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An open conversation with Religious Studies faculty and students

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Reading and book-signing, How to Read the Qur’an

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