

# Islamic Philosophy Conference

Harvard University, Zoom, December 5-6, 2020

Saturday, December 5th, 2020		
<b>Opening Remarks</b>	8:45-9:00am	
Aaron Spevack	Welcome from conference organizers	Harvard University / Brandeis University / ASIPT / JIP
<b>Session 1</b>	9:00-11:50am	
<b>Panel A</b>		
Mohammad Amin Mansouri	<i>Unity of Being (Wahḍ at al-wujū d) and Religious Diversity in 'Azīz al-Dīn Nasafī's Thought</i>	University of Toronto
Abdulrahman Bajodah	<i>Knowing the World, Knowing God: Ikhwān al-Ṣafā's Aristotelian Theory of Human Intellection</i>	University of British Columbia
Lilian Abou-Tabickh	<i>How Significant is the Term "Condition" (ḥāl) To Understanding Ibn Khaldūn's Political Ideas? Al-'aṣabiyya as an "Essential Condition" of Human Association</i>	University of Toronto
<b>Q&amp;A</b>		
<b>Panel B</b>		
Seyede Zahra Hosseini	<i>Otherness of God in Avicenna's Philosophy</i>	Azerbaijan Shahid Madani University
Sayed Hassan Akhlaq Hussaini	<i>The Shared Concepts of Mulla Sadra and James on Philosophy and Truth</i>	Coppin State University
Dr. Ernestas Jancenkas	<i>The Transcendence of Imagination in al-Fārābī's and Ibn Sīnā's Philosophy</i>	Vilnius University
<b>Q&amp;A</b>		

<b>Session 2</b>	<b>12:00-3:50pm</b>	
<b>Panel A</b>		
Laura Hassan	<i>Ash'arism and The Problem of Immaterial Substance</i>	University of Oxford
Kenan Tekin	<i>Reconsidering the Classical Theory of Science: Şadr al-Sharī'a, Taftāzānī and Their Interlocutors on the Issue of the Subject Matter</i>	Harvard University
Ayse Betul Tekin	<i>Divisions of Existents in Post - Classical Islamic Thought: Prolegomenon of Tajrīd</i>	Harvard University
Nazif Muhtaroglu	<i>A Modal Argument for the Uniqueness of God</i>	Mimar Sinan University
<b>Q&amp;A</b>		
<b>Panel B*</b>		
Aaron Spevack	<i>Mapping Epistemologies: Preliminary Reflections on Calibrating Islamic Epistemologies with Their Interlocutors</i>	Harvard University / Brandeis University
Hamza Karamali	<i>I think therefore God exists (Mustafa Sabri, the Argument From Contingency, and a God-Centered Solution to Modern Philosophical Skepticism)</i>	Basira Education
Omar Qureshi	<i>Sunni Muslim Theologians on the Ontological Status of Universals</i>	Zaytuna College
Safaruk Z. Chowdhury	<i>Ibn Taymiyya's Case for Fitrism and the Kalam Evidentialist Rejoinder</i>	CMC, Ibn Rushd Centre for Islamic Excellence and Research
Carl Sharif El-Tobgui	<i>Discussant</i>	Brandeis University
Naeel Cajee	<i>Moderator</i>	Independent
<b>Q&amp;A</b>		

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<b>Session 3</b>	<b>4:00-5:30pm</b>	
Ahmed Meiloud	<i>Beyond Naskh: A New Framework of Coherence</i>	American University of Kuwait
Arin Salamah-Qudsi	<i>Social Aspects in Early Sufism</i>	University of Haifa
Marko Jovanovic	<i>Epistemological and Ontological Considerations of Husein Djozo: Islamic Reformism in Yugoslavia</i>	Institute of Social Sciences, Belgrade, Serbia
<b>Q&amp;A</b>		

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## Sunday, December 6th, 2020

<b>Session 1</b>	9:00am-12:45pm	
<b>Panel A</b>		
Moiz Hasan	<i>Epistemological Foundations of Pre-Modern Islamic Science: Cross-Fertilizations Between Astronomy, Philosophy, Theology, and Sufism in the Works of Sayyid al-Sharīf al-Jurjānī</i>	Institute of Business Administration (IBA)
Nuruddin Al Akbar	<i>Ibn Taymiyyah and Post-Normal Science</i>	Universitas Gadjah Mada
Nabil Yasien Mohamed	<i>Ghazzali's Skepticism and Quest for the Foundations of Knowledge</i>	University of the Western Cape
Q&A		
<b>Panel B</b>		
MohammadReza Moini	<i>Eternity against Creation: The Evolution of the Idea of Creation of the World (Ḥudūth al-‘Ālam) from Hadith into Hishām b. al-Ḥakam's Theology</i>	University of Tehran
Omair Anas	<i>The Post-Kalam Islamic Argument</i>	Yildirim Beyazit University
Mehmet Fatih Arslan	<i>Dancing with Devil or Chanting with Angels? al-Rāzī's Employment of Philosophical Arguments in Discussion of Divine Attributes</i>	Istanbul University
Q&A		
<b>Panel C</b>		
Saifuddin Duhri	<i>What is Islamic in Islamic Philosophy? A Study of Hasan Hanafi Proposal Upon Ushul Fiqh</i>	IAIN Lhokseumawe
Moh. Hamdi	<i>Abdurrahman Wahid's Idea of the Indigenization of Islam: An Epistemological Overview</i>	Independent
Nora Jacobsen Ben Hammed	<i>Practicing Philosophy and Intellectualizing Sufism: Riyāḍa in Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī's Sharḥ al-Ishārāt wa-ltanbīhāt</i>	Bard College
Q&A		

<b>Session 2</b>	<b>1:00pm-3:45pm</b>	
<b>Panel A</b>		
Huzaifa Taquee	<i>Siyasah and the Caliphate in the Political Philosophy of the Rasā'il Ikhwān al-Şafā'</i>	Columbia University
Mahmood Zeraatpisheh	<i>The Negative Approach of al-Shahīd al-Thānī towards Logic</i>	Birjand University
Hussein Ibrahim	<i>The Binary between Philosophical Quietism and Activism: The Risāla-yi Sih Aşl of Mullā Şadrā al-Shīrāzī (d. 1045/1636)</i>	American University of Beirut (AUB)
<b>Q&amp;A</b>		
<b>Panel B</b>		
Khalil Andani	<i>God's Speech through Gabriel's Words: Sunni Ash'arī Conceptions of Qur'ānic Revelation</i>	Augustana College
Murtaza Shakir	<i>The concept of Mu'jiza, explained in the Majālis of al-Mu'ayyad al-Shīrāzī</i>	Columbia University
Oludamini Ogunnaike	<i>Philosophical Sufism in the Sokoto Caliphate: The Case of Shaykh Dan Tafa</i>	University of Virginia
<b>Q&amp;A</b>		

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<b>Session 3</b>	<b>4:00-6:00pm</b>	
<b>Panel A</b>		
Asad Dandia	<i>Islam and/in Marxist Thought: Bearing Witness to New Horizons</i>	Columbia University
Muhammad Umar Riaz Abbasi	<i>Peace, Reconciliation, and Justice in Global Perspective Opportunities and way forward</i>	National University of Modern Languages
Ali S. Harfouch	<i>Towards an Islamic Liberation Philosophy</i>	American University of Beirut
<b>Q&amp;A</b>		
<b>Panel B</b>		
Mostafa Younesie	<i>Semantic and Syntactic Dimensions of Doubt: Rhazes "al-Šukūk 'alā Jālinūs"</i>	Independent Scholar
Amanda Caterina Leong	<i>Re-thinking the ethics of female javanmardi: The Humayunnama as a Mirror for Princesses</i>	University of California, Merced
Aaron Spevack	<i>Closing Remarks</i>	
<b>Q&amp;A</b>		