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Islam and the West Topic of May 1 Talk at Cal Poly

SAN LUIS OBISPO - UC Santa Barbara Professor Ahmad Atif Amad will present "Clash of Cultures? Islam and Commensurability with the Modern West" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday May 1, in Cal Poly's Fisher Science Building, Room 286.

During the talk, Amad will examine the presumed "clash of cultures" between Islam and the West, particularly what it means to state that certain value systems are incommensurable with others.

Amad is assistant professor of religion at UCSB. He has also taught at Cairo University, Harvard, and Macalaster in St. Paul, Minn. His newest book is titled "Islam, Modernity, Violence, and Everyday Life."

The talk is sponsored by Cal Poly's Religious Studies program. It is free and open to the public. For more information contact, Stephen Lloyd-Moffett at 805-756-2475 or slloydmo@calpoly.edu.

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