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“Islam is a Foreign Country” after the “Muslim Ban”

Zareena A. Grewal is an Associate Professor of American Studies, Religious Studies, Anthropology, and Ethnicity, Race, and Migration at Yale University. Her first book, *Islam is a Foreign Country: American Muslims and the Global Crisis of Authority* (NYU 2013), is a historical ethnography of transnational Muslim intellectual networks that link US mosques to Islamic movements in post-colonial Middle East through debates about the reform of Islam, based on fieldwork in Egypt, Jordan and Syria. She is currently working on a social life of the Quran as a racialized text-object at the center of the culture wars in the US.