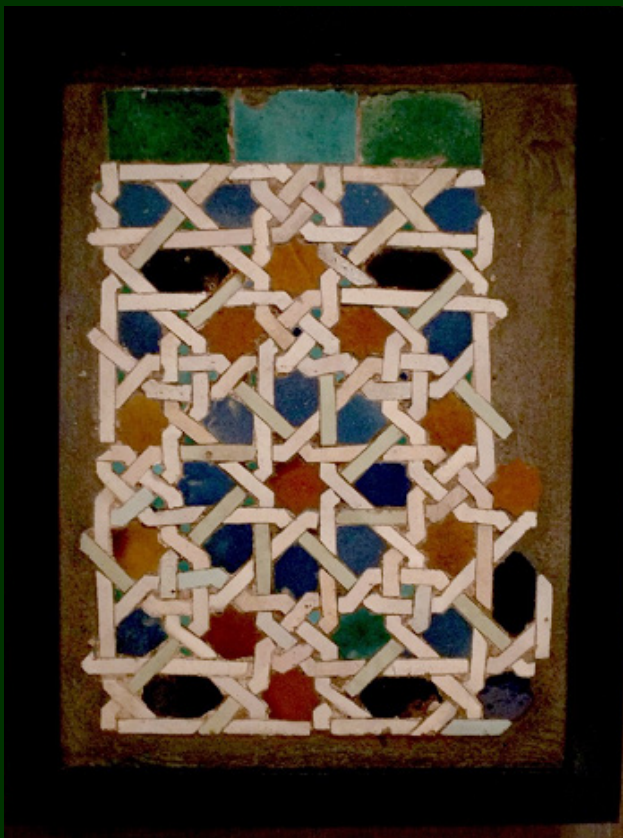


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## ETERNAL WORLD AND GOD'S FREE WILL IN ISLAM — A DIACHRONIC PERSPECTIVE

### Friday, March 31

| 10:00am | Welcome Address  
by **Frank Griffel** (Yale University)

#### Panel 1 | 10:15–11:45am | Chair: *Shawkat Toorawa*

**Ayman Shihadeh** (SOAS London)  
“The Proof from Accidents for Creation Ex Nihilo: A History Up to the 7th/13th Century.”

**Salimeh Maghsoudlou** (Yale University)  
“Time and Eternity in al-Ghazālī’s (d. 505/1111) *Tahāfut al-falāsifa* and Its Reception in ‘Ayn al-Quḍāt al-Hamadhānī’s (d. 525/1131) Works”

#### Panel 2 | 1:45–3:15pm | Chair: *Everett Rowson*

**Michael Rapoport** (Yale University)  
“The Argument Against the Unity of the Being Necessary By Virtue of Itself in Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī’s (d. 606/1210) *Commentary on the Pointers and Reminders*”

**Frank Griffel** (Yale University)  
“God’s Free Will and the World’s Eternity in Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī’s Two Philosophical *summae al-Mabāḥith al-mashriqiyya* and *al-Mulakhkhaṣṣat fī l-ḥikma wa-l-mantiq*”

#### Panel 3 | 3:45–6:15pm | Chair: *Yahya Michot*

**Cecilia Martini Bonadeo** (Università di Padova)  
“God’s Will and the Origin of the World. ‘Abd al-Laṭīf al-Baghdādī’s (d. 629/1231) Sources and Arguments.”

**Jon McGinnis** (University of Missouri, St. Louis)  
“Naṣīr al-Dīn al-Ṭūsī (d. 674/1274) on the Age of the World: Eternity, Necessity and Creation.”

| 5:15–5:30pm | short coffee break

**Andreas Lammer** (LMU Munich)  
“Two Avicennians on the Eternity of the World? Sayf al-Dīn al-Āmidī (d. 631/1233) and Athīr al-Dīn al-Abharī (d. 663/1264).”

### Saturday, April 1

#### Panel 4 | 9:00–10:30am | Chair: *Anna Ayşe Akasoy*

**Ulrich Rudolph** (Zurich University)  
“‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Jāmī (d. 898/1492) on the Eternity of the World.”

**Ömer Maher Alper** (Istanbul University)  
“Does the Eternity of Contingency Require the Contingency of Eternity? Kamālpashazāda’s (d. 940/1534) Approach to the Question.”

#### Panel 5 | 11:00–12:30pm | Chair: *Supriya Gandhi*

**Shankar Nair** (University of Virginia)  
“Same Argument, New Opponent: Shāh Walī Allāh Dihlawī (d. 1176/1762), Hindu Belief, and the Question of the Eternity of the World.”

**Asad Q. Ahmed** (University of California, Berkeley)  
“The Problem of Ḥudūth Dahrī in Late Pre-Modern and Early Modern South Asia.”

#### Panel 6 | 2:00–3:30pm | Chair: *Frank Griffel*

**Nathan Spannaus**  
“Everything Else Is Impossible: the Pre-Eternality of Non-Existence in Later Sunni Theology.”

**Robert Wisnovsky** (McGill University)  
“Muḥammad ‘Abduh (d. 1323/1905) on Necessary and Eternal Existence.”

| 4:00–5:00pm | Workshop Discussion with all participants.