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Media Advisory: Ramadan news conference cancelled

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Due to multiple scheduling conflicts and demands on his time, organizers of Tariq Ramadan's lecture at Simon Fraser University have had to cancel his appearance at a news conference prior to the event.

As scheduled, Ramadan, one of the most recognized voices in understanding Muslims, will deliver *The Quest for Meaning and Pluralism* at SFU's downtown Segal School of Business on Thursday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m.

The widely published Islamic philosopher's lecture will kick off a free public spring lecture series co-hosted by SFU's Centre for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures (CCSMSC) and a variety of sponsors.

SFU's School for International Studies (SIS) is the companion sponsor of this opening lecture, which will include book signings by Ramadan, whose latest book inspired his lecture.

Ramadan has authored more than 20 books and lectures extensively on his exploration of the relationship between contemporary Islam and the West through the lens of religious, secular and indigenous spiritual traditions.

Anyone worldwide can watch the lecture live online by clicking on <http://www.lidc.sfu.ca/broadcast/> and selecting the first presentation. Questions related to the lecture can also be sent by email while it is being live webcast at CCSMSC@sfu.ca.

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