10:30am  |                                     |
| Ramon Harvey &<br>David Solomon Jalajel | I-Mātūrīdī's Metaphysics of Causality: A Distinctive Concurrentist Model Cambridge Musl College; King Sau University  |                                     |
| Ahmed Abdel Meguid                      | Ismail al-Gelenbevi's (d. 1791) Modal Metaphysics and the Problem of Nomological Claims about Nature (Laws of Nature) | The American<br>University in Cairo |
| Muhammed Volkan<br>Yildiran Stodolsky   | Akbarī and Kalam Ontologies within Sunni Islam  | Darul Qasim College                 |

#### Q&A

| Session 2        | 11:00am-12:00pm  |  |
|------------------|--|--|
| Amal A. Awad     | Al-Rāzī on the Theologians' Materialism  | University of Cambridge  |
| Sepideh Razi     | Material World's Ontology (in Physics) Based on Fundamentals of Transcendental Wisdom (Hikmah Al-Muta'liyah) | Independent  |
| Zehra Oruk Akman | Nothing Could Be Something: A Treatise on Mental Existence   | Ankara University Department Member / Harvard University Visiting Fellow |

#### Q&A

### **Lunch Break**

12:15pm-1:15pm

| 12.10pm                     |   |  |
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| Session 3                   | 1:15pm-2:15pm   |  |
| Khalina Mohammed<br>Khalili | Defining Reality through Science: the Philosophy of Syed<br>Muhammad Naquib al-Attas                        | Independent                                |
| Fadila Ezzat                | Islamic mysticism, theology and philosophy in contemporary times: the case of Syed Muhammad Naquib al-Attas | Ecole Pratique des<br>Hautes Etudes (EPHE) |
| David Owen                  | Like Logic to Khadīja: The Sources, Students, and Epistemology of<br>the Daughter of al-'Āqil               | Georgetown                                 |
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| Session 4   |  | 2:15pm-3:15pm               |                       |
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| Mehmet Fatih Arslan   | International Justice: What Justice?               |                             | Istanbul University   |
| Talal Ahdab   | Jurjani's Risalah on 'illah and gharac             | I                           | Zaytuna College       |
| Jawad Qureshi   | Taftazani on takwin in his Sharh al A<br>Verifier. | qaid: Between Glossator and | Zaytuna College       |
|   | Q&A  | <b>\</b>                    |                       |
| Session 5   |  | 4:00-6:00pm                 |                       |
|   | Roundtable <b>E</b>                                | Discussion                  |                       |
| The Limits of Knov  | vledge: Extramental Existence<br>and Soph          |                             | radiction, Empiricisn |
| Aaron Spevack, Par  | nel Chair, Brandeis University/                    | Harvard University          |                       |
| Jawad Qureshi, Zay  | •  | Haroon Sidat, Cardiff       | University            |
| Abbas Ahsan, University of Birmingham  Mahsuk Yamac, Zaytuna College  |  |                             |                       |
| Omar Qureshi, Zaytuna College Talal Ahdab, Zaytuna College            |  | _                           |                       |
| Hamza Karamali, Basira Education Aiyub Palmer, University of Kentucky |  |                             | ity of Kentucky       |
| Najah Nadi, Cambr   | idge Muslim College                                | Moiz Hasan, IBA, Kara       | chi                   |
| Muhammed Stodol   | osky, Darul Qasim College                          | Celene Ibrahim, Harva       | rd Divinity School    |
| Safaruk Chowdhur  | y, Cambridge Muslim College                        | Macksood Aftab, Mich        | nigan State Universit |
| Atiq Taiyab, Darul (  | Qasim College                                      | Mehmet Fatih Arslan,        | Istanbul University   |
| Mustafa Styer, Oxf  | ord Centre of Islamic Studies /                    | Oxford Faculty of Theo      | ology                 |
| Davlat Dadikhuda,   | Ludwig Maximilian University                       | of Munich                   |                       |
| Ahmed Abdel Meg   | uid, The American University i                     | n Cairo                     |                       |
|   | Closing Re   | emarks                      |                       |
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## Monday, December 5th, 2022

## **Zoom Only**

## Attendee Zoom link:

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| Session 1                    | 10:00am-11:15am  |  |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| Nuruddin Al Akbar            | Occasionalism, Evolution, and Intelligent Design: Reconstruction of Mulyadhi Kartanegara's Thought       | Universitas Gadjah<br>Mada               |
| Syeda Maryam<br>Fatima Taqvi | Gadamer, Ibn Sina, and the Aesthetics of Self-Transformation.  | UCSD                                     |
| Melsen Kafilaj               | Wonder, Self-Awareness and the Symbolic of Light in the Poetry of<br>Naim Frashëri and Hafiz Shirazi     | Independent                              |
| SAHINSHA P                   | Philosophical Discourses on Epistemology in Sharhul Aqaaid;<br>Reading Ilmul Kalam as Islamic Philosophy | Darul Huda Islamic<br>University, Kerala |
|                              |  |  |

### Q&A

| Session 2     | 11:15am - 12:30pm  |   |
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| Stephen Cúrto | Fanā' fī Allah as Baqā' bi'Imām: Theomorphic Imāmology and 'Name Theophany' in the Brahm Prakāsh, Saloko Moṭo, and Moṭi<br>Venti Granths                       | Union County College                            |
| Riza Kalyoncu | The Place of Al-Fārābī's Book of Short Syllogism According to The Method of Theologians (Qıyās al-saghīr 'alā ṭarīqat al-mutakallimīn) in his Project of Logic | Yale University, Ibn<br>Haldun University       |
| Kidhar P.T    | Faith and Flux: Revisiting the Metaphysicality of Islam  | Darul Huda Islamic<br>University, Kerala, India |

### Q&A

| Session 3              | 12:30pm - 1:45pm  |   |
|------------------------|---|---|
| Kainat Jalaluddin      | The Divine Command from the Unseen towards the Seen:<br>Decoding the Creator-Creation relationship in the thoughts of<br>Nasiruddin al-Tusi                                       | University of Chicago   |
| Anwar ul Haq           | Ibn Rushd before Kant: On the Conditions of the Possibility of Knowledge  | University of Pittsburgh  |
| Mansoor<br>Ponnechethi | Philosophical and Materialistic Methods In ʿIlm al-Kalām In Last<br>Two Centuries; A Critical Appraisal On Kubrā Al-Yaqīnīyyāt<br>Al-Kawnīyyah Of Muḥammad Sa ʿīd Ramaḍān al-Būṭī | Research Scholar,<br>Department of<br>Civilizational Studies,<br>Darul Huda Islamic<br>University |

#### Q&A

| Session 4                | 1:45pm - 3:00pm   |  |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| Panel A                  |   |  |
| Ibrahim Safri            | PHYSICS IN LATER PHILOSOPHICAL THEOLOGY IN MAGHRIBĪ<br>SCHOLARLY TRADITION (17th & 18th CE)   | Humboldt-Universität<br>zu Berlin/Oxford<br>University |
| Setayesh Karami          | Comparative Assessment of Godlikeness of Man through the Acquisition of Virtues from the Points of View of Plotinus and Mulla Sadra | Humboldt-Universität<br>zu Berlin                      |
| Nabil Yasien<br>Mohammed | Towards a Contemporary Islamic Environmental Ethics: The Ontological and Moral Status of Animals                                    | Independent  |
| Q&A                      |   |  |