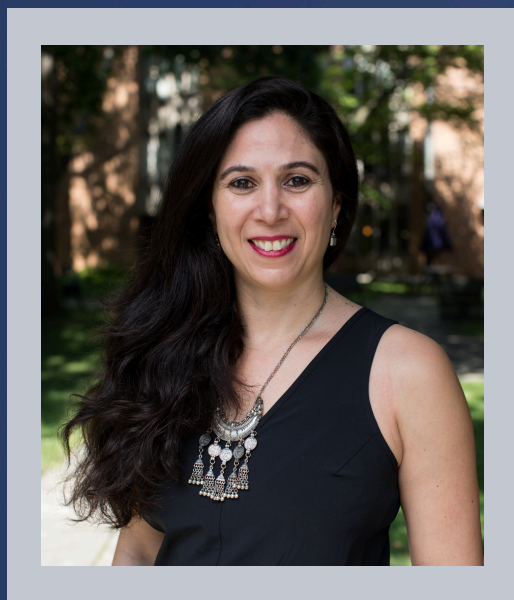




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## Architecture of Anxiety: Body Politics and the Formation of Islamic Architecture

In this presentation, I offer an alternative account of the formation of Islamic architecture. Following the argument in my recent *Architecture of Anxiety: Body Politics and the Formation of Islamic Architecture*, I show how Islamic architecture emerged as a product of anxiety around governance following the Prophet's death. I explore the ways this anxiety shaped the spaces in which Muslims live and pray, focusing on early Islamic Jerusalem and the Dome of the Rock.

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