This course explores various dimensions of Sufism as manifested in different parts of the Muslim world past and present. For long centuries Sufism has contributed to the development of Islamic religious thought, to the global diffusion of the faith, and to the shaping of the religious and social experiences and practices of Muslims in the Middle East, Africa and Asia. It has also significantly contributed to enriching the creative and aesthetic aspects of Islamic civilization, most notably music, poetry and architecture. Among other themes, we will enquire into the development of the major concepts, devotional practices and rituals of this tradition, the role of Sufi orders, and the teachings of the foremost spiritual masters who have played a critical role in its evolution.