

Why Medieval Muslim and Jewish Philosophers Didn't Develop a Natural Law Theory

Against the claims of some contemporary scholars like Anver Emon, this lecture argues that Medieval Muslim philosophical theologians (mutakallimūn), Legal theorists (uṣūlīyūn) and philosophers (falāsifa) and later Jewish Medieval philosophers and theologians did not develop a natural theory vis-à-vis their Medieval Christian counterparts.

The root of this position is the systematic epistemological critique Islamic philosophy addressed to Aristotelian and Platonic metaphysics and its idealistic commitment to the priority of form over matter from the 9th century onwards.

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