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Islam in the Streets: Struggling to Understand Islam in the 21st Century

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From the collapse of the Soviet Union to that of the World Trade Center, from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq to the revolutions sweeping across the Arab world, Islam has entered center stage of the American imaginaire. Yet, that Islam is often a warped vision framed within national interests or focused on the abnormal.

In this presentation, drawing upon his research and travels across the Muslim world, Haines will share some insights into the deeply complex and highly diverse world of Islam. Through the prism of the powerful taking to the streets that commenced the Arab Spring in January 2011, particularly in Cairo's Tahrir Square, Haines will suggest new frames for coming to understanding Islam as a lived religion and to engage Muslims in their everyday realities.



Chad Haines is an anthropologist and assistant professor of religious studies and global studies at Arizona State University. His research focuses on issues of postcoloniality and globalization in the Muslim world, with particular interests in Pakistan and Egypt. He is author of *Nation, Territory & Globalization in Pakistan: Traversing the Margins* and is currently working on a new book manuscript, *Being Muslim, Being Global: Urbanity, Everyday Ethics, and Islamic Modernity in Dubai, Islamabad, and Cairo*.

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