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TITLE
Orientalism: From Edward Said to Wael B. Hallaq

ACADEMIC PROFILE
Bryan Turner is one of the world's leading sociologists of religion. He is the Director of the Institute for Religion, Politics and Society at the ACU, Honorary Professor at Potsdam University, Germany, and Emeritus Professor at the Graduate Center, CUNY, USA. His interests include globalisation and religion, religious conflict and the modern state, as well as human rights and religion. Among his recent publications are *Routledge Handbook of Religions in Asia* (2014), *The Sociology of Islam* (2013), *The Religious and the Political: A Comparative Sociology of Religion* (2013), and *Asian Societies: An Introduction* (2011).

ABSTRACT
His talk looks at the legacy of Edward Said's *Orientalism* through the lens of Wael B. Hallaq's *Restating Orientalism. A Critique of Modern Knowledge* (NY: Columbia University Press, 2018). Hallaq criticizes Said for looking at a list of authors rather than treating Orientalism as a paradigm that has its roots in genocide. His talk is critical of both Said and Hallaq for their failure to engage with social science approaches. Hallaq follows Kuhn in treating Orientalism as a hegemonic paradigm, but critics of Kuhn argue that outside natural science there are no hegemonic paradigms.

LOCATION AND TIME
Western Sydney University
Parramatta South Campus, The Female
Orphan School, PS-EZ.1.57 (Geoffrey
Roberson Boardroom)
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