

EPISTEMOLOGY OF ISLAMIC POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IN THE AL-FARABI EMANATION SYSTEM

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ABSTRACT

In the Islamic perspective, politics is interpreted as a means of dedication to Allah where human efforts to realize His will on earth can be realized by borrowing political power. In this view, the highest power is in God's hands. On the other hand, Islam has the concept of khalīfah fī Al-Ardh which places humans as God's representatives on the face of the earth, which in this paper refers to leaders. The idea of human power in the context of God's power seems like a paradox. However, this paradox can be reconciled and brought together through the study of Al-Farabi's thoughts on emanation. The basic principle of Al-Farabi's emanation can answer doubts about the possibility of the prophetic power of the leader, that as a human whose mind has reached the level of mustafād, the transfer of inspiration (revelation or inspiration) from God is possible. Based on Al-Farabi's emanation theory, the argument that the main leader has a mind that can attain the ultimate truth can be explained well.

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