

Ahmed Ali Siddiqi
Curriculum Vitae

Academic Appointments

St. John's College, Santa Fe
Tutor (Assistant Professor)
Fall 2021–Present

Emory University
Marcus Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow
Fall 2018–Spring 2021

University of Texas at Austin
Assistant Instructor
Fall 2015–Spring 2018

Education

University of Texas at Austin
Ph.D., Political Theory
Dissertation: “Revival, Reform, and Reason in Islam: Alfarabi on the Proper Relationship Between Religion and Politics”
Defended August 2018

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M.A., Political Theory
Thesis: “Politics, Religion, and Philosophy in Al-Farabi's *Book of Religion*”
Received August 2014

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Comprehensive exam fields: Political Theory, Comparative Politics

University of North Texas
B.A., Political Science; B.S., Economics
Minors: Arabic, Mathematics

Published Articles

“Hardship, Recompense, and Divine Law: Al-Fārābī on the “Virtue of Struggle.” *Polity* 56, no. 4 (2024): 584–607.

“Moral Epistemology and the Revision of Divine Law in Islam.” *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion* 10, no. 1 (2021): 43–70.

“Political Rationalism and the Theological Alternative in Alfarabi's Book of Religion.” *The Review of Politics* 80, no. 4 (2018): 625–48.

Working Papers

“Religion Made Human: Al-Fārābī’s *Kitāb al-Hurūf* on Philosophy’s Twofold Interest in Religion.”
Under review.

“The Ends of the City: Metaphysics and Political Science in Al-Fārābī’s *Kitāb Tabsil al-Sa’ada*.”
Manuscript in progress.

Book Manuscript

Revival, Reform, and Reason in Islam: Al-Farabi on the Relationship Between Religion and Politics.
Manuscript completed.

Book Reviews

Review of *Alfarabi: The Political Writings, Volume II*, ed. and trans. Charles E. Butterworth. In *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*, Volume 43/1 (Fall 2016).

Invited Talks

“Hardship, Salvation, and the Limits of Secularism: Al-Fārābī on the ‘Virtue of Struggle’”
Occidental College
June 18, 2020 (Given virtually)

“Struggle and Salvation in Islamic Theology”
University of West Georgia
November 12, 2019

“Al-Fārābī on the ‘Virtue of Struggle’ in Islamic Law”
University of Texas at Austin
February 21, 2019

Conference Presentations

“Religion Made Human: Al-Fārābī’s *Kitāb al-Hurūf* on the Antagonism Between Religion and Philosophy”
Southern Political Science Association: January 2022

“Hardship and Salvation in Islamic Thought: Al-Fārābī on the ‘Virtue of Struggle’”
American Political Science Association: September 2020

“Politics, Religion, and Philosophy in Al-Fārābī’s *Book of Religion*”
Midwest Political Science Association: April, 2015

“The Treatment of the Philosopher-King in Plato’s *Republic*”
Midwest Political Science Association: April, 2013

Sample Courses Taught

(Instructor of record in all cases)

Modern Political Thought

A survey of political philosophy from the 16th to the 19th centuries, with readings from Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Mill, and Nietzsche.

Classics of Social and Political Thought

A survey of political philosophy and economics, with readings from Aristotle, Thomas Aquinas, Locke, Adam Smith, Rousseau, Marx, Keynes, and Hayek.

Al-Farabi's Political Philosophy

An introduction to al-Farabi through a close reading of several works, with special attention to the relationship between philosophy, politics, and religion.

Foundations of American Democracy

A study of the basic principles of American political life as revealed in Federalist and Anti-Federalist essays, Locke, Tocqueville, Lincoln, Douglass, Booker T. Washington, DuBois, and Baldwin.