

Modern Trends in Islam

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Total course hours: 16

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Afternoon classes (14.30–16.30) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays,
plus one Friday morning (15 December: 10.30–12.30).

Detailed schedule available at info@pisai.it

Course language: English

Course can be taken for credit (ECTS: 2.5) or audited

Cost: 150 Euros

Prof. Sonn will also give a public lecture on Thursday 14 December at 17.00
entitled *Is Islam an Enemy of the West?* All students in the course are strongly
encouraged to attend.

Course description: Over the past century and a half, Muslim communities have had to face the economic, political, and social challenges of European colonialism and its aftermath. Among the issues Muslims wrestle with are the nature of modernity itself, the place of religious law in modern society, the relationship between religion and government, whether or not religion should inform economic policy, the status of women, the nature of international relations, inter-communal and inter-faith relations, as well as ongoing conflicts and the development of radicalism among sectors of Muslim society. This course will examine diverse Muslim views on each of these issues, including several case studies, in order to understand both commonalities and diversity in modern Islam.

Tamara Sonn is the Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani Professor in the History of Islam at the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University. Her most recent books include *Islam and Democracy After the Arab Spring* (with John L. Esposito and John O. Voll; Oxford 2016), *Islam: History, Religion, and Politics* (Wiley Blackwell 2016) and *Is Islam an Enemy of the West?* (Polity 2016). She has also published over 100 chapters and articles, and her works have been translated into numerous languages.