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Muslim Rationalist Scholarship in the Pre-Modern Period

A public lecture by

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Asad Ahmed specializes in early Islamic social and religious history and post-classical Muslim intellectual history. While his book, The religious elite of the early Islamic Hijaz: five prosopographical case studies (2011), reflects his interests in the former field, in the field of intellectual history, Asad’s long term goal is to write a responsible history of the rationalist sciences after the so-called Golden Age of Islam. Since such work first and foremost requires detailed and piecemeal studies of texts in theology, logic, philosophy, jurisprudence, and other fields, much of his output in this area has focused either on case studies of salient technical issues or on the rationalist tradition in pre-modern and early modern Muslim India. His publications in this field include Avicenna's Deliverance: Logic (2011), as well as a number of articles.

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