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GTU Library
Dinner Board Room
2400 Ridge Road
Berkeley, CA 94709

Course Professors:
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with guest presenters

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the instructors

Understanding & Countering Islamophobia



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In this course, participants will be introduced to the study of Islamophobia, its history, the uses of the term, and the particular ways in which it manifests in different contexts in Europe and the United States. From the myth of a "clash of civilizations" between Islam and the West, to the focus on terrorism and Muslim women, we analyze, provincialize and decolonize the normative and "universal" Western epistemologies and frames through which Islam and Muslims are represented in history, academia, media, law, public policy and the arts. In addition to discussions on the "Enlightenment" and Western Christianity, liberalism, secularism, modernity, Orientalism, and Euro/US-centric knowledge/power production, we focus on the politics and economics of militarism and imperialism, the Islamophobia industry, Islamophilia, projects on "reforming" Islam and Muslims, and the structural violence and rhetoric against immigrants and refugees. Studying Islamophobia comparatively, we also focus on coalition building in order to counter the racism and fear that impacts institutions, governance, social relations and everyday life. Participants will be introduced to various projects, programs and publications, including the Islamophobia Research and Documentation Project and the Islamophobia Studies Journal at the Center for Race and Gender at UC Berkeley. Readings will be provided by the instructors. The course is open to auditors with permission of the instructors.

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