Twenty years into their friendship, the American journalist Carla Power and the Indian hadith expert Sheikh Mohammad Akram Nadwi embarked on discussions of the Quran together. Their conversations, whose subjects ranged from veiling to Islamist politics, from jihad to migration to child-rearing, offered both a rare vantage on one another's worldviews. Power will discuss how the Quran shapes Akram's life as a scholar, father, and migrant, and how studying with him proved an exercise in chipping away the myth of the clash of civilizations.

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