

Schedule

Friday, 8 December – IHRC Bookshop and online

18:30 – 20:00	<p>PLENARY ONE</p> <p>Keynote address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Islam and Liberalism with Professor Joseph Massad
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Saturday, 9 December – P21 Gallery and online

10:30	Registration and refreshments
11:30	<p>Qur'an & Translation Introductions</p>
11:45	<p>PANEL ONE: <i>The Culture Spectrum: From the East to the West, the Hijab ban to the Muslim ban</i> – chaired by Fatima Insiya</p> <p>Keynotes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sandew Hira <p>Panel Discussion:</p>
12:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raza Kazim - Latifa Abouchakra
12:55	Q&A
13:30	Lunch

14:30	PANEL TWO: <i>Left or Right: What is the Muslim perspective?</i> – chaired by Saeed Khan
15:05	<p>Keynotes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Afroze Fatima Zaidi <p>Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fahid Qurashi - Joseph Massad
15:35	Q&A
16:10	Summary of Day One – by Seyfeddin Kara

Sunday, 10 December – Online

11:30	Introductions
11:45	<p>PLENARY TWO:</p> <p>Keynote address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ilan Pappé
12:45	Break
12:55	PANEL THREE: <i>Digital Culture Wars</i> – chaired by Seyfeddin Kara

13:30	<p>Keynote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sadek Hamid - Tasneem Chopra <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Syed Mustafa Ali
14:00	Q&A
14:30	Break
14:40	<p>PANEL FOUR: <i>To Engage or to Disengage: The Liberalist, The Conservative, and the Muslim</i> – chaired by Saeed Khan</p> <p>Keynotes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jasmine Zine - Ramón Grosfoguel <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Huseyin Ali-Diakides - Nargess Moballeghi
15:10	
15:40	Q&A
16:10	<p>Summary</p> <p>Closing Remarks and Vote of thanks: Massoud Shadjareh</p>

Speakers' Bios

Latifa Abouchakra is a Palestinian refugee who came to the UK during her primary school years. She resides in London, where she has completed her BA Law at Kingston University and went on to complete her PGCE at UCL. She is now a full-time mum, a secondary Citizenship + PSHE teacher, journalist and a Trade Union Representative. She has used her platform in the Nation Education Union to stand up against racist policies in the UK; most notably within education against the hijab ban attempted via Ofsted and Prevent. Latifa's pro-Palestinian resistance and Liberation stance has led to many attacks from Zionist Lobby groups.

Dr Syed Mustafa Ali is Lecturer and Convenor of the Critical Information Studies (CIS) research group in the School of Computing and Communications at The Open University. His transdisciplinary research focuses on developing a hermeneutic framework grounded in Heideggerian phenomenology, critical race theory, and postcolonial/decolonial thought, and using this framework to explore how race, religion, politics, and ethics are 'entangled' with various technological (more specifically, ICT) phenomena. In this connection, he has published work in the areas of Decolonial Computing and Algorithmic Racism, interrogating Trans-/Posthumanism, AI, the discourse of 'Big Data', and internet governance.

Huseyin Abudharr Ali-Diakides is an activist, geopolitical analyst and poet. He is the Campaigns Officer at the Islamic Human Rights Commission, and is working with various organisations and political parties on matters of decolonialism and empowerment. He has two degrees in International Politics and International Relations, from Middlesex University, and is a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce.

In the past, Huseyin has campaigned for issues such as Islamophobia, Palestine, the Rohingya, Kashmir, Afrophobia, anti-imperialism, antiwar, reparations, police brutality and environmentalism. He has spoken regularly on television stations such as PressTV, al-Mayadeen and AL24, and has co-hosted a geopolitical and community organising podcast called Liberated Voices. He has given talks on Islamic History at libraries, mosques and colleges, and organised aid trips for refugees in Belgium and France.

Tasneem Chopra is an experienced Cross Cultural Consultant and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DE&I) trainer helping business, not-for-profits and government understand and navigate diversity and inclusion using an intersectional lens. She helps work spaces and leadership become progressive in the areas of diversity, equity and inclusivity, so

they can communicate, work and lead across different cultures for better innovation and profitability.

As a media presenter, Tasneem provides an expert perspective on topics related to diversity, gender based violence female and women of colour representation, social cohesion, social justice issues and equity. She has spoken at national and international events including International Women’s Day, Harmony Day, conferences, festivals, panels and at schools. Tasneem has a background in Psychology and Sociology from Swinburne University, and a Masters in International Development from La Trobe University.

Ramón Grosfoguel

Dr. Sadek Hamid is a Research Fellow at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David and has previously held teaching and research positions at the universities of Chester, Liverpool Hope and Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies. He has written extensively on British Muslims, young people, Islamic activism and public policy. He is author of *Sufis, Salafis and Islamists: The Contested Ground of British Islamic Activism*, (I. B. Tauris, 2016), co-author of *British Muslims: New Directions in Islamic Thought, Creativity and Activism*, (Edinburgh University Press, 2018), editor of *Young British Muslims: Between Rhetoric and Realities* (Routledge, 2016), co-editor of *Youth Work and Islam: A Leap of Faith for Young People* (Sense, 2011) and *Political Muslims: Understanding Youth Resistance in a Global Context* (Syracuse University Press, 2018).

Sandew Hira, penname of Dew Baboeram, is secretary of the Decolonial International Network Foundation ([DIN](#)). Hira studied economics at the Erasmus University Rotterdam in Holland. He has written 25 books on different topics among them colonial history. Download his CV is [here](#). Follow Sandew Hira via his website: www.sandewhira.com.

Seyfeddin Kara is an Assistant Professor at the University of Groningen. He previously held the position of Marie Sklodowska-Curie Global Fellow at The University of Toronto and Lund University. He obtained his PhD in Islamic Studies from the University of Durham, UK. He has contributed to various research articles in respected journals. Seyfeddin authored *In Search of Ali ibn Abi Talib’s Codex: History and Traditions of the Earliest Copy of the Qur’an*.

Saeed A. Khan is is Senior Lecturer Near East & Asian and Global Studies at Wayne State University, as well as Research Fellow at its Center for the Study of Citizenship



and Honorary Fellow at Australian Catholic University. He is also Cofounder and Senior Fellow at the Institute for Social Policy & Understanding. He is a regular panelist on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's Turning Point, as well as a regular contributor to news outlets like the BBC, Veja, Quartz and Time Magazine.

Joseph Massad is professor of modern Arab politics and intellectual history at Columbia University in New York. He writes on theories of identity and culture – including theories of nationalism, sexuality, race and religion. He received his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1998. He is the author of *Desiring Arabs* (2007), which was awarded the Lionel Trilling Book Award; *The Persistence of the Palestinian Question: Essays on Zionism and the Palestinian Question* (2006); and *Colonial Effects: The Making of National Identity in Jordan* (2001). His latest book is *Islam in Liberalism*, University of Chicago Press, 2015. Massad has also been the recipient of the University of Pennsylvania Scott Nearing Award for Courageous Scholarship, and most recently of *The Columbia University Faculty Mentoring Award*, 2020-2021. His forthcoming book is tentatively titled *The Age of Independence: A Settler-Colonial History of the World*. His works have been translated to more than a dozen languages including Arabic, Turkish, Persian, French, Chinese Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Swedish, Japanese, and Indonesian. He is also Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Rutgers University Center for Security, Race, and Rights. Massad is a contributor of opinion columns to Middle East Eye, Electronic Intifada, and Counterpunch, as well as to the Arabic newspapers Al-Akhbar, and Arabi21.

Nargess Moballeghi

Ilan Pappé is a professor at the University of Exeter. He was formerly a senior lecturer in political science at the University of Haifa. He is the author of *The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine*, *The Modern Middle East*, *A History of Modern Palestine: One Land, Two Peoples*, and *Ten Myths about Israel*. Pappé is described as one of Israel's 'New Historians' who, since the release of pertinent British and Israeli government documents in the early 1980s, have been rewriting the history of Israel's creation in 1948.

Dr Fahid Qurashi joined the University of Salford in 2021 having been a Senior Lecturer in Criminology and Sociology at Staffordshire University (2018-2021) and a Senior Lecturer in Criminology at Canterbury Christ Church University (2014-2018). Dr Qurashi has led and taught on undergraduate and postgraduate programmes across Sociology, Criminology, Religious Studies, and Terrorism Studies. He acquired Fellowship of the HEA in 2016 and membership of the Teaching and Learning Academy in 2017.

Dr Qurashi has extensive mentoring experience and leads the Criminology/Sociology Peer Mentor Scheme. He is also the Sociology and Criminology EDI Champion. Dr Qurashi has a PhD in Sociology (Kent) and conducts research in the areas of Political Islam, Islamophobia, Race and Racism, Counterterrorism, Radicalisation, Surveillance, Crime, Imprisonment, Ethnography, and Religious Revivalism. He would be interested to hear from prospective PhD students who would like to pursue a doctorate in these areas. He sits on the editorial board for the International Journal of Criminology and Sociology and is a Research Director at the Ayaan Institute think-tank.

Afroze Fatima Zaidi has a background in academic project management and research, with a focus on Islamophobia and racism more broadly. She also has extensive experience in Muslim civil society and inter/intra-community engagement. She started writing for online media in 2012 and has since contributed to a number of progressive outlets. As a Muslim woman writer and researcher of Pakistani origin, she has tried to write about issues that affect her community in a way that defies the western gaze. Afroze has been an editor at the Canary since 2020 and is also a regular contributor to The New Arab.

Jasmin Zine is a Professor of Sociology and Religion & Culture at Wilfrid Laurier University. Her recent book: *Under Siege: Islamophobia and the 9/11 Generation* (McGill -Queens University Press, 2022) explores the experiences of the millennial generation of Canadian Muslim youth who came of age during the global war on terror and times of heightened anti-Muslim racism. *Under Siege* was named on the Hill Times list of Best Books in 2022.

She is author of a major report, *The Canadian Islamophobia industry: Mapping Islamophobia's Ecosystem in the Great White North*, that examines the networks of hate and bigotry that purvey and monetize Islamophobia.

Dr. Zine served as a consultant on combating Islamophobia for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Council of Europe (COE), and the Office for the Democratic Institutions and Human Rights at the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (ODHIR/OSCE). She is a sought-after media commentator and has given numerous invited talks and keynotes internationally. Dr. Zine is co-founder of the International Islamophobia Studies Research Association (IISRA).