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LECTURE SUMMARY
With controversies such as the protests calling for depictions of the Prophet Muhammad in Texas and tragedies like the attack on the Charlie Hebdo satirical paper in Paris, much confusion surrounds the place of freedom of expression in Islam and Muslim societies. For Americans, seeking to understand these issues raises compelling questions about the issue of freedom of expression in our own culture. This lecture will address the question of the freedom of expression in the Islamic tradition and the West from both sides of this divide.

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