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Responses to Apostasy: A Comparative Examination of Syriac-Christian and Jewish Babylonian Attitudes in the Early Islamic Period



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A comparative look at Syriac Christian and Jewish Babylonian writers illustrates the conceptions and sanctions these authors had for challenging apostasy in a changing cultural and political sphere. This seminar will discuss different ways applied by these religious communities to both embrace and attract some of these returning apostates, while suggesting creative ways, such as mourning, grieving, extracting confessions, and threatening physical punishment, to sanction others.

Tuesday, February 28 at 10:30 AM

Miller Hall, Room 115 (14 College Ave.)

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