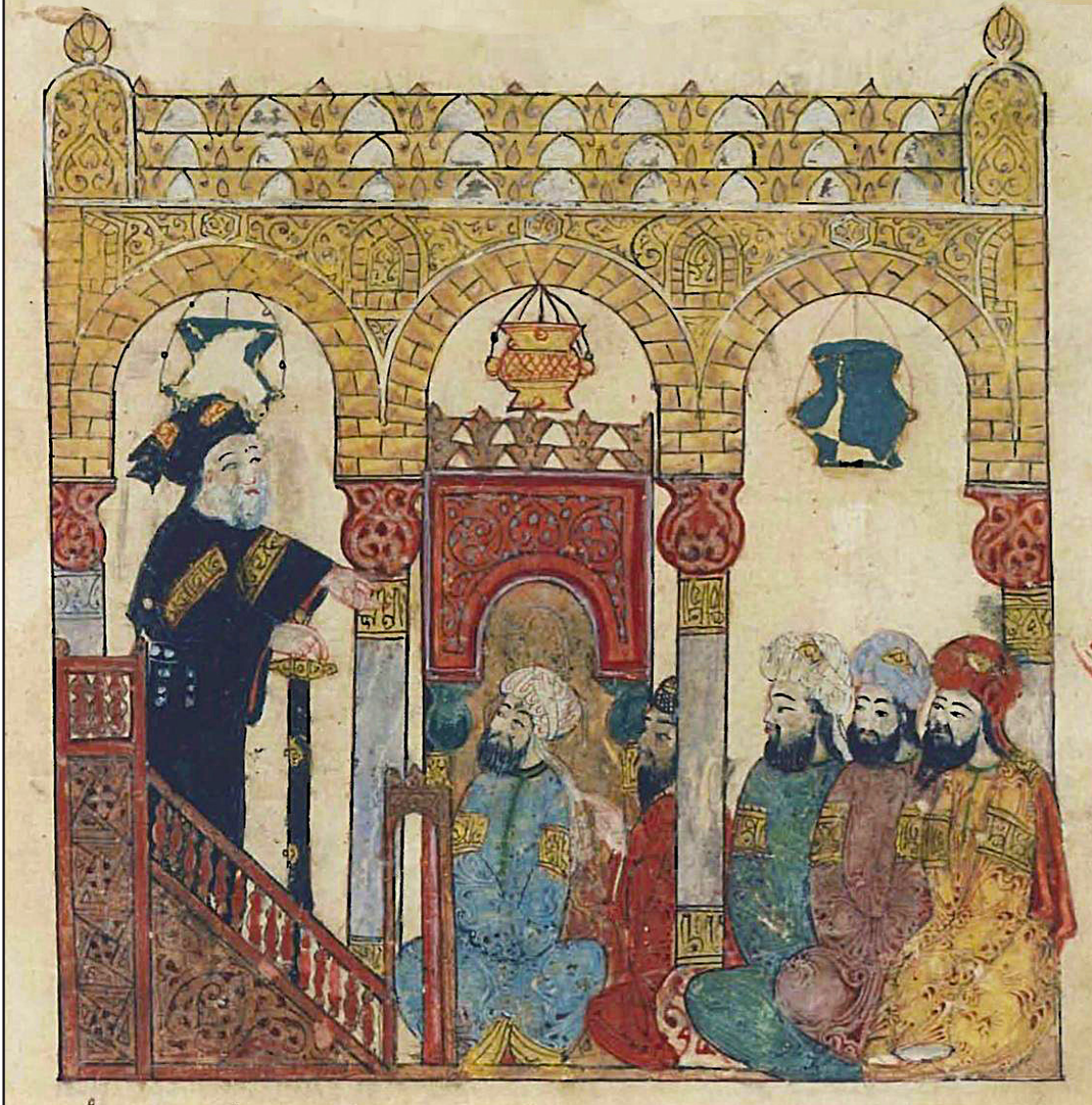


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ARCHITECTURE IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD



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This course surveys the history of Islamic architecture from the beginning of Islam in 7th-century Arabia to the present. It covers fifteen centuries and three continents Asia, Africa, and Europe in addition to recent developments in the US. The survey examines decisive moments in Islamic history, traces the global spread of Islam today,

and introduces influential patrons, thinkers, and designers. It studies representative architectural examples beginning with the House of the Prophet in Medina and ending with current megaprojects in the Persian Gulf. The examples are situated within their broad historical context and their architectural, urban, and stylistic characteristics

are analyzed in conjunction with their political, socio-economic, and intellectual settings. Students are encouraged to raise questions and generate debates. The aim is to help them better understand Islamic architecture both as a full-fledged historical tradition and as a dynamic and interactive participant in world architectural history.

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