



Announcements and Updates

The Project on Shi'ism and Global Affairs is proud to announce the launch of its [Youtube](#) and [Soundcloud](#) channels. Additionally, the project is covering the annual pilgrimage to Karbala, Iraq for the **Arbaeen** commemoration - please contact us and share your journey.



Arbaeen: Pilgrimage to Karbala

Are you participating in the Arbaeen pilgrimage in Karbala, Iraq this year? If so, we invite you to share your photos, videos, and written experiences with us at shiismwcfia@gmail.com. Your experiences may be shared through our website. Other pilgrimage experiences to diverse sites in the Islamic world are welcome as well. Names and affiliations optional.

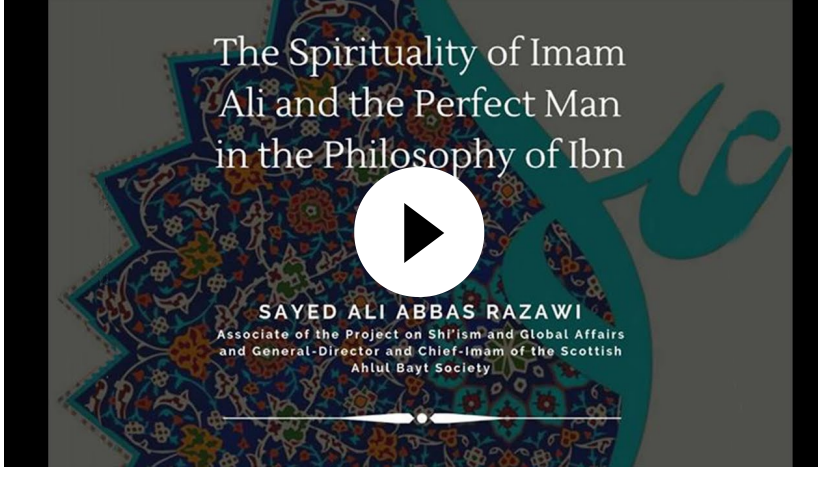
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Past Events



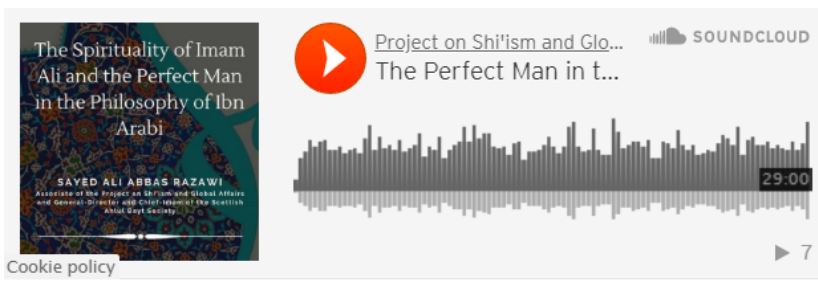
The Spirituality of Imam Ali and the Perfect Man in the Philosophy of Ibn Arabi

Through his lecture, Razawi discussed the qualities of love and the perfect man with the teachings of Ibn Arabi. Below, you can find the lecture's video as well as a supplementary podcast with Razawi.



Introducing the Project's Youtube channel, where you can find videos of our events, snippets, and more. Currently, Sayed Razawi's talk can be viewed on our channel.

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In addition to the event, we held a post-lecture conversation with Sayed Ali Abbas Razawi, hosted by Michel Nehme, undergraduate at Harvard University.

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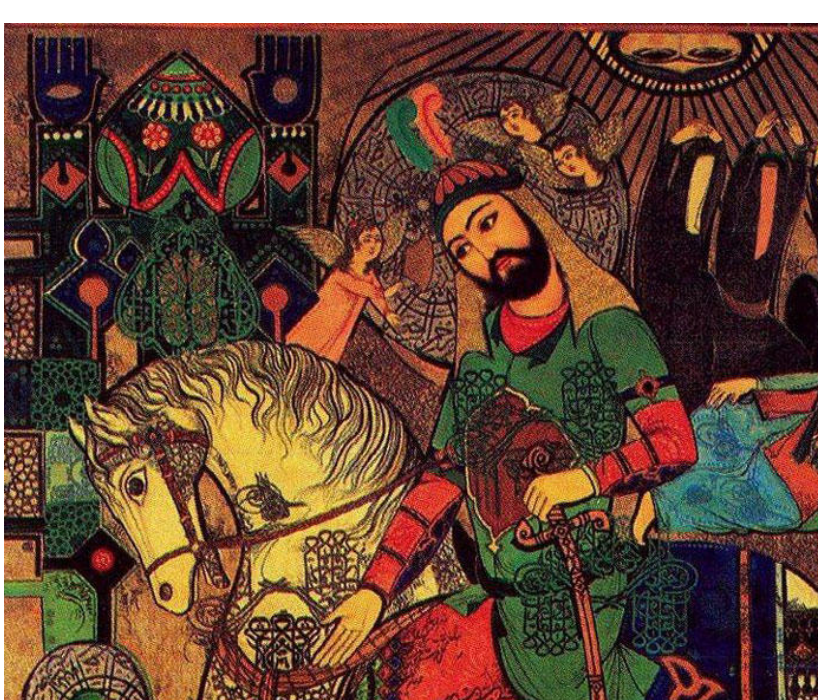


1452 Poles to Karbala

By Mohd Faizal Musa

Arbaeen marks the 40th day following the tragedy of Karbala. In recent years, more than 20 million pilgrims annually arrive in Karbala from around the world during Arbaeen. This narrative recounts a personal journey and experience to Karbala on one of these historic walks.

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The Exoteric Imamate as the Omnipresent Esoteric in Shi'a Hiero-History

By Amital Abouzaglo

Unlike certain classical histories of the Islamic world, the Shi'a worldview does not fixate on golden ages of the past. For the Shi'a, the past is essentially unjust; the future, meanwhile, contains the ultimately revealing age. Shia hiero-history therefore brings together the vantage points of past and future together.

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News & Community Engagement



Hassan Abbas's Visit to the University of Kufa

Professor Hassan Abbas participated in an academic conference hosted by the University of Kufa entitled "Linguistic and Literary Readings of the Event of Karbala." The conference focused on the legacy of Imam Husayn and the cultural and literary means through which the event of Karbala has impacted Muslim consciousness across time.

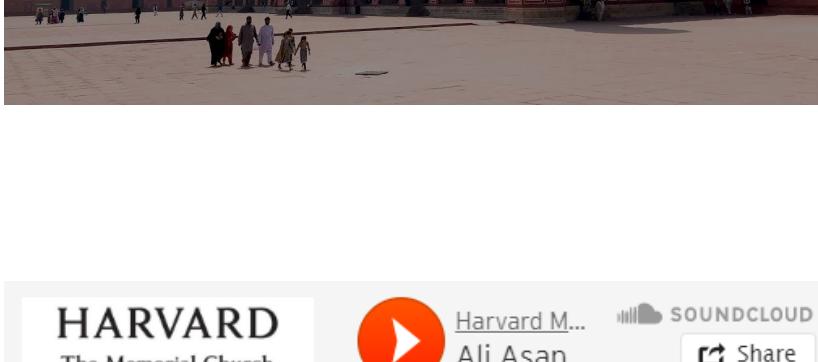
Media



How the World Turned Its Back on Mass Murders in Pakistan

Project Senior Advisor, Professor Hassan Abbas, speaks in this documentary to the under reported and systematic persecution of the Shi'a community in Pakistan.

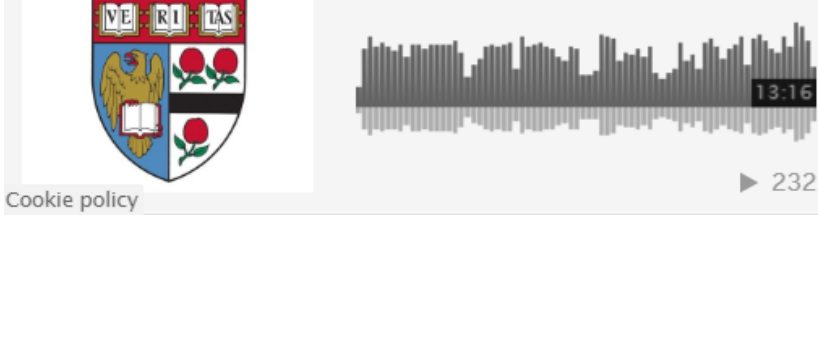
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Ali Asani on Beauty

Project Faculty Chair Professor Ali Asani speaks on refining the soul and the pursuit of enduring beauty at Morning Prayers in Harvard's Memorial Church.

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Podcast with Melani Cammett

Project Faculty Chair Professor Melani Cammett talks about the politics of welfare distribution, along with possible ways out of - or beyond - sectarianism in Lebanon.

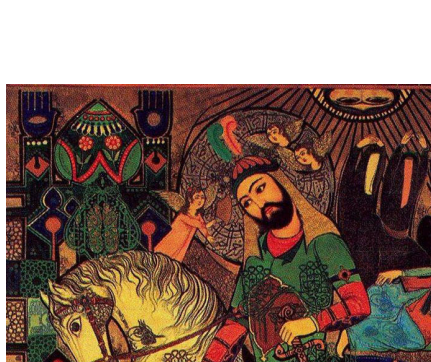
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Research

The Project on Shi'ism & Global Affairs pursues advanced research on four interdisciplinary studies in an effort to re-focus scholarly attention on the strategic transformations happening across the Shi'a worlds on both a socio-political level as well as the cultural values and ideology that drive these larger phenomena.

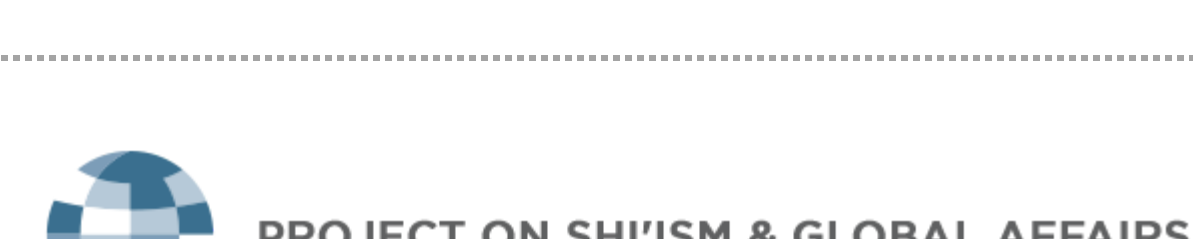
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Visions

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