

# AN INTRODUCTION TO THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD

[WEEKDAY COURSE]

## Dates

13 - 15 June 2022

Starts Monday after dinner at 8.30pm.

Ends Wednesday with lunch at 1pm.

## Venue

Dillington House  
Ilminster  
Somerset  
TA19 9DT

## Fees

£358 single room | £418 double room - shared occupancy | £240 non-residential

## Level

Beginners to Intermediate

## Description

The classical philosophy of the Islamic world is largely an attempt to reconcile the Hellenistic philosophy of Aristotle and Plotinus with the doctrines of the Qur'an. In this course, which focuses on the 'Islamic Golden Age' (750 CE to 1258 CE), we will trace the evolution of Islamic thought beginning with its founders, al Kindi and al Farabi, before exploring Ibn Sina and the Mind/Body problem, Ibn Rushd's argument that philosophy and theology are not incompatible, then briefly detouring into Sufism and Rumi, and concluding with Ibn Khaldun's philosophy of History.

## Outline

**Day One** Introduction & Hellenistic Heritage

**Day Two** The Qur'an  
Al Kindi & Al Farabi  
Ibn Sina  
Ibn Rushd

**Day Three** Sufism & Rumi  
Ibn Khaldun & Conclusion

## Essential Reading

*The Islamic Enlightenment* by Christopher de Bellaigue and *Islamic Philosophy: A Beginner's Guide* by Majid Fakhry.

## Booking

To book a place on this course, please ring Dillington House on 01460 258 648, or email [info@dillington.com](mailto:info@dillington.com)

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