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# TOWARDS A POETIC OF ESTRANGEMENT IN ARABIC LITERATURE

**THURSDAY**  
**OCTOBER 7** **2021**

**LECTURE** **CEMO HALL**  
**6:00 PM** **ROOM 105**

Presented by  
**WILLIAM GRANARA**



William Granara is Professor of Arabic language and literature at Harvard University and is currently the director of its Center for Middle Eastern Studies. Professor Granara specializes in the literature and history of the Arab Mediterranean in both the medieval and modern periods. He writes extensively on Muslim Sicily, and has published numerous articles on Ibn Hamdis, Sicily's most celebrated Arab poet. Professor Granara has translated three Arabic novels into English: *The Earthquake*; *Granada*; and *The Battle of Poitiers*, and his monograph: *Narrating Muslim Sicily: War and Peace in the Medieval Mediterranean World*, was published in June, 2019.

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