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BUILDING ISLAM

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Building Islam explores the history of Islamic architecture and culture spanning fifteen centuries on three continents – Asia, Africa, Europe. Students study art and architecture as an embodiment of the historical conditions within which Islam was formed and acquired meaning, and to which it in turn gave form and context. Building techniques, material, styles, decoration, religion, society, polity, culture, patronage, and learning are examined through a series of paradigmatic architectural and urban moments that span from the House of the Prophet in Medina in the 7th century to the zero-carbon cities of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates today. Limited to 15.