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**Course Title:**            **Advanced Şadrīan Philosophy: The *Bidāyat al-Ḥikma* of ‘Allāmah Ṭabāṭabā’ī**

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**Module Title:**            **The One and the Many: The Procession and Reversion of Being (Part 3 of 4)**

**Module Code:**            PHIBID3

**Course Duration:**        8 weeks (4 units per week)

**Assessment:**             90% end of semester exam; 10% attendance and class participation

**Module Description:**

This module covers two major themes: (1) the procession of being from the First Principle and (2) the reversion of being through substantial motion. The first part of the module is dedicated to the logical and metaphysical properties of the one and the many, identity and different categories of predication. The second part focusses on time and temporality and the various Islamic theories of origin and creation. The third and final part of this module introduces students to the concept of motion in light of the Aristotelian notions of act and potentiality. Thereafter, students are provided with a detailed examination of Mullā Şadrā’s theory of substantial motion and the relevance it has in his overall thought and in particular his eschatological theories.

**General Course Texts:**

Izutsu, Toshihiko. *The Concept and Reality of Existence*.

Ṭabāṭabā’ī, Sayyid Muḥammad Ḥusayn. *Bidāyat al-ḥikma*. Edited by ‘Abbās ‘Alī al-Sabzawārī. Qum: Mu’assisat al-Nashr al-Islāmī, 1431Ah.

**Schedule of Classes:**

Week 1.1:            The Concepts and Categories of the One and the Many

Week 1.2:            Identity and Primary Predication

Week 2.1:            The Categories of Secondary Predication

Week 2.2:            Otherness and Opposition

Week 3.1:            The Opposition of Correlatives and Contraries

Week 3.2:            The Opposition of Contradictories



Week 4.1:	The Opposition of the One and the Many
Week 4.2:	On Being-Before and Being-After
Week 5.1:	On Being-Before and Being-After
Week 5.2:	Eternity and Origination
Week 6.1:	Eternity and Origination
Week 6.2:	Act and Potentiality
Week 7.1:	Change and Motion
Week 7.2:	Categories of Motion
Week 8.1:	The Elements of Motion
Week 8.2:	Substantial Motion

\* Reading lists provided in class for each of the relevant topics each week.