

# Islamic Political Thought: *Religion in Politics*



A Two-Part Public Lecture by Professor Antony Black, University of Dundee



## **Lecture 1:** *The Historical Evolution of Islamic Political Thought: Law, Knowledge and Power*

**26 Feb 2013 (Tuesday), 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

How did Shari'a develop? What is the role of knowledge in authority? In what ways had Islam been politically opportunistic? How did revelationism triumph over rationalism?

## **Lecture 2:** *Islamic Political Thought Today: Western Influence and Revivalism*

**28 Feb 2013 (Thursday), 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

How has Islam adopted and rejected European ideas? What place is there to be for democracy, human rights and a secular state in Islamic political thought?

**Venue: Social Sciences Chamber, 11/F, The Jockey Club Tower,  
Centennial Campus, The University of Hong Kong**

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