A Culture of Integrated Knowledge: The Case of Arab/Islamic Heritage

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The extensive knowledge of Arab/Islamic scientific knowledge gives numerous examples of great riches and offers solutions to many of the modern era’s problems through providing models of thought that can enlighten our approaches to various fields. Many recent scholars provide ideas, concepts and innovations that were discussed a long time ago, possibly using a different terminology or a set of different tools and techniques. The expression “integrated knowledge” therefore is not new. Relying on a host of illuminating examples, Alfajjawi will show that the meaning of this expression was fully understood by ancient Arab/Muslim scholars and was assimilated into their scholarship – even if the specific term was not known during their time.

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