



From Opinion to Philosophical Certainty: *Alfarabi on Demonstration*

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The earliest and most significant Arabic commentary on Aristotle's *Posterior Analytics* is Al-Farabi's *Book of Demonstration* (*Kitāb al-Burhān*). In this work, he explains how philosophical knowledge is acquired, how philosophical sciences are established, and finally, how philosophical discourse is conducted. Furthermore, Alfarabi is perhaps the only philosopher to employ the term "demonstrative philosophy" (*al-falsafa al-burhāniyya*). He accounts for the other syllogistic arts in logic, as well as the philosophical sciences, religion, and politics, entirely in accordance with this demonstrative theory. In this presentation, Alfarabi's theory of demonstration and the possibilities it offers will be explored.



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