



# HENRY STUBBE & THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD: Challenging Misrepresentation – A Flash from the Past

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**A LECTURE by PROFESSOR NABIL MATAR**

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**HENRY STUBBE & THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD:** The history of medieval and early modern European writings about the Prophet Muhammad shows a consistent pattern of misunderstanding. Until the nineteenth century, only one writer challenged that history: the English physician Henry Stubbe (1632-1676), author of "The Originall and Progress of Mahometanism."

## **PROFESSOR NABIL MATAR**

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Professor Matar's Nabil Matar was born in Beirut, Lebanon to Palestinian parents and studied at the American University of Beirut. In 1976, he completed his Ph.D. at Cambridge University and went on to teach at Jordan University, the American University of Beirut, Florida Institute of Technology, and the University of Minnesota where he is currently Presidential Professor in the English Department. He received postdoctoral grants from the British Council (to Clare Hall, Cambridge University), Fulbright (to Harvard Divinity School), the British Academy, and École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales. Dr. Matar's research in the past two decades has focused on relations between early modern Britain, the West, and the Islamic Mediterranean. He is author of numerous articles, chapters in books, and encyclopedia entries, and the trilogy: *Islam in Britain, 1558-1685* (Cambridge UP, 1998), *Turks, Moors and Englishmen in the Age of Discovery* (Columbia UP, 1999), and *Britain and Barbary, 1589-1689* (UP of Florida, 2005). He wrote the introduction to *Piracy, Slavery and Redemption* (Columbia UP, 2001) and began a second trilogy on Arabs and Europeans in the early modern world: *In the Lands of the Christians* (Routledge, 2003), and *Europe through Arab Eyes, 1578-1727* (Columbia UP, 2009). He is currently working on the third installment, *Britain, France, and the Arabic-speaking World, 1598-1798*. His most recent publication is with Professor Gerald MacLean, *Britain and the Islamic World, 1558-1713* (Oxford UP, 2011). With Professor Judy Hayden he is co-editing a collection of essays on early modern travel to the Holy Land (forthcoming Brill, 2012), and is editing and introducing Henry Stubbe's *The Originall & Progress of Mahometanism* (forthcoming, Columbia UP 2013).

## **VENUE**

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