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“The Historian, The Believer and The Qur’an”

The relationship between historical analysis and the faith-claims of revealed religions has been debated for centuries. It is an issue that also frames the work of scholars who today consider the context in which the Qur’an first appeared. Dr. Donner will address some of the strengths and limitations of several of the theories that attempt to reconstruct the Qur’an’s historical context, and then proceed to discuss the more general problem of exploring the Qur’an’s context, using as a starting point the ideas proposed by the historian of religion Van Harvey in his book *The Historian and the Believer*.

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12:30p.m.-2p.m.

HUM Building, Room 219

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