Middle Eastern and North African Studies Colloquium Series

BETWEEN THE UNIVERSAL AND THE PARTICULAR: LESSONS FROM SUHRAWARDI

In this talk, I discuss the views of a pivotal figure in the history of medieval Islamic philosophy, Shihab al-Din al-Suhrawardi (1154–1191) who argued that imagination is a primary or sui generis source of knowledge. On his account, imaginative knowledge is not just a less vivid instance of perceptual knowledge, nor is it just a vaguer instance of rational knowledge. In its proper use, imagination has its own objects of knowledge. Thus, even an ideal knower must learn to know through imagination.

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