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## Thinking About the Secular Body, Pain, and Liberal Politics

**Wednesday, October 5, 2011  
5:30pm, Rockefeller Hall room 300  
This event is open to the general public.**

Professor Asad's research focuses primarily on the phenomenon of religion (and secularism) as an integral part of modernity, and especially in the religious revival in the Middle East. Connected with this is his interest in the links between religious and secular notions of pain and cruelty, and therefore with the modern discourse of Human Rights. His long-term research concerns the transformation of religious law (the shari'ah) in nineteenth and twentieth-century Egypt with special reference to arguments about what constitutes secular and progressive reform.

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