

Program in Islamic Law

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Lunch Talk

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LAWRENCE ROSEN:
TRIBAL LAW AS ISLAMIC LAW:
THE BERBER EXAMPLE



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Tribes are characterized less by their structural forms and purported evolutionary history than by their cultural orientations and shape-shifting capability. In many parts of MENA and Asia these qualities have also contributed to tribes' amalgamation of Islamic law. Using as the main example the Berbers of Morocco, Professor Rosen will look at the parallels between local custom and Islamic prescription, procedural techniques and substantive rules to consider how the two legal systems have indigitated and why, from the Berbers' perspective, they regarded their approach *as* Islamic law rather than something set alongside Islamic law.

Space is limited. RSVP by emailing pil@law.harvard.edu
Mediterranean lunch will be served.