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The Role of Jinn among Muslim Captives in Guantanamo and the “Global War on Terrorism”

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Nobelparken, building 1453, room 415

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The presentation discusses the role of jinn among Muslim captives in the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility in Cuba and introduces Annabelle Böttcher and Birgit Krawietz' book project on “Jinn, Health and Migration”. At Guantanamo, a number of captives had health-hazardous encounters with jinn, after they were arrested or kidnapped and underwent prolonged periods of torture in various locations and Black Sites during President Bush’s “Global War on Terrorism”. Some of them even thought that US (contracted) personnel manipulated jinn during interrogation and torture sessions with the support of medical staff.