Islam, Political Islam, and Islamophobia: An International Conference
Indiana University–Bloomington
March 29-30, 2013

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Friday, March 29, 2013

5:00–7:00 PM • Reception  
IMU • Faculty Club • Room 250

5:30–5:45 PM • Opening Remarks by Dr. Kemal Silay, Indiana University

5:45–6:45 PM • Keynote Address by Dr. Deepa Kumar, Rutgers University: “Islamophobia and the Politics of the Empire: From Neoliberalism to Imperialism”
Saturday, March 30, 2013

9:30–9:45 AM • Registration
IMU • Persimmon Room

9:45–10:00 AM • Welcoming Remarks by Dr. Kemal Silay
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10:00–11:30 AM • Session 1
Islam and Islamophobia in Comparative Perspective
Chair: Dr. Kemal Silay

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“Islamophobia, Alienation and Ways Forward to Strengthen Community Cohesion: A Comparative Case-Study” • Dr. Valentina Bartolucci, University of Pisa, Italy

“The Origins of Western Islamophobia” • Brian C. Bradford, Western Michigan University

“Why Antisemitism and ‘Islamophobia’ Are Two Different Things” • Dr. Gunther Jikeli, Germany

“Islam is the Devil... and so Is Joseph Smith: A Comparative Analysis of Anti-Islamic Blogs and 19th Century Anti-Mormon Pamphlets” • Dr. Jeff Tischauser, Triton College, USA

11:45–12:45 PM • Lunch
IMU • State Room West

1:00–2:30 PM • Session 2
Political Islam and Islamophobia
Chair: Defne Jones

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“The Wave of Arab Spring: The Impact of Political Islam and Islamophobia” • Dr. Zakaryya Mohamed Abdel-Hady, Qatar University

“The Genealogy of Islamophobia in Germany: From Woodblock Prints to Contemporary Political Rhetoric” • Dr. Courtney Dorroll, Arizona State University

“Bestselling Fiction, Political Rhetoric, and Islamophobia” • Dr. Celene Ayat Lizzio, Harvard University

“Insider Islamophobia: The Role of Islamophobic Authoritarianism in the Birth and Success of Political Islam in Muslim Countries” • Dr. Ahmet Temel, University of California–Santa Barbara

2:30 –2:45 PM • Coffee Break
2:45 PM–4:00 PM • Session 3  
**Islamophobia in the United States**  
Chair: Dr. Kemal Silay

“Islam and Islamophobia in Texas Textbooks” • Dr. Tamer Balci, University of Texas–Pan American

“Something Thoroughly and Uncompromisingly Foreign” • Dr. Rian Thomas Bobal, Georgia State University

“‘All-American’ Islamophobia: Sexism, Neoliberalism, and Mainstream Media” • Melinda Brennan, Indiana University

“The Impact of Islamophobia in America on Political Discourse in Turkey and Iran” • Defne Jones, Indiana University

4:00 PM–5:30 PM • Session 4  
**Territorial and Regional Islamophobia**  
Chair: Dr. Feisal Amin Rasoul al-Istrabadi

“Islam and Islamophobia in the Post–Soviet Countries” • Dr. Lala Aliyeva, Harvard University

“Governmentality and the Structure of ‘Islamophobia’ in Turkey” • Dr. Matthew de Tar, Whitman College

“The Increase of Muslim Population and the Concern of Europe: The Relationship Between Change of Population and Islamophobia” • Dr. Tuncay Güloğlu and Dr. Ahmed S. Muhamed, Cornell University

“Fata Wants the Obilić Hero, Not Daddy's Son Bajazit: Musical Islamophilia and Islamophobia in 1980s Yugoslavia” • Dr. Maya Petrović, Princeton University

5:30 –6:00 PM • Coffee Break

6:00–7:30 PM • Session 5  
**Islamophobia as a Multifaceted Concept**  
Chair: Dr. Tuğrul Keskin

“Violent Discourse: Themes in Islamophobic Polemics” • Dr. Andrea E. Cluck, University of Michigan

“Towards a Multidimensional Concept of Islamophobia” • Dr. Farid Hafez, Austria

“The Reach and Influence of the Islamophobia Industry: How a Global Anti-Muslim Network Manufactures Fear of Muslims” • Dr. Nathan C. Lean, Georgetown University
“The Media’s Impact on Islamophobia” • Dr. Sabine Schiffer, Germany

“Islamophobia, Sharīʿa and the Global City: Insights from Sydney and New York” • Dr. Joshua M. Roose, University of Western Sydney, Australia, and Dr. Bryan S. Turner, City University of New York

8:00–9:30 PM • Dinner  

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