

Islamic Philosophy Conference

Brandeis University and Zoom, December 6-7, 2025

Saturday, December 6, 2025

In-Person

9:15am

Aaron Spevack

Welcome from conference organizers

Brandeis University

Panel 1

9:30am-11:00am

Kamil Öktem
(via Zoom)

From Avicennian Epistemology to Ash 'arī Theology: Al-Rāzī on the Ontological Status of Mental Existence

University of Vienna

Safi Rehman

The Unitary Aspect: Fanārī's Henological Approach to Knowledge

Zaytuna College

Jawad Qureshi
(via Zoom)

Wonder and Discovery in Sufi Commentary on Sufi Verse: 'Abd al-Ghanī al-Nābulusī's (d. 1731) Luma 'at al-nūr al-muḍiyya on 'Umar ibn al-Fāriq's (d. 1235) Khamriyya

Zaytuna College

Q&A

Panel 2

11:00am - 12:30pm

Aiyub Palmer

Taking a Theological Anthropology Seriously, A Kalam-based Argument

University of Kentucky

Mahmut Sami Ozdil
& Kevin Marshall

Rooted Relevance: Reflections on Elmalılı and Jackson's Applications of Rational Theology Amid Radical Change

Necmettin Erbakan University; University of Dallas

Omar Qureshi

Why Theological Inquiry Needs Prophets: Rereading Ibn al-Nafīs for Sunni Kalām Today

Yaqeen Institute for Islamic Research

Q&A

Lunch

12:30-1:30pm

Panel 3	1:30pm - 3:00pm	
Souhayl Maronesy	<i>The Coherence of Creed</i>	Al-Kalam Institute
Safaruk Chowdhury (via Zoom)	<i>Impossible Worlds and Kalām: Non-Vacuous Counterpossibles in Islamic Theology</i>	Cambridge Muslim College
Muhammed Komath (via Zoom)	<i>The Logical Pluralism or the Logic of Pluralism: Al-Juwaynī and the Logic of Legal Dialectics</i>	Ibn Haldun University
Q&A		

3:00-3:15pm
 Coffee Break/ASR prayers

Panel 4	3:15pm - 4:45pm	
Agnieszka Erdt (via Zoom)	<i>One Self, Many Moments: Diachronic Identity in Ṣadrā</i>	University of Jyväskylä
Macksood Aftab	<i>If Dualism Doesn't Work, How About Trialism? A Solution to the Mind-Body Problem from Islamic Philosophical Theology</i>	Michigan State University
Ahmed Elbenni	<i>Izetbegovic Between Kant and Hegel: Can Islamic Aesthetics Exist?</i>	Princeton University
Q&A		

Maghrib comes in at 4:15PM

Keynote Address	5:00-6:00pm	
Ahmad Talal Ahdab	<i>Ibn Sīna vs Ibn Rushd vs Aquinas - Ibn Sīna's Bipartite Imagination and the Incoherence of Ibn Rushd's Early Internal Sense Doctrine</i>	Zaytuna College

Find more information at www.asipt.org

Sunday, December 7, 2025

**Virtual Panels
Via Zoom**

Panel 1	7:30-9:00am EST	
Mohammed Farooq H	<i>Taftāzānī-Jurjānī Debate on the Definition of `Ilm al-Kalām: A Balanced Synthesis Through the Hermeneutical Strategies al-Dawwānī</i>	University of Madras
Nuruddin Al Akbar	<i>Metaphysics of Science: Islamo-Kantian Approach</i>	Universitas Diponegoro
Saeed Karimi	<i>Reconstruction of the Moral Status of Artificial Intelligence in Light of Mulla Sadra's Philosophy of the Soul</i>	University of Religions and Denominations
Q&A		

Panel 2	9:00-10:30am EST	
Monir Birouk	<i>Reviving Modern Islamic Philosophy: Taha Abderrahmane under the Shadow of al-Ghazali?</i>	Ibn Zohr University
Yacine Lakhdar Bennaceur	<i>Sa'id Foudah and the Contemporary Revitalization of Ash'ari Kalam: A Theological Response to Late Modernity</i>	University of Oran
Choirul Ahmad	<i>Which Kalām Should Be Reformulated? A Comparison between Two Different Approaches on Kalām Jadīd</i>	University of Edinburgh/Universitas Islam Internasional Indonesia
Q&A		

Panel 3	10:30-11:50am EST	
Tomasz-Łukasz Stanowski	<i>Substantial Motion and the “Deed of History”: Mullā Şadrā and Polish Nineteenth-Century Historiosophy</i>	Independent
Noah Taj	<i>Between the Fawātiḥ and Futūḥāt: Akbarian Permeations in Mughal India</i>	Carleton University
Safiyulla H	<i>The Afterlife of Sharḥ al-‘Aqā’id al-Nasafīyya in India: A Study of Its Commentaries and Glosses by Indian Ulama</i>	Maulana Azad National Urdu University
Q&A		

12:00-1:00pm
Lunch Break

Panel 4	1:00-2:30pm EST	
Allan Back	<i>The Universal Philosophy of Avicenna</i>	Kutztown University
Ayse Betul Donmez Tekin	<i>God, the Universe and Man in Nasir al-Din al-Tusi’s Philosophical Theology</i>	Yalova University Faculty of Theology
Aysenur Unugur Tabur	<i>Can the Theory of Kasb Accommodate Human Freedom and Moral Responsibility? A Philosophical Analysis of al-Māturīdī’s Views in Kitāb al-Tawḥīd</i>	University of Birmingham
Q&A		