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***In Search of Institutional Order:
Can the Shi'a Marja'iyya Depart from Traditional Limits
and Unlock the Future Potential?***



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Friday, 15 February – 5pm

Investcorp Auditorium, St Antony's College

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