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Faith Misplaced: The Broken Promise of US-Arab Relations, 1820-2001

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In his latest book Ussama Makdisi explores why Arabs once had a favorable view of America and why they no longer do. Unearthing this neglected history puts current politics and Arab attitudes toward the United States in a crucial historical perspective. By tracing how American missionaries laid the basis for an initial Arab discovery of America, and then how later U.S. policy decisions fueled anti-Americanism, Makdisi tells a powerful historical tale brimming with contemporary relevance.

Ussama Makdisi is Arab American Educational Foundation Professor of History at Rice University. In April 2009 the Carnegie Corporation named Makdisi a 2009 Carnegie Scholar for his contributions to enriching the country's discourse on Islam. His previous book, *Artillery of Heaven*, won the 2009 John Hope Franklin Prize. He will be introduced by **Max Paul Friedman**, Associate Professor of History, American University, and author of the forthcoming *Rethinking Anti-Americanism*.

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