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Lecture



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2:00 p.m.

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on

Looking at Somali History and Dress through the Lens of Postage Stamps

This lecture is based on an analysis of postage stamps collected by the author dating from the twentieth century. As a form of material culture closely tied to national governments, postage stamps provide a fascinating window into the changing political landscape of Somalia from 1960 to present day.

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