

Speakers at the Institutional Islamophobia conference



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Malia Bouattia is the NUS Black Students' Officer. She was part of the campaign which successfully overturned the ban on Muslim niqab at Birmingham Metropolitan College. She led 'Operation Black Student Representation 2014' and has been involved in a number of other campaigns including Palestinian Prisoners Day, United Families and Friends Campaign International Day of Action Against Police Brutality and Million Women Rise.



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Richard Haley has been active in the anti-war movement since 2003. He was an early member of Scotland Against Criminalising Communities (SACC), which was set up in 2003 to resist the erosion of civil liberties in the name of the "war on terror" and the associated rise of Islamophobia and racism. He is currently Chair of SACC. He lives in Edinburgh.



Lee Jasper previously served as Senior Policy Advisor on Equalities to the former Mayor of London Ken Livingstone. He co-chairs Black Activists Rising Against the Cuts (BARAC) and is also the national Black Members officer for Respect Party UK.



Les Levidow helped to set up the Campaign Against Criminalising Communities (CAMPACC) in early 2001. Previously he was involved in other campaigns against criminalisation, e.g. against the Prevention of Terrorism Act 1974, the Italy '79 Committee, support for the 1984-85 miners' strike, and the Free Samar and Jawad Campaign. He also has opposed the Israeli Occupation through various UK campaigns such as Jews for Boycotting Israel Goods (J-BIG) and the British Committee for the Universities of Palestine (BRICUP).



Arzu Merali is a writer and researcher born and based in London, UK. She focuses on human rights, Islamic feminism, decoloniality and the grammars of human dignity. She is one of the founders of Islamic Human Rights Commission and formerly an editor of the webjournal Palestine Internationalist.



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