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Paolo Branca and Antonio Cuciniello are experts in Islamic studies and have been conducting research and providing community service among Italy's Muslim immigrant population. Branca has researched Arabic and Islamic studies for nearly two decades, and his publications include *Moschee inquiete* (Restless Mosques, 2003), *Il Corano* (The Qur'an, 2002), and *I musulmani* (The Muslims, 2000). In addition to the Catholic University of Milan, he has taught at the University of Turin and the University of Pavia. Branca received a certificate in Arabic from the Institute of Middle and Far Eastern Studies in Milan (1980), a laurea degree with honors in oriental languages from the University of Venice Ca' Foscari (1982). Cuciniello has strived to increase the understanding of Arabic language and the study of Islam, especially for those involved in the cooperation, promotion, and cultural dissemination between Italy and Arabic-Islamic countries. He has taught Arabic at Fajr School II and formation, methodology, and didactics of teaching a foreign language at the Istituto Salesiano "Don Bosco" II, both in Cairo (2005), modern contemporary Arabic literature of the Lebanese poet, Salah Stetie, at the Istituto Universitario Orientale in Napoli (2000–05), as well as other courses related to Arabic and Muslims (1997–99). Cuciniello received a laurea degree in comparative studies in Arabic and English from the Istituto Universitario Orientale in Napoli (2000) and a certificate in Arabic studies (2001) and a degree in Arabic and Islamic studies, both from the Pontifical Institute for the Study of Arabic and Islam in Rome.

Please note this lecture will be presented in both Italian and English.