

# ISLA 617. 17TH CENTURY PERSIA 'ORTHODOXY' AND HETERODOXY

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Credits: 3

Offered by: Islamic Studies (Graduate Studies)

Terms offered: Winter 2026

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## Description

The doctrinal, theological, and legal transformation of Persia after the rise of the Safavid Empire, presenting the interface between legal discourse and popular Shi'ism, heterodoxy (including messianism), and mysticism; the jurists' approaches to temporal authority and association with the Safavid government while awaiting the advent of the Hidden Imam; the rise of the traditionists, their attack on the mujtahids and the question of legal heresy.

- Restrictions: Not open to students who have taken ISLA 788 when topic was: "'Orthodoxy' and Heterodoxy in 17th Century Persia".

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