

Reading list for Islamophobia Conference 2018: Islamophobia and Silencing the Criticism of Israel

The following readings are from the book [*Against Zionism: Jewish Perspectives Conference Proceedings*](#) edited by Arzu Merali and Javad Sharbaf. This book will be available to purchase at the conference at a discounted price.

- **Opposition to Zionism: The Core Strategy of a Solidarity Movement**
<https://www.ihrc.org.uk/news/comment/19268-opposition-to-zionism-the-core-strategy-of-a-solidarity-movement/>

A necessary condition of constructing an effective resistance movement against Israel is a proper understanding of Zionism, not as some abstract sense of historical belonging or a propaganda network, but as a political movement that spearheaded the establishment of the Zionist state and whose institutions have undergirded it ever since.

- **Apartheid Israel and the Political Zionist Claim For National Self- Determination**
<https://www.ihrc.org.uk/news/comment/19187-apartheid-israel-and-the-political-zionist-claim-for-national-self-determination/>

For much of its history the state of Israel has been branded a racist or apartheid state by its critics. Supporters of Zionism fail or refuse to see how an ideology that liberated them from persecution in Europe can itself be a cause of oppression. Opponents on the other hand say that Zionism embodies aspects of fascism such as ultra-nationalism, colonialism, militarisation and racism.

- **Anti-Zionism is Not Anti-Semitism**
<https://www.ihrc.org.uk/news/comment/19150-anti-zionism-is-not-anti-semitism/>

At the heart of the recent furore surrounding the Labour Party's adoption of a controversial definition of anti-Semitism is the relationship of Zionism to Jewry and Judaism. The aim of those who wish to equate anti-Zionism with anti-Semitism is simply to curtail opposition of any kind to Israel and its policies. Although the distinction between the two is self-evident and well documented the friends of Israel would like us all to sign up to a collective act of intellectual self-censorship so that the uncomfortable facts remain unspoken and, by extension, unchallenged.

Other readings:

- **The Universal Theology of Liberation: Views from Muslim history**
<https://www.ihrc.org.uk/publications/reports/9589-the-universal-theology-of-liberation-views-from-muslim-history-3/>

- **A Fraudulent Quid Pro Quo - Israel, Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism**
<http://www.sacc.org.uk/articles/2018/fraudulent-quid-pro-quo-israel-islamophobia-and-anti-semitism>
- **How Israel's bogus definition of anti-Semitism shuts down free speech**
<https://electronicintifada.net/content/how-israels-bogus-definition-anti-semitism-shuts-down-free-speech/25471>

Case studies

IHRC / Al Quds Day:

- **A marriage of convenience**
<https://www.ihrc.org.uk/news/comment/12021-a-marriage-of-convenience/>
- **How Darren Osborne came to be radicalised**
<https://www.ihrc.org.uk/activities/press-releases/17042-press-release-uk-how-darren-osborne-came-to-be-radicalised/>
- **Finsbury Park terror trail leads to mainstream cheerleaders of hate**
<https://www.ihrc.org.uk/news/comment/11912-finsbury-park-terror-trail-leads-to-mainstream-cheerleaders-of-hate/>
- **Zionists fail in attempt to prosecute pro-Palestine activist**
<https://www.ihrc.org.uk/activities/press-releases/18704-press-release-uk-zionists-fail-in-attempt-to-prosecute-pro-palestine-activist/>

Gary Lineker:

- **Why was Gary Lineker's Palestine tweet even controversial?**
<https://www.ihrc.org.uk/blogs/arzu/17100-why-was-gary-linekers-palestine-tweet-even-controversial/>

Hatem Bazian:

- **Labour Shadow Education Secretary has wrong end of stick in anti-Semitism claims**
<https://www.ihrc.org.uk/activities/press-releases/11999-press-release-uk-labour-minister-has-wrong-end-of-stick-in-anti-semitism-claims/>



- **Letter to Angela Rayner regarding Dr Hatem Bazian's Book Launch**
<https://www.ihr.org.uk/activities/campaigns/11998-letter-to-angela-rayner-regarding-dr-hatem-bazians-book-launch/>

Berkeley University:

- **Berkeley course furore highlights extent of Zionist bully tactic**
<https://www.ihr.org.uk/blogs/faisal-bodis-blog/11757-berkeley-course-furore-highlights-extent-of-zionist-bully-tactics-2/>

Things to do / resources:

- **How to Support Palestine**
<https://www.ihr.org.uk/activities/alerts/18038-alert-how-to-support-palestine/>

For more information on BDS:

- **Innovative Minds**
<http://inminds.co.uk/index.html>
- **Jewish Voice for Peace**
<https://jewishvoiceforpeace.org/7-actions-you-can-take-for-gaza-today/>
- **BDS Movement**
<https://bdsmovement.net/>