
Monotheism in Medieval Islamic Thought

Monday 3 February 2025

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Opening

9.00am-9.10am – Welcome remarks by Dr Ahab Bdaiwi

Panel 1: Historical Monotheisms – Early Islam

9.10am-11:10am

- **Adam DeSchraver (Yale)**
The Prophet, the Quraysh, and al-Tahannuth: Pre-Islamic Monotheism in the Sīra Maghāzī and Akhbār Corpōra
- **Suleyman Sertkaya (Charles Sturt)**
Monotheism in Arabia: The Hanīfs, Their Roles and the Emergence of Islam
- **Suleyman Dost (Toronto)**
Old Habits Die Hard: Vestiges of Pagan Practice in the Qur'an and the Arabian Epigraphy
- **Asad Uz Zaman (Ohio State)**
Multilayered Meccan Beliefs about Female malā'ikah in the Qur'an

11:10am-11:40am – Discussion

11.40am-12.00pm – Break

Panel 2: Philosophical Monotheisms I

12.00pm-2:00pm

- **Ahab Bdaiwi (Leiden)**
Revisiting the Qurānic Mushrikūn: Philosophical Analysis of dīn and Allāh
- **Olga Lucia Lizzini (Aix-Marseille)**
Unity and Divine Transcendence in the Falsafa: The Case of al-Fārābī (d. 950)
- **Cuneyt Kaya (Istanbul)**
Proving Monotheism Philosophically: Al-ʿAmīrī's Account of the Unity of God in his al-Irṣād li-taṣḥīḥ al-i'tiqād
- **Liana Saif (Amsterdam)**
The Pseudo-Aristotelian Hermetica and the Monotheistic Habitus of the Ninth Century

2.00pm-2.30pm – Discussion

2.30pm-3.00pm – Break

Panel 3: Theological Monotheisms I

3.00pm-4.30pm

- **Arnold Mol (Leiden)**
The Creedal Tract attributed to Abū Manṣūr al-Māturīdī: Translation and Analysis of 10th Century Ḥanafī Dogma
- **Nikola Pantic (Vienna)**
Arabic Theology, Tawḥīd, and Thaumaturgical Legitimacy in Early Modern Ottoman Thought: The Thin Line between Karāma and Shirk
- **Paul Heck (Georgetown)**
A Monotheism for the Umma's Spiritual Leaders (9th/10th centuries CE, 3rd/4th AH)

4.30pm-5.00pm – Discussion

5.00pm-5.10pm – Break

End of Day Discussion

5.10pm-6.00pm – Summary, Q&A, and Open Discussion

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Panel 1: Theological Monotheisms II

11.00am-1.00pm

- **Aryan Rahimian (Lorraine)**
Anthropomorphism in the Ḥadīṯ Qudsī: Towards an Understanding of the Human Attributes Assigned to God in a Corpus of Traditions with a Divine Character
- **Yasir Qadhi (Islamic Seminary of America)**
'A God Is A Being That is Worshipped': The Evolution of Ḥanbalite Notions of Worship in Defining God
- **Arjan Post (KU Leuven)**
Two Sides of the Ḥanbalī Spectrum: Tafwīd and Iḥbāt of the Divine Attributes
- **Hannah Erlwein (Max Planck Institute)**
Monotheism According to Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī: Explaining the Command to Worship God Alone

1.00pm-1.30pm – Discussion

1.30pm-2.00pm – Break

Panel 2: Philosophical Monotheisms II

2.00pm-4.30pm

- **Davlat Dadikhuda (LMU)**
Avicenna (with Dawānī and Lāhīṯī) on the Superiority of the Siddiqin
- **Tugay Taşçı (Istanbul)**
Is Divine Simplicity Simply Impossible? An Avicennian Account of Divine Simplicity and the Problem of Modal Collapse
- **Hadi Qazwini (Independent)**
The Monotheistic Foundations of Twelve Shī'ī Juristic Fallibility (al-takhtī'a)

4.30pm-5.00pm – Discussion

5.00pm-5.10pm – Break

End of Day Discussion

5.10pm-6.00pm – Summary, Q&A, and Open Discussion

Closing Remarks

6.00pm-6.10pm – Closing remarks by Dr Ahab Bdaiwi
