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## ***The Georgetown Lecture on Contemporary Islam***

**Thursday 16 May 2024 at 17:00 (CET) - PISAI**

# **The Covenants of the Prophet Muhammad: Historical Legacy & Contemporary Human Rights**

**Ibrahim ZEIN**

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A WIDELY overlooked instrument of Muhammad's prophetic vocation was his practice of giving covenants. Some covenants dealt with good governance, providing the foundation for a human rights tradition within Islam; others defined relationships between Muslims and non-Muslim communities, ensuring protection of their lives, property, religion, and places of worship. The Constitution of Medina, on which this lecture focuses, features both uses.

## **Ādamiyyah: Humanity as a Ground for Universal Human Rights in Islam**

**Recep ŞENTÜRK**

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ISLAM shares with Christianity and secular jurisprudence a commitment to universal human rights, although the conceptual justification for this differs. This presentation provides a distinctively Islamic rationale that defines human rights and the reason all human beings possess them.

Q&A led by **John Borelli**, Georgetown University

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