



# 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](http://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](http://www.deakin.edu.au/arts-ed/adricg/events/the-muslim-question)

## **Speakers include: (More to follow)**

- Prof Anoop Nayak (Newcastle University, UK)
- Prof Scott Poynting (University of Auckland, NZ)
- Prof Ghassan Hage (University of Melbourne)
- Prof Fethi Mansouri (Deakin University)
- Prof Greg Noble (University of Western Sydney)
- Prof Adam Possamai (University of Western Sydney)
- Prof Shahram Azbarzadeh (Deakin University)
- Prof Riaz Hassan (Flinders University)
- A/Prof Anita Harris (Monash University)
- A/Prof Amanda Wise (Macquarie University)
- Dr Yassir Morsi (University of South Australia)
- Dr Gabriele Marranci (Macquarie University)
- Dr Michele Lobo (Deakin University)
- Dr Amelia Johns (Deakin University)

## **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](mailto:amelia.johns@deakin.edu.au)) by **July 31, 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](http://www.deakin.edu.au/arts-ed/adricg/events/the-muslim-question)
- A 100 word bio

Those accepted to present papers will be notified by early September 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.