

Abstract

This monograph is a tribute to the legacy of the “Second Teacher” and the great scholar of the Islamic Golden Age Abu Nasr al-Farabi who left a great mark in world culture and civilization. He was a polymath whose ideas enriched philosophy, ethics, logic, music theory, mathematics, the theory of religion, and the theory of state and law. This book presents a wide range of research into al-Farabi’s legacy carried out both in Kazakhstan and internationally; describes the distinctive features of al-Farabi’s original philosophy as compared to that of classic ancient thinkers and his contemporaries. It also covers in detail the ontological, epistemological, socio-political, ethical, and anthropological views of the outstanding thinker. Al-Farabi’s metaphilosophy and philosophy of religion are also worthy of close attention. This study is distinctive in presenting al-Farabi’s main ideas from a comparative perspective, through their analysis and comparison with his predecessors, contemporaries, and descendants.

This is the first English edition of this book about al-Farabi published in the Netherlands, which is aimed at a wide range of readers and anyone interested in his philosophy and legacy.