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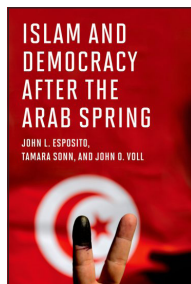
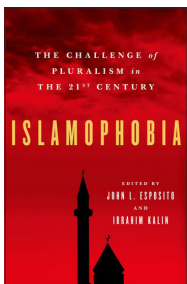
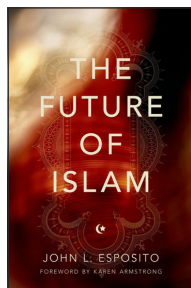
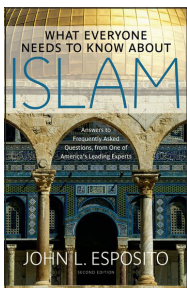
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Islam is a great religious tradition, the second largest and fastest growing of the World's Religions, embracing some 57 Muslim countries and the second or third largest religion in Europe and America. Despite the global achievements of Islam as a faith and civilization, since the Iranian Revolution, Islam has been viewed through the lens violence and the actions of militant terrorists. This lecture will address the questions: Who are Muslims and what do they believe? What do Islam, Judaism and Christianity share in common? Why does it matter?

Named "one of America's foremost authorities and interpreters of Islam" by *The Wall Street Journal*, John L. Esposito is the author of more than 45 books including *The Future of Islam*, *Islamophobia and the Challenge of Pluralism in the 21st Century*, *Who Speaks for Islam? What a Billion Muslims Really Think*, *Unholy War: Terror in the Name of Islam*, *The Islamic Threat: Myth or Reality?* and *What Everyone Needs to Know About Islam*. He is University Professor as well as Professor of Religion and International Affairs and of Islamic Studies at Georgetown University, where he serves as Founding Director of the Alwaleed Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding in the Walsh School of Foreign Service.



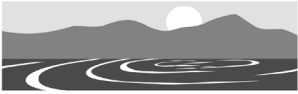
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