



PROFESSOR BRINKLEY MESSICK

Agrarian Shari`a

LECTURE

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at 5.30 PM

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Brinkley Messick is a Professor of Anthropology and of Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African studies at Columbia University, New York. He specialises in the anthropology of law, legal history, written culture, and the circulation and interpretation of Islamic law, with a regional focus on Yemen. He is the author of *Shari'a Scripts: A Historical Anthropology* (2018) and *The Calligraphic State: Textual Domination and History in a Muslim Society* (1992).

In his talk, Professor Messick will present a historical anthropology of Islamic law in Ibb Province (Lower Yemen) in the last decades of Imamic governance. His presentation will be supported by ethnographic photography and related documentation.