

Islamic Philosophy of Science

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Is religion always in conflict with science? Does religion always have to be based on an irrational/affective leap of faith? What if religion is based on strict rational commitments? Can such a rational religion inspire paradigmatic shifts in our conception of scientific research? In this class we will explore Arabic and Islamic civilization contributions to key questions in philosophy of science including: scientific method, theories of explanation and the meaning and status of the laws of nature.