This seminar addresses the productive tensions between religion and politics in the Islamosphere. It investigates continuities and discontinuities between precolonial patterns of Islamic political modernity and the adoption of nation-state frameworks during the colonial and postcolonial periods.

The seminar’s objectives are

a) to demonstrate that alternate sovereignties persist in variable shapes in postcolonial, Muslim-majority societies via the participation of individual and groups within civic and public spaces;

b) to address the original contribution of Muslim scholars and thinkers in designing spaces of socio-political autonomy where issues of justice are contentiously debated;

c) to recalibrate the extant critique of the Eurocentric notions of religion and politics by showing the prevalence in the Islamosphere of a cosmopolitan spirit and a transregional civility.

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