

Conference Concentrates on Islam

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"Political Philosophy and Islamic Culture" is the subject of a three-day conference that opens today (Feb. 24) at Tulane. The events will feature a lecture by Charles Butterworth, a renowned scholar of Islam.

Butterworth also will lead a panel discussion on Islamic political philosophy.

The events begin today with the showing of the movie *Kingdom of Heaven* at 7 p.m. in Der Rathskeller in the Lavin-Bernick Center on the uptown campus. The Philosophy Club will lead a discussion after the screening.

On Thursday (Feb. 25), Butterworth will give a lecture on "Alfarabi's Goal: Political Philosophy, not Political Theology," hosted by the [Murphy Institute's Center for Ethics and Public Affairs](#). He will speak at 4 p.m. in Stibbs Conference Room in the LBC. A reception will follow.

Butterworth is emeritus professor of government and politics at the University of Maryland—College Park and currently visiting professor in the Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Muslim Christian Understanding at Georgetown University.

The panel discussion and question-and-answer session will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday (Feb. 26), also in the Stibbs Conference Room. Joining Butterworth on the panel will be professors David DiPasquale of Boston College, Hillel Fradkin of the Hudson Institute and Joshua Parens of the University of Dallas.

The [events](#), which are open to the public free of charge, are sponsored by Tulane philosophy and political science departments, the Office of Academic Affairs, Newcomb-Tulane College and others.