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# COSMOPOLITANISM AND RELIGIOUS POLITICS IN AFGHANISTAN

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November 9, 3:00 pm  
Edwin Meese Room, Mason Hall

*This lecture will situate the religious politics of Afghanistan in a global framework. Reflecting on the theme of cosmopolitanism, the talk will trace the expansive horizons of religious debate in Afghanistan from the late nineteenth century. It will explore the Taliban and other actors within this broader context and suggest alternative readings of the contemporary Afghan religious landscape.*

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