

Upcoming
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Program

Weekly Saturday Program

Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 7:50 PM

Zoom Link to the programs:

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Program:

7:50-8:00 Quran Recitation

8:00-8:45 Lecture

Speaker: Dr. Hessam Dehghani (in Farsi)

عنوان : رابطه قوانین و اخلاق مسولیت در اسلام

Title: The Relationship Between the Laws and Ethics of Responsibility in Islam.

8:45-8:55 Question and Answer

8:55-9:00 Dua

Abstract:

The Philosophical discussions around the foundation of laws (*Shari'a*) in Islam have been a source of tension and discussion between not only Shiite and Sunni scholars but also between the Sunnis themselves leading to such divides as the schools of Mu'tazilite and Ash'arite. Each would consider either reason or revelation as the main source of legitimacy of the laws. In this talk, drawing on Ghazaali's skeptic transcendental methodology, I would like to suspend dogmatic theological and sectarian presumptions and examine the experience of "following" the laws and its relation to the ethics of responsibility in a new philosophical light. We will discuss how Islam and the

Qur'an depict the problematic situation of followers and invite Muslims to heedfulness and responsibility for each other.

About the Speaker:

Dr. Dehghani obtained a first Ph.D. in Linguistics from Allameh Tabataba'i University in Tehran, Iran, with a dissertation titled "Interpretation and Literary Theory: From Structuralism to Ricoeurian Hermeneutics" (2011). In 2019, he earned a second Ph.D. in Philosophy from Boston College, where he was a Fellow at the Clough Center for Constitutional Democracy (2014-2018). His dissertation, "The Topology of Community in Aristotle: a Phenomenological Approach," offers a phenomenological reading of Aristotle's formulation of a "just community" and its appropriation in Islamic thought.

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