Islamophobia Research and Documentation Project at the Center for Race and Gender, UC Berkeley and the Middle Eastern Law Students Association invite you to the 6th Annual

ISLAMOPHOBIA CONFERENCE

APRIL 23-25, 2015
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The 6th Annual International Conference on Islamophobia
The State of the Islamophobia Studies Field

April 23-25, 2015
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Thursday, April 23rd, 2015
370 Dwinelle Hall

8:45am – 9am
Welcome & Conference Opening
Hatem Bazian, Director, IRDP
UC Berkeley and Co-Founder of Zaytuna College

Panel: 9am – 10:45am
National and Global Political Discourses, Interfaith and Islamophobia

Chair: Som Pourfarzaneh, Associate Director, Center for Islamic Studies, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley

1. Munir Jiwa, Associate Professor of Islamic Studies, Founding Director, Center for Islamic Studies, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley
“Islamophobia Overview and Media Five Pillars”

2. Muneeza Rizvi, Ph.D. student, Department of Social Anthropology, University of California, Davis
“Tracing Islamophobia in Marxist Feminism: Political-Religion, Sexual Difference, and Reproduction in Occupied Palestine”

3. May Kosba, M.A. candidate in Islamic Studies, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley
“Politics of Terror: Islamophobia in Post-revolution Egyptian Media”

4. Yassir Morsi, A Post-doc at the University of South Australia, International Centre for Muslim and non-Muslim Understanding
"The Hollow Subject of Islamophobia"
Panel: 11am – 12:45PM, 370 Dwinelle Hall
Navigating Muslim Identity in the Past and Present

Chair: Sister Marianne Farina, Associate Professor, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley and a faculty member Center for Islamic Studies, Graduate Theological Union

1. Yarehk Hernandez, Doctoral Student - Department of Religion, Temple University, Pennsylvania
   “Reclaiming Alterity: Strangeness and the Queering of Islam in Medieval and Early Modern Spain”

2. Omar Salha, PhD Nohoudh Scholar, Near and Middle East / Global Diplomacy Associate Tutor - Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy, SOAS, University of London, UK
   “Diplomacy, Sport and Islam: Tackling Islamophobia through faith and football”

3. Randa Kayyali, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Ali Vural Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia
   “The Arab-Muslim Cognitive Link and Middle Eastern Christians in the U.S.: Three Strategies of Identification”

4. Abdarachman Assegaf, Professor at Sunan Kalijaga State Islamic University, Indonesia

12:45PM – 2PM Lunch Break

Panel: 2PM – 3:45PM, 370 Dwinelle Hall
Social, Political and State Construction of Islamophobia

Chair: Rabab Ibrahim Abdulhadi, Associate Professor, AMED, San Francisco State University

1. Hanane Karimi, PhD candidate in Sociology, University of Strasbourg, France
   "French public school: From Veil ban to Charlie's attacks"

2. Jasmine Zine, Associate Professor, Sociology & the Muslim Studies Options, Wilfrid Laurier University, Ontario, Canada
   “‘Embedded Academics’ and the Construction of Islamist Youth Radicalism”

3. Deborah A. Gordon, Chair and Professor, Women Studies and Religion Department, Wichita State University, Kansas
   “Honor Diaries: Islamophobia in Zionism's Retort to Palestine on Campus”

4. Ayad al-Qazzaz, Professor of Sociology, Sacramento State University, California
Panel: 4PM – 5:45PM
Educating and Civilizing the Muslim Subject

Chair: Kristin George, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley

1. Siegfried L. Mathelet, Post-doc in Philosophy, University of Quebec at Montreal (UQAM) Canada, Research and Education Project on Islamophobia Chaire UNESCO-UQAM sur les fondements philosophiques de la justice et de la démocratie

2. Sanober Umar, Ph.D. Student, Queen’s University, Canada
“Love Jihad: Muslim Men, Muslim Women and the Hindu Man’s “Woman”

3. Paula Thompson, MA Candidate, Center for Islamic Studies, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley
Grassroots or Astroturf: Muslims, Countering Violent Extremism and ‘Safe Spaces’ Initiative

4. Shehnaz Haqqani, PhD student, Islamic Studies, University of Texas at Austin
“Constructing Misogyny in the Muslim Community as a Form of Islamophobia”

Friday, April 24th, 2015
100 Boalt Hall, School of Law

Panel: 9am – 10:45am
Un-Human Rights: Race, Racism and Islamophobia at the Prison

Chair: Mahan Mirza, Ph.D., Dean of Faculty, Zaytuna College

1. Rasheed Shabazz, Fellow at the Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society, UC Berkeley
“‘Free ’em all’: New Afrikan Muslim Political Prisoners and Islamophobia”

2. Maj. Raashid S. Williams, a United States Army JAG Officer, Detailed Military Defense Counsel at the Office of Military Commissions, Counsel for Detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
“Understanding Manifestations of Islamophobia in the American Judicial Process: A Case Study of the Combatant Status Review Tribunals in Guantanamo Bay”

3. Jinan Bastaki, London School of Economics and Political Science (LLB), UC Berkeley (LLM), and Ph.D. student at SOAS, University of London, UK
“Law in The Struggle Against Islamophobia”

4. Robert Beshara, M.F.A., Doctoral researcher in and instructor of psychology The University of West Georgia
“A Critical Discourses Analysis of George W. Bush’s “War on Terror” Speech”
Panel: 11am – 12:45PM
Islamophobia: Measuring the Impacts and Documenting the Effects

Chair: Colleen Keyes, Ph.D., Vice President of Academic Affairs, Zaytuna College, Berkeley

1. Raisa Manejwala, Ph.D. Student, La Salle University's Clinical Psychology Program in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
   “Religious Discrimination on the University Campus and the Undergraduate Experiences of South Asian Muslim Women”

2. Saeed A. Khan, Lecturer in the Department of History and Department of Near East & Asian Studies at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan
   “Islam between Right and Left: The Convergence of Ideological Opposites on Islamophobia”

3. Farah Weheba, MA, Stanford’s School of Education: Learning, Design, and Technology
   “September 11th Terrorist Attacks Primes: Effects of USCIS 9/11 Historical Imagery on Muslim and Middle-Eastern Applicants Interviewed for Naturalization for Citizenship”

4. Emily Dubosh, Psy.D., Mixalis Poulakis, Psy.D., and Nour Abdelghani, M.A., School of Psychological Sciences, University of Indianapolis
   “Policing in the Terror Decade: Understanding Islamophobia and Law Enforcement”

12:45PM – 2PM Lunch Break
Juma’ Prayers are held on campus at 1:15PM at Hearst Gymnasium, a short walking distance from Boalt Hall School of Law and volunteers can provide direction.

Panel: 2PM – 3:45PM
Subaltern Narratives of Internalized Islamophobia: Muslim American Advocacy in the post 9/11 United States

Chair: Muhammed Malik, Independent Nonprofit Consultant

1. Maha Hilal, PhD, Deputy Executive Director National Coalition to Protect Civil Freedoms
   “In Service of Islamophobia: The Role of Muslim American Organizations in the Perpetuation of Anti-Muslim Racism”

2. Darakshan Raja, MA, Program Manager and Ella Hergz Organizing Fellow at the Washington Peace Center
   “Sacrificing Muslim American Community's Access to Safety in the Name of Countering Violent Extremism”
3. Ramah Kudaimi, MA, US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation
   “Where is Your Adab? Respectability Politics, Islamophobia, and Muslim American Activism”

4. Sana Saeed, MA, Producer at AJ+
   “The New American Muslim and Faithwashing the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict”

**Panel: 4PM – 5:30PM**

**“Islamophobia at the Margins”: When Anti-Muslim Animus Intersects with Racism, Classism, and Poverty**

Chair: Khaled A. Beydoun, Assistant Professor of Law; Barry School of Law and IRDP Affiliated Faculty

1. Munir Jiwa, Associate Professor of Islamic Studies, Founding Director, Center for Islamic Studies, Graduate Theological Union
   “Registers of Humanity: Liberal Indexing, Interfaithwashing, and Islamophilia as Islamophobia”

2. Margari Hill; Founder, Muslim ARC
   “Criminalizing Black Muslims”

3. Sahar Aziz, Associate Professor of Law, Texas Wesleyan University School of Law
   “Coercive Assimilationism: The Perils of Muslim Women’s Identity Performance in the Workplace”

**Panel: 5:45PM – 7:30PM**

**Race, Racism and Theorizing Islamophobia**

Chair: Zahra Billoo, Executive Director, CAIR Northern California

1. Abdullah Ali, Faculty Member, Zaytuna College, Ph.D. Student in Islamic Studies, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley
   “Race in Transition: Confronting Race-Agnosticism in a World Formed and Ruled by Race”

2. Farid Hafez, Ph.D., M.Sc. Department of Political Science, Salzburg University, Austria
   “The State of the Art of Comparative Studies on Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia”

3. Atiya Husain, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
   “Reexamining Race Theory in Islamophobia Studies”

4. Amber Michel, Master of Liberal Studies, University of Minnesota
   “Countering Violent Extremism: Islamophobia, the Department of Justice and American Islamic Organizations”
Panel: 10am – 11:45am
Racialization and Securitization of Muslims in Europe

Chair: Khalid Kadir, Lecturer, International & Area Studies, UC Berkeley

1. Core Alexa Doving, Senior Researcher, Center for Studies of Holocaust and Religious Minorities, Oslo, Norway
   “The Way They Treat Their Daughters and Wives” – The Racialization of Muslims in Norway

2. Fatima Khemilat, Ph.D. Fellow – Political Sciences Institut d’Études Politiques d’Aix-en-Provence | CHERPA, France
   “The Rewritten History of Islam: the Roots of Barbarity?”

3. Ida Nitter, MA student of Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Chicago
   “Tea Time - a Microcosm of Islamophobia in Norway”

4. Nacira GUÉNIF-SOUILAMAS, Associate Professor, University of Paris 8 and research fellow at Experice (Paris 13-Paris 8), Paris, France
   “Muslim Status in France and Charlie Hebdo Attacks”

12 – 1PM Lunch Break

Panel: 1PM – 2:45PM
Deconstructing the Media’s Racialized Muslim Figure

Chair: Dena Takruri, AJ+ Presenter and Producer

1. Nadia Mohammad is an editor at altMuslimah.com and a Master’s student in Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell, and Firdaus Arastu is an editor at altMuslimah.com
   “Insider Muslims, Hashtagivism and Effective Community Building Through Dialogue”

2. Jamal Dajani, is a Peabody Award-winning news producer, journalist, filmmaker and Middle East analyst.
   “The debasement & vilification of Muslims in Hollywood and US media”

3. Usaama al-Azami, PhD candidate, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University, New Jersey
   “Are We Living in an Islamophobic Social Imaginary?”
4. Leila Alaouf, French modern literature, University of Vincennes-Saint-Denis, France, Member of Think-Tank Different
   “The treatment of Islam and Islamophobia by the French Media”

Panel: 3PM – 4:45PM
Islamophobia and Sites of Muslim Otherness

Chair: Farid Senzai, Associate Professor, Political Science Department, Santa Clara University

1. Tanzeen Doha, PhD candidate in the Department of Anthropology at the University of California, Davis
   “Islamophobia and the Structure of Dishonor”

2. Mahmoud A. Khalifa, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Taibah University, Al-Madina, Saudi Arabia
   “Representations of Islamophobia in Narratives by Muslim Women Writers”

3. Anna E. Younes, Ph.D. Candidate, Departments of Anthropology and Sociology, The Graduate Institute, Geneva
   “Ver-rückt”: Towards an Ethnography of the Racial Uncanny

4. Sharmin Sadequee, Phd Candidate, Department of Anthropology at Michigan State University.
   “State Violence and Female Relatives of Muslim Prisoners in the U.S. Criminal Justice System in the “War on Terror”

4:45PM – 5:15PM Concluding Remarks and Closing

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7:30PM
Celebration Concert
Zaytuna College
2401 Le Conte, Berkeley, CA

Songs for the Spirit Concert with ASWAT ensemble
Arabic, Persian, Turkish and Urdu Sufi Music and Songs

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