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The Genealogy of a Discipline: Qur'an Commentary and Religious Transformation in the Modern Middle East

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David Turpin Building, Room A110

The reprinting, editing and disseminating of medieval scholarly literature in the modern Middle East has never been the subject of sustained analysis. Why is arcane scholastic literature so popular and how to account for this popularity? This lecture will examine the place of medieval literature in contemporary Islamic discourse, and will argue that unless we know the genealogy of this literature we will fail to see what role it plays and how it was transformed and readapted for modern usage.

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