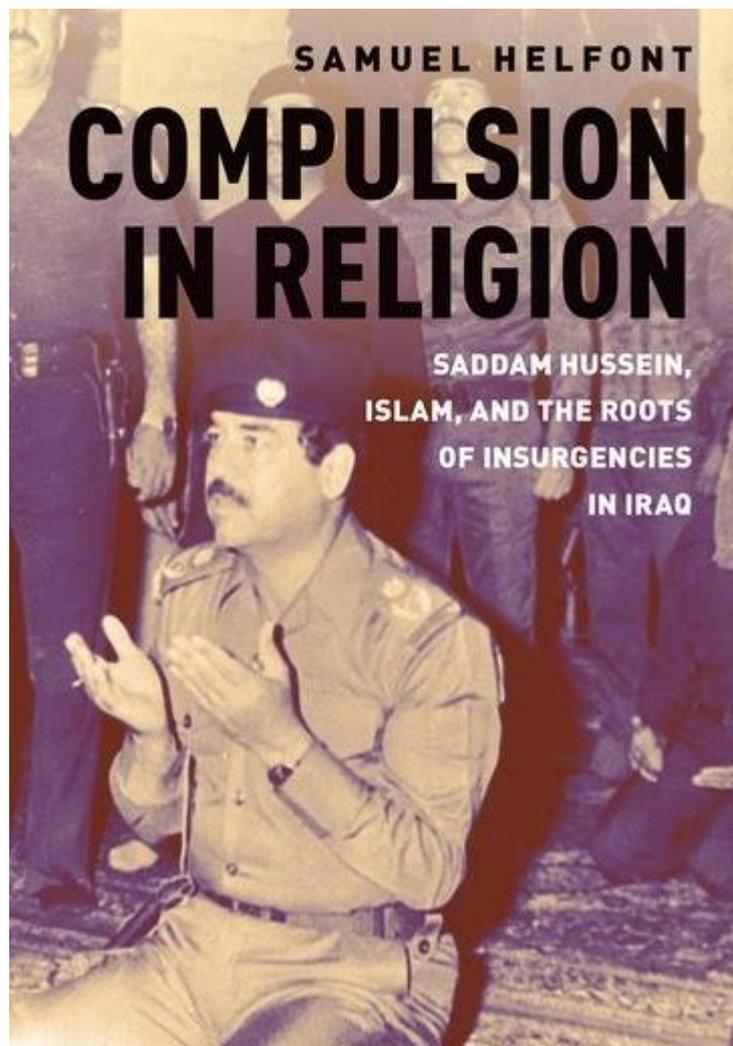




Dear All,

Please join us on **Sunday, December 22 at 16:15** for a book talk with **Dr. Samuel Helfont**. **The event will take place in room 133 (Gilman, ground floor).** **The event will be held in English.**



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