The seminar will be devoted to the notion of a cosmic order. Al Farabi’s concept of the “perfect State” as the earthly reflection of the cosmic order will be examined. The relationship between self-realization and cosmology will be also studied in the works of Avicenna (Mi’raj nama) Al Ghazali (Niche of Lights), Suhrawardi (philosophy of Illumination), Ibn Bajjah (Rule of the Solitary), or Ibn Tufayl (Hayy ibn Yaqzan) for the classical period of Islamic philosophy. Finally we will read the work, in the twentieth century, of Indian poet and philosopher Muhammad Iqbal as a philosophy of self realization in an emergent cosmology.

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Bibliography: - All texts except Ghazali’s are in course package to be purchased at Village Copier