

# CRONULLA RIOTS 10 YEARS ON MULTICULTURALISM, ISLAMOPHOBIA AND RACE RELATIONS IN AUSTRALIA

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Almost a decade has lapsed since the Cronulla riots, and we are still weighing up their significance and consequences. In reflecting upon the decade that has passed since the Cronulla riots, this event will address just how significant the Cronulla Riots were, then and now, and whether – in a world preoccupied with the War on Terror – the Riots remain a useful reference point for discussions of intercultural relations and multiculturalism in Australia. We invite contributions on topics that engage with some of the following questions:

- > What has been the impact of the Cronulla riots on race relations and particularly Muslim-Anglo Australian relations in Australia, particularly in a world in which incidents of violent extremism continue to provoke anxiety?
- > Does the tabloid fascination with Cronulla as a spectacle of large-scale racial violence distract from the more everyday racisms in Australian society?
- > Cronulla occurred in a largely pre-social media era – to what extent are some of these expressions of racism migrating into online environments?
- > After Cronulla, what challenges/opportunities do ethnic minority youth, face as Australian citizens?

## Invited Speakers:

- > Anoop Nayak (Newcastle University, UK)
- > Ghassan Hage (University of Melbourne, Australia)
- > Amanda Wise (Macquarie University, Australia)
- > Scott Poynting (University of Auckland, NZ)
- > Anita Harris (Monash University, Australia)

## Call for Abstracts (Expressions of Interest)

The Cronulla event will be Day Two of an International Symposium which explores broader questions relating to The “Muslim Question”, Islamophobia and Citizenship. If you are interested in presenting a paper at the conference, please send a 250- 300 word abstract, with your name and institutional affiliation in a word document to: [Amelia.Johns@deakin.edu.au](mailto:Amelia.Johns@deakin.edu.au) by **July 31st, 2015** (extended deadline).

Abstracts will be reviewed by the conference convenors and a decision on inclusion made by the start of September 2015. Please note, all presenters will be offered the opportunity to contribute a chapter for review and possible inclusion in an edited book/journal special issue. Please indicate in the email whether you would like to submit a full-length chapter version of your paper (6000-8000 words) for possible inclusion in future publications.

## Convenors:

Fethi Mansouri, Michele Lobo, Amelia Johns (Alfred Deakin Institute) and Greg Noble (Institute for Culture and Society, University of Western Sydney)

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