



WHAT IS ISIS?

Why do Canadians join?

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015 | 3:30 P.M.

Arts Lecture Hall 211 | Refreshments will be provided

Presented by the **Department of Religious Studies**

In the last two years there has been much discussion in the media about “foreign fighters,” who have chosen to travel to Northern Africa and the Middle East to fight in conflicts that do not directly involve their countries. We will examine some of their life stories, push and pull factors, and ask a simple question: **what makes them do it?**

The presentation will put a very human face to those willing to accept the ultimate sacrifice to perpetrate very inhumane and dehumanizing acts.

SPEAKERS



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