

Nebil Husayn

Deconstructing Memories of Ali in Sunni and Shi'i Islam

Monday Majlis online on the 12th of June, and in person in the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter, LT1, 17:00-18:30 (UK time).

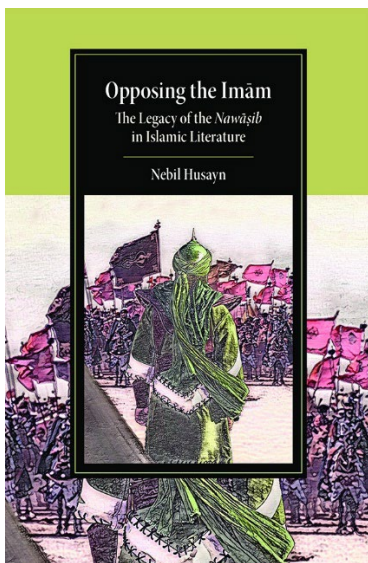
We'd like to invite you to the next online and in person Monday Majlis of the Centre for the Study of Islam, Exeter:

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Nebil Husayn, *Deconstructing Memories of Ali in Sunni and Shi'i Islam*

Registration for online attendance is required. Register please on this link:

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Abstract

Islam's fourth caliph, Ali, can be considered one of the most revered figures in Islamic history. His nearly universal portrayal in Muslim literature as a pious authority obscures the views of his opponents who considered him an illegitimate ruler and a centuries-long process that entailed the rehabilitation of his character. In his book, *Opposing the Imam* (Cambridge University Press, 2021), Nebil Husayn considers the diverse ways in which early Muslims remembered Ali and contextualizes the rise of both Sunnism and Shi'ism. This presentation discusses key findings from this recent publication.



Bio

Nebil Husayn is a specialist in the field of Islamic studies. His research explores authoritarianism in the Middle East, debates on the caliphate, and the development of Islamic thought. Husayn also serves as a Senior Research Advisor for Mipsterz, an arts and culture collective curating, enabling, and amplifying artists of marginalized backgrounds through illustration, film, and music. He is the recipient of a Fulbright award and the University of Miami Fellowship in the Arts and Humanities. Husayn obtained his Ph.D. in Near Eastern Studies from Princeton University and an M.A. in Arabic and Islamic Studies from Harvard University.

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In the spirit of the label 'Majlis' and also to make the talks even more interesting, we are experimenting with a new format presenting the topic discussed by our speaker as embedded in their own research journey. Please come and enjoy the talks and the discussions. If you'd like to be included in the CSI (Centre for the Study of Islam (Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter) mailing list, please contact the CSI Manager: Sarah Wood (s.a.wood2@exeter.ac.uk).

We'll be happy to welcome you!

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