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Graduate Student Colloquium featuring Mustafa Akyol

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Mustafa Akyol is a Turkish political commentator and author based in Istanbul, Turkey. He is also a columnist for two Turkish newspapers, *Hürriyet Daily News* and *Star*. His articles have also appeared in *Foreign Affairs*, *Newsweek*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *International Herald Tribune*, *The Guardian*, *Newsweek*, *The American Interest*, *First Things*, *The Weekly Standard*, *The Washington Times*, *The American Enterprise Magazine*, *Huffington Post*, *National Review Online*, *The Forward*, *Tech Central Station*, *Bitter Lemons* and *IslamOnline*. He has appeared on BBC World, Al Jazeera English, France 24, and other international TV channels.

Mr. Akyol is author of several books in Turkish and in English. His most recent work, *Islam Without Extremes: A Muslim Case For Liberty*, which was defined by the *Financial Times* as “a forthright and elegant Muslim defence of freedom,” was published by *W.W. Norton* in July 2011. The book was long-listed for the 2012 Lioner Gelber Prize, along with other titles by Henry Kissinger, Francis Fukuyama and Niall Ferguson.

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