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Public Lecture

**“When They Proclaim, ‘Islam is the Answer,’
What is the Question?”**

(in English)

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Baluchistan, 1973

Abstract

The remarkable turn, or return, to religion in the Middle East as the dominant vision has reshaped public discourse and conflict. This can be seen in remote and little known corners of the Middle East, such as Baluchistan, as well as in the wider Islamic Middle East, including such keenly observed regions as Palestine and Israel. What has brought about this transformational turn to religion?

Biography

Philip Carl Salzman is Professor of Anthropology at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. He has carried out ethnographic field research in Iranian Baluchistan, Gujarat and Rajasthan in India, and Sardinia, Italy. His publications include *The Anthropology of Real Life: Events in Human Experience* (1999), *Black Tents of Baluchistan* (2000, winner of the Premio Pitrè–Salomone Marino), *Understanding Culture: An Introduction to Anthropological Theory* (2001), *Pastoralists: Equality, Hierarchy, and the State* (2004), and *Culture and Conflict in the Middle East* (2008). He blogs regularly at Middle East Strategy at Harvard (<http://blogs.law.harvard.edu/mesh/>) and Open Anthropology Cooperative (<http://openanthcoop.ning.com/>).

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