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## Intl St 179—Muslims in Western Democracies

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Tu/Th 2:00-3:20 p.m.

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**THE COURSE EXAMINES VARIABLE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND CULTURAL INTEGRATION** of Muslim minorities in North America and Europe. It starts with a historical overview of immigration of Muslims on both sides of the Atlantic over the last seventy years, the diversity of their places of origin, the variation in their demographic features and professional skills, and the variety of political and legal contexts of the adoptive countries into which they have immigrated. Next, the course examines the effects of some of the most significant globalizing processes over the last thirty years on politicization of integration and assimilation of the Muslim population living in Western democracies. Specifically, we will examine the effects of the following four globalizing processes: de-industrialization of developed Western economies, the rise of identity politics, the birth of “Islamic awakening,” and the spread of transnational “jihadism.” The politicization of the process of integration and assimilation of Western Muslims is then examined as a cause of cultural-political populism in the West and the questions it raises about the inclusiveness of liberal democracies in the future.

