

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD

[FOUR DAY COURSE]

Dates

14 - 17 March 2023
Starts Tuesday at 6.30pm.
Ends Friday at 1.30pm.

Venue

Higham Hall
Bassenthwaite Lake
Cockermouth
Cumbria
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Fees

£346 residential | £244 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 Plato 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, before concluding with Ibn Khaldun's philosophy of History.

Outline

Day One

Introduction

Day Two

Hellenistic Heritage

Plato, Socrates and the Pre-Socratics
Aristotle and the Cardinal virtues of the Ancient World

Islam and the Qur'an

Islam as a Way of Life
How to read the Qur'an

Day Three

Al Kindi & Al Farabi and 'The Allegory of the Ship'
Ibn Sina and the Mind/Body problem
Ibn Rushd, Al Ghazali and the compatibility, or otherwise, of philosophy and theology
Sufism, Rumi and a little poetry

Day Four

Ibn Khaldun and a philosophy of history
Conclusion

Essential Reading

The Islamic Enlightenment by Christopher de Bellaigue and *Islamic Philosophy: A Beginner's Guide* by Majid Fakhry, as well as *How to Read the Qur'an* by Mona Siddiqui

Booking

To book a place on this course, please ring Higham Hall on 017687 76276, or email admin@highamhall.com