

Islamic Philosophy Conference

April 20th – April 21st, 2019 Harvard University

Saturday, April 20th, 2019

(All panels are in Harvard Hall Room 102 unless otherwise noted)

9:00 am - 9:15 am | Opening Remarks

Dr. Macksood Aftab, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine Aaron Spevack, Harvard University (Conference Organizer)

9:15 am - 10:30 am | First Session

Walter Edward Young, McGill University, Canada | *On the Logical Machinery of Post-Classical Dialectic: The Kitāb ‘Ayn al-Nazar of Shams al-Dīn al-Samarqandī (d. 722/1322)*

Mehmet Arslan, Harvard University, USA / Istanbul University, Turkey | *Mir Damad’s Criticism of Ashari’s Estimative Time*

Mehmet Bulgen, Marmara University Faculty of Divinity, Turkey | *Imām al-Haramayn al-Juwaynī and Atomism*

10:30 am - 11:45 am | Second Session

Ismail Lala, Independent Scholar | *Teleological Suspension of the Ethical, Spiritual Suspension of the Rational, and Imaginative Suspension of the Literal*

Ahmed El-Sayed Abdel Meguid, Syracuse University, USA | *Ibn al-‘Arabī’s Philosophical Sufism and the Post-Avicenna Development of Islamic Modal Epistemology: Re-Conceptualizing his Concept of Thingness and the One-Many Problem*

Rebecca Makas, Villanova University, USA | *Witnessing Ultimate Reality: Suhrawardī, Vision, and the Question of Unmediated Experience*

11:45 am - 12:45 pm | Lunch Break Details to be announced

12:45 pm - 2:00 pm | Third Session

Alnoor Dhanani, Independent Scholar, USA | *Antecedents to Galileo? Motion in a Void in Islamic Natural Philosophy*

Pouyan Shahidi, Indiana University, Bloomington, USA | *The explanation and the use of a natural phenomenon across disciplines: The lunar spots and the sciences in Islam*

Said El Bousklaoui, Zayed University, Abu Dhabi | *Ultimate End of Human Will in Ibn Bājja's Philosophy*

****PARALLEL SESSIONS****

2:00 pm - 3:15 pm | Fourth Session (A) Room 102

Kamal Shlbei, Duquesne University | *Mulla Sadra on Metaphysical Essentialism: The Unfolding of Existence and the Concealment of Essence.*

Seyed Amir Hossein Asghari, Indiana University, Bloomington, USA | *An Outline of the Maktab-i Tafkīk and Their Opponents in Contemporary Shī'ī Seminary*

S. Zahra Moballegh, Harvard University, USA / Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies, Iran | *Uncovering God, the Narrator*

2:00 pm - 3:15 pm | Fourth Session (B) Room 103

Russell Hopley, Independent Scholar | *Casting Doubt on the Philosopher's Stone: Alchemy and Its Critics in Medieval and Early Modern North Africa*

İshak Arslan, Istanbul Sehir University Department of Philosophy, Turkey | *Ibn Rushd's Physical Theory: A Turning Point or An Aristotelian Revision*

Serdar Kurnaz Speaker, Academy of World Religions, University of Hamburg | *The influence of atomism in Islamic theology (kalām) on the formation of Islamic law (fiqh)*

PARALLEL SESSIONS

3:15 pm - 4:30 pm | Fifth Session (A) Room 102

Daniel Watling, University of Chicago, USA | *Ḥayy's Two Nativities: Ismā'īlī Ta'wīl in Ibn Ṭufayl's Ḥayy ibn Yaqzān*

Mashhad Al Allaf, American University of Ras Al Khaimah, UAE | *Critique of Kant's Antinomies, Islamic Perspectives*

Abdulrahman Bajodah, Central European University, Hungary | *Ikhwan al-Safa's Prudent Paideia: An Example of Intercultural Receptivity in 10th Century Iraq*

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | Fifth Session (B) Room 103

Jawad Qureshi, Zaytuna College, USA | *Countering Reform: Sunni Traditionalism against Modernist Salafis on Law and Ethics*

Sobia Tahir, Government College University Lahore, Pakistan | *Hassan Hanafi's Interpretation of Qur'an through Phenomenological Hermeneutics: An Analysis*

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm | Sixth Session (Room 102):

Panel: Avicenna, ibn 'Arabi, and Post-Avicennian Metaphysics

Nathan Spannaus, University of Jyväskylä, Finland | *The Shifting Nature of Contingency in Post-classical Persianate Kalam*

Kutlu Okan, University of Jyväskylä, Finland | *Ibn al-'Arabī on Divine Knowledge of Particulars*

Bilal Ibrahim, *** | *Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī on Being and Meaning: A Preliminary Analysis*

Emaan Allebban, *** | *Avicenna's Proof for the Necessary Existent and Causation*

6:30 PM Dinner (Details forthcoming)

Sunday, April 21st, 2019 Harvard Hall, Room 102

9:15 am – 10:30 am | First Session

Irem Kurt, University of Osnabrück, Germany | *The Transformation of ethical terms to physical parameters of goodness and badness: the terms khabīth and tayyib and their effects on the halal food discourse*

Nihal Khan, Hartford Seminary / Harvard University, USA | *Tracing Hanafi Theology: The Murji'ite Doctrine in Transoxiana*

Khairul Anam Che Mentri, University of Malaya, Malaysia | *Avicenna's Metaphysical Realism*

10:30 am – 11:45 am | Second Session

Panel: Intersections of Philosophy and Theology in Shī'ī Thought: Revelation, Resurrection, and Tawhīd

Khalil Andani, Harvard University, USA | *A Neoplatonic Qur'ān: Revelation According to Abū Ya'qūb al-Sijistānī*

Aaron Viengkhou, Harvard University, USA | *Tawhīd Divided*

Syed Zaidi, Emory University, USA | *Neoplatonic Resurrections: The Brethren of Purity's (Ikhwān al-Ṣafā') Conception of Resurrection and the Last Day*

11:45 am – 12:30 pm | Lunch Break Details to be announced

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm | Third Session

Abbas Ahsan, University of Birmingham, UK | *The Paradox of an Absolute Ineffable God of Islam*

Hureyre Kam, Goethe Universität Frankfurt am Main, Germany | *al-Māturīdī's Dual Epistemology*

Alaa Awad Osman, Omdurman Islamic University, Sudan | *Proofs of Prophecy:*

Emergence, Evolution, and Effect of Theological Background

1:45 pm – 3 pm | Fourth Session

Panel: Being in Three Ways: Metaphysics and Epistemology in Medieval Islamic Thought

Giovanni Carrera, McGill University/Harvard University, Canada/USA | *Possible Concepts and Possible Beings: Al-Jurjānī on Mental Perception*

Paul Gerard Anderson, Harvard University, USA | *Out of Mind, Out of Sight? Considering the Epistemological Contributions of Shams al-Dīn al-Shahrāzūrī to the Illuminationist School*

Arezu Riahi, Harvard University, USA | *The Evolution of Mental Existence: Nafs al-amr and Knowledge in the Commentaries on Tūsī's Tajrīd*

3pm | Closing Remarks Aaron Spevack, Harvard University, USA (Conference Organizer)