The Qur’an was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad in the 7th century. While a lot of contemporary practices and beliefs can be traced to early texts and behaviors of the early Muslim community, modern Muslims continue to interpret, debate and think about their religion in response to the challenges and opportunities of the modern world. This course investigates some of these modern Islamic practices through a thematic approach. We discuss political Islam, Islamic feminism, Sufism (mysticism), legal authority transmission, and Islam and the media, among others.