



The 'Muslim Question' Citizenship and Racism in Australia

The Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation at Deakin University, in partnership with the Institute for Culture and Society at the University of Western Sydney is pleased to announce a call for papers for an international symposium to be held at Deakin University, Melbourne.

Since September 11, and with the more recent emergence of ISIS, the place of Islam in western societies has been consistently framed by a "clash of civilisations" narrative. This has prompted public anxieties and government responses which seek to contain and counter 'extreme' expressions of Islamic faith and practice. In turn these have activated equally 'extreme' civil society expressions of Islamophobia, nationalism and racism directed at Muslim communities. The latter have been made publicly visible with the recent 'Reclaim Australia' protests however the Cronulla riots shadow these expressions, directing attention to a decade in which such tensions have led to a sustained backlash against multiculturalism within the nation. These concerns will be addressed in a joint symposium comprising two days with a specific, though interconnected, focus.

Day One (Mon 14th December 2015) – Islamic Religiosity, Active Citizenship and Belonging will invite papers which address "the Muslim question" in public policy debates, paying attention to the specific role of Islamic religiosity to performances of citizenship and belonging. More details available at www.deakin.edu.au/arts-ed/adricg/events/the-muslim-question

Day Two (Tue 15th December 2015) – Cronulla Riot 10 Years On will mark the 10 year anniversary of the Cronulla riots by reflecting on just how significant the Cronulla Riots were, and whether – in a world preoccupied with the War on Terror— they remain a useful reference point for discussions of intercultural relations and multiculturalism in Australia. More details available at www.deakin.edu.au/arts-ed/adricg/events/the-muslim-question

Speakers include: (More to follow)

- Professor Ghassan Hage (University of Melbourne, Australia)
- Professor Fethi Mansouri (Deakin University, Australia)
- Professor Greg Noble (University of Western Sydney, Australia)
- Professor Adam Possamai (University of Western Sydney, Australia)
- Associate Professor Anita Harris (Monash University, Australia)
- Associate Professor Amanda Wise (Macquarie University, Australia)
- Dr Gabriele Marranci (Macquarie University, Australia)
- Dr Michele Lobo (Deakin University, Australia)
- Dr Amelia Johns (Deakin University, Australia)

CALL FOR PAPERS

Abstracts: If you would like to present a paper as part of this conference, please submit the following to Amelia Johns (amelia.johns@deakin.edu.au) by **June 30, 2015**.

- Indicate which day you wish to present at
- Provide a title and 300 word abstract addressing one of the questions outlined on the call for papers supplied for day one or day two of the conference website www.deakin.edu.au/arts-ed/adricg/events/the-muslim-question
- A 100 word bio

Those accepted to present papers will be notified by July 31st, 2015.

Note that the conference convenors intend to produce a significant publication from papers selected from the symposium. Papers delivered at the symposium may therefore be chosen and included as chapters in an edited volume or articles in a special issue of a journal.