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Arsalan Iftikhar is an international human rights lawyer, global media commentator, and author of the book, *Islamic Pacifism: Global Muslims in the Post-Osama Era*. He is also a weekly

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Mr. Iftikhar is headquartered in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area. His interviews, commentaries, and analyses have appeared in media outlets, such as *BBC World News*, *The TODAY Show*, *National Public Radio* (NPR), *FOX News Channel*, *MSNBC*, *Associated Press*, *C-SPAN*, *Voice of America* (VOA), *Agence France-Presse* (AFP), *USA TODAY*, *NBC Nightly News*, *Washington Post*, *ABC World News Tonight*, *Los Angeles Times*, *CBS News*

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Additionally, Mr. Iftikhar was cast as a featured extra in the Warner Brothers spy movie thriller, *Body of Lies* (October 2008), starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Russell Crowe. He was also a contributing author to *Keeping Out the Other* (Columbia University Press) and *Taking Back Islam* (Rodale Press). In 2011, he was invited to join The British Council's "Our Shared Future" Opinion Leaders Network—a transatlantic network of opinion leaders and scholars whose work and ideas contribute to the public conversation on relations between Muslims and non-Muslims around the world. In 2006, the French Ambassador to the United States named Mr. Iftikhar to the Personnalites d'Avenir (Personalities of the Future) World Leader Program in Paris sponsored by the French Foreign Ministry.

Mr. Iftikhar received his AB in 1999 and JD in 2003, both from Washington University. A Chicago native, he specializes in international human rights law and is licensed to practice law in Washington, D.C.