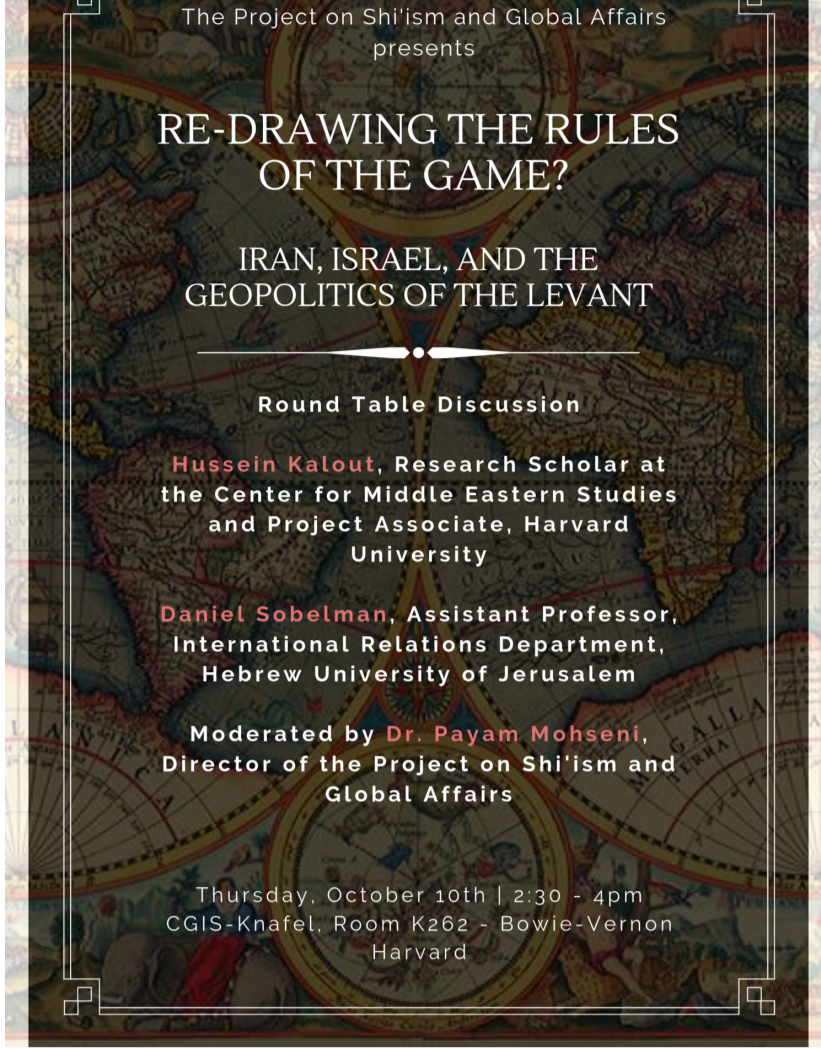


Our Upcoming Events

This week, [the Project on Shi'ism and Global Affairs](#) is hosting a round table discussion on the dynamics of the Levant's geopolitical affairs. Join Hussein Kalout and Daniel Sobelman for an interactive dialogue on one of the most exigent geopolitical dynamics facing the contemporary world.

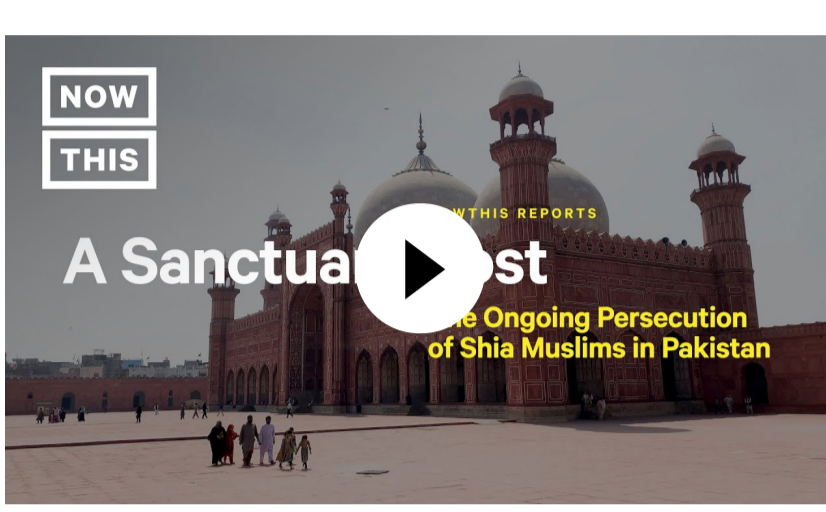


10/10 - Re-Drawing The Rules of The Game? Iran, Israel, and the Geopolitics of the Levant

The 2006 war between Israel and Lebanon forged a new political dynamic in the Middle East. Israel and Hezbollah established unofficial rules of engagement that secured peace through the logic of deterrence. These rules are now under question as decision-makers grapple with new regional dynamics and we are witness to military escalation across the Levant and the Middle East. Join us for a round table conversation for what these dynamics portend for Iran, Israel, and the region with Daniel Sobelman, Assistant Professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and Hussein Kalout, Project Associate and Research Scholar at the Center of Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University.

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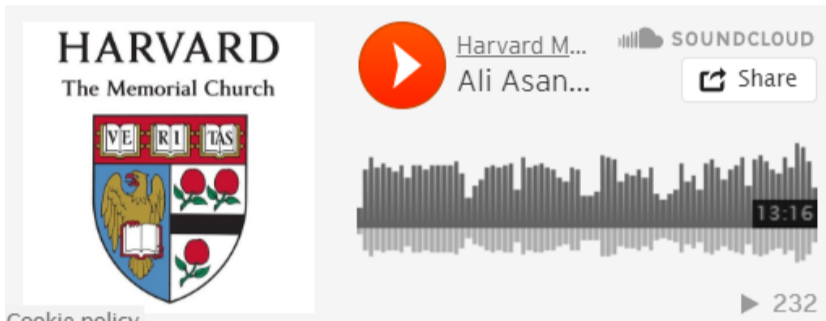
Announcements



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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News & Community Engagement



Project Associate Sayed Ali Abbas Razawi visited Yale University and helped lead an interfaith discussion on the subject of **Sacrifice in Faith**. The audience in attendance comprised of members of various faiths, including Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, and Christianity. [Click here](#) to learn more.



Senior Adviser to the project, Hassan Abbas recently visited Iraq and participated in the R.C.D. Security and Economic Forum in Baghdad. Professor Abbas discussed the importance of national security policy, interstate relations in the Middle East, and strategies for reaching a more stable and cohesive Iraq. [Click here](#) to learn more.



Project Director Dr. Payam Mohseni and Associate Mohammad Sagha conducted a series of youth workshops entitled "Shi'ism in America" at the Islamic Center of America in Dearborn, MI. The interactive workshops expanded upon several themes including pluralism within Islam and how to approach interfaith dialogue within the interfaith of Shi'i Islam. [Click here](#) to learn more.

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Al-Ghadir: The Foundation of Shi'ism
By Mohammad Sagha

Eid al-Ghadir, the day on which Imam Ali ibn Abi Talib was openly declared by the Prophet Muhammad to be his successor in front of reportedly thousands of his companions. This is an important event that has deeply impacted debates on leadership and authority for nearly 1,400 years in the Muslim world.

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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 shiismwcfca@gmail.com. Your experiences will be shared through our website. Other pilgrimage experiences to diverse sites in the Islamic world are welcome as well. Names and affiliations optional.

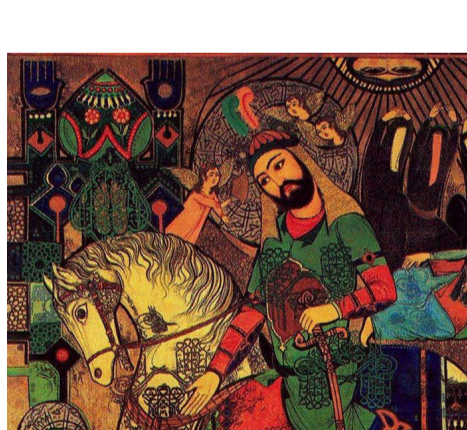
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