

Farouk Jabre Center for Arabic and Islamic  
Science and Philosophy

MONTHLY SEMINAR

# Sense Perception and Spiritualized Senses

*The Case of Taste in  
Ghazālī's Corpus*

Thursday,  
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6pm

Farouk Jabre Center  
Seminar Room  
Lower level of the  
Lee Observatory building  
(backyard entrance)

in collaboration with FAS  
and the Department of Philosophy

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The talk investigates the intersection of epistemology and aesthetics through the concept of “taste” (*dhawq*) in Islamic thought, particularly in Ghazālī's corpus, both as a sense perception and as a means to achieve the highest kind of knowledge. My point is neither to argue for a literal meaning of “taste” nor to discard it as a mere placeholder for an otherworldly experience but rather to investigate what remains from its original meaning by paying attention to its singularity as a sense-perception.

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