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Public Lecture

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Who Will Save Us?:

The Spread of Muslim Millenarian Identities in the Early Modern Mediterranean

In the late fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries, the Mediterranean Muslim world, from Mamlūk Egypt to North Africa and (former) Muslim Spain, experienced a series of sweeping changes, including



civil war, foreign conquest, and forced conversion. In the face of such radical transformations of Muslim polities, some Muslims reacted by turning towards eschatological ideologies. This talk explores the ways in which millenarianism and notions of renewal manifested themselves in North Africa, and to an extent in Egypt. It also discusses how these trends influenced and impacted the construction of religious identity by the last Spanish Muslims in the wake of their forced conversion to Christianity in the early sixteenth century.

Date: Thursday, October 19 Time: 7:15 - 8:15 p.m.

LOCATION: University of Toronto, Carr Hall, Room 403, located at 100 St. Joseph Street, St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto. (First street north of Wellesley; parking lot is opposite Carr Hall).

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