

Global Afghanistan: An Intellectual Perspective

Lecture by **Jawan Rasikh**

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Jawan Rasikh studies the medieval and early modern Persianate and Islamicate social and cultural histories of South and Central Asia and Eastern Iran, with particular focus on the processes of conversion of eastern Iran and Afghanistan to Islam. He is currently conducting field research in northwestern Afghanistan on the social and cultural history of medieval Ghur between the late tenth and early thirteenth centuries. His dissertation is a micro-study of the conversion of Ghur's inhabitants to Islam and their post-conversion lives.

The first half of Jawan Rasikh's talk will focus on his dissertation and related fieldwork, while the second half will focus on the ongoing socio-political changes in contemporary Afghanistan.

