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Islamism and Producing a `Modernist Islam`

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The intellectual, political and social revolution that early Islamists envisioned at the turn of the 20th century was predicated on a new imagination of how religion was to be defined. This new definition of religion led many Islamists to rethink established norms and traditional practices in a dramatically different manner. Once we recognize Islamism as a major innovation in Islamic thought and practice, one that is linked closely to the urban context of early South Asian Islamist thinkers like Abul Ala Maududi, and not as a traditional response, it becomes possible to engage with greater nuance with its implications. This talk will focus on the nature of the secularization that I argue Islamism is facilitating and thus consider the norms that have been produced as a result.

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Dr Humeira Iqtidar is a Senior Lecturer in Politics of South Asia and Chair of the Graduate Exam Board at King's College, London. She is also a co-convenor of the London Comparative Political Theory workshops. Humeira has studied at the University of Cambridge (UK), McGill University (Canada) and Quaid-e-Azam University (Pakistan). Before joining King's, Humeira was based at the University of Cambridge as a fellow of King's College and the Centre of South Asian Studies. Currently her research has two key strands. One explores ideas and practices related to tolerance among precarious populations such as the refugees and migrants from the Tribal Areas of Pakistan now living in urban centres of the country. The other engages with the relationship between liberalization and piety in Islamic political thought.