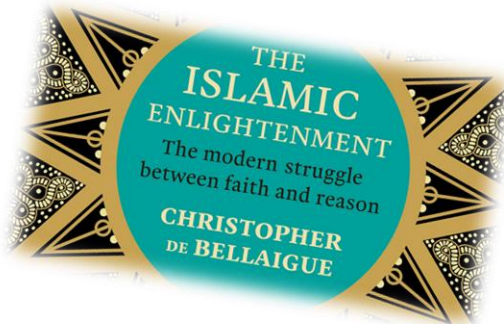




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***The Islamic Enlightenment:
The Modern Struggle between Faith and Reason***



Christopher de Bellaigue

Chair: **Eugene Rogan** (St Antony's College)

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Investcorp Auditorium, St Antony's College

Christopher de Bellaigue is an author, broadcaster and journalist. In 2007/8, he held the Alistair Horne visiting fellowship at St Antony's. His latest book, *The Islamic Enlightenment*, described by Orhan Pamuk as 'brilliant,' and as 'a blow...for common humanity' by Justin Marozzi in the Sunday Times, has been shortlisted for the Baillie Gifford Prize for non-fiction and longlisted for the Cundill Prize for History.

About the Islamic Enlightenment: a book like this can only point to the sheer complexity of Muslim identities, loyalties and accommodations in the modern world, both among the hundreds of millions who lead lives of varying degrees of quiet and the troubled few. Far from spurning or avoiding modernity, Muslims are "drenched in it," as de Bellaigue points out, and in tracking the sinews of enlightenment through the last two centuries of Islamic thinking, this brilliant and lively history deserves nothing but praise (Jason Goodwin, author of the Yashim Ottoman detective series and "Lords of the Horizons: A History of the Ottoman Empire.")



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