This course surveys important developments in modern Muslim societies starting from the 16th century and continuing into the present. Lectures will be both historical and thematic, covering topics such as Muslim experiences with colonialism and the rise of the nation-state, modernist reform movements, geopolitics and the emergence of the notion of the “Muslim World”, women's activism and changes in Qur'an interpretation, the place of Islamic law in society, and religious practice. Students will engage a variety of primary and secondary source material in translation.