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# Introduction

The second short-term course on "Islam and Contemporary Issues", with a focus on "Intellect in the Qur'an and Islamic Civilization" aimed to assess the relation between Qur'anic notion of *'aql* and its pertinence to the concept of "*Intellect/Reason*" that appeared in the Islamic traditional knowledge, both in transmitted and intellectual forms.

In this Short-term course Islam's approach towards rationality, its principles, features, and outcomes has been tackled at the analytical section of the course through a comparative study between the Qur'anic notion of *'aql* with a focus on Islamic sciences, and modern rationalism.

On a deeper level, the course has addressed the following questions:

Could Islamic *'aql* answer the questions and challenges of the contemporary world and the contemporary man? If the answer is yes, how can this take place?

The course has also tackled fundamental issues such as challenges and predicaments ahead of the contemporary man.

Thus this book deals with different dimensions of *`aql* as it is described in the Islamic sources with analyzing how it pertains to the contemporary world.

Tehran branch of MIU hopes for further development of this kind of discussions to evaluate the functionality and responses of the Islamic *`aql* in the modern era.

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