

EARLY SCIENCES WORKING GROUP

Fall 2016

Department of the
History of Science
Harvard University

Tuesdays 5:00-7:00 PM

Science Center 469

1 Oxford St, Cambridge MA



"The Castle Water Clock" from Al-Jazari's *Book of Knowledge of Ingenious Mechanical Devices* (Cairo, 1354). Source: Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

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