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Title: **“Verses and Reality: Quranic Attitudes Toward Jews and Judaism”**

Panel: Islam and Anti-Semitism

The presentation will begin by describing the basic facts of the first encounter of Muhammad and his followers with the Jewish population in Arabia and with their legacy. Then, the discussion will focus on some Quranic verses that reflect various stages in the relationship between the two parties( efforts to include the Jews in the emerging Muslim community, fierce ideological debate, warfare,deportation and murder , and fixing the status of Jews in the Muslim state)

The concluding remarks will discuss shortly the actual relevance of all the above, in Muslim modern thought.