Teaching Shi`ism in the Academy: Practicalities and Pitfalls

This talk, based on several years of experience teaching a University-level, honours course on Twelver Shi`ism, will address some of the practical issues encountered and some of the approaches adopted in response to teaching students whose undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes span quite varying ranges of previous study of, let alone acquaintance with, the history and culture of the Islamic world let alone Islam itself.