

Thoughts Worth Thinking Lecture Series

The Potential Perils of Insulting Muhammad

Despite the riveting and sensationalized media coverage of 'radical Muslims' protesting against insulting Muhammad, the systematic religious reasoning of these vocal and influential Muslims remains largely unknown to the Western public. Similarly, the Muslim religious opposition to such views remains virtually undocumented.

In her talk Dr. Saif will engage with the diversity of Muslim responses to the act of insulting Muhammad and highlight the multifaceted ways in which the Islamic tradition is understood.



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7:00pm
Academic Success Center
Room 118

Dr. Mashal Saif is an Assistant Professor of Islamic Studies at Clemson University. Dr. Saif's research interests include Islam in contemporary South Asia and Yemen; the trans-temporal dynamics between medieval and modern Islamic discourses; contemporary Muslim political theology; the intersection of religious studies and postcolonial theory; and the anthropology of the state. She is the recipient of a number of fellowships and awards including the American Academy of Religion's International Dissertation Research Grant. Dr. Saif's dissertation examines how traditional Muslim scholars contest tradition, authority and sovereignty in post-9/11 Pakistan.

Dr. Garry Bertholf, an Assistant Professor in the Department of English at Clemson, will be delivering a short response to the lecture