

2023 Hardt-Nickachos Lecture in Peace Studies

Islam and contemporary dance: unexpected convergences



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Professor Tim Winter is a highly-respected theologian, Islamic scholar and educator, and one of the world's most influential Muslims. In addition to his academic endeavors, Winter spearheaded the community-centric Cambridge Mosque Project and founded Cambridge Muslim College which offers a variety of student programs including a bachelor's degree in Islamic studies. Winter (a.k.a. Abdal Hakim Murad) has authored numerous books and articles, including his most recent volume "Travelling Home: Essays on Islam in Europe."

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Some of the United States' best-known pioneers of 20th-century dance, including Ruth St. Denis, were inspired by Eastern – and specifically Muslim – cultural forms. Join us as Professor Winter explores that connection by examining the theology of some modern Muslim dancers and how those dancers challenged Western perceptions of Islam's relationship to the human body, to *eros* and to the sacred. By directly challenging some widespread stereotypes this lecture will highlight fundamental values shared by Western and classical Islamic cultures.

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