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“ISLAM AND THE NEW ATHEISM”

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Mohammad Hassan Khalil is an associate professor of Religious Studies, an adjunct professor of Law, and Director of the Muslim Studies Program at Michigan State University. He specializes in Islamic Thought and is author of *Islam and the Fate of Others: The Salvation Question* (Oxford University Press, 2012) and *Jihad, Radicalism, and the New Atheism* (Cambridge University Press, 2018). He is also editor of *Between Heaven and Hell: Islam, Salvation, and the Fate of Others* (Oxford University Press, 2013).

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For well over a decade, the so-called New Atheists have had a unique and ostensibly significant impact on Western (and to some extent non-Western) intellectual discourse. Notwithstanding their numerous detractors, their views on Islam in particular have shaped the ways that many college professors and students (typically outside Islamic Studies) imagine the world’s second largest religion. Much of the focus of the New Atheists—from Sam Harris to Ayaan Hirsi Ali to Richard Dawkins—has been the topic of violence in Islam. In this year’s Al Faruqi Memorial Lecture, Mohammad Hassan Khalil will scrutinize some especially influential New Atheist claims regarding Islam.

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