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2017 ISLAMOPHOBIA CONFERENCE
THE RISE OF NATIVISM

SUNDAY 10th DEC 2017
10.30am to 4.30pm

Venue:
P21 Gallery
21 Chalton St,
Kings Cross,
London
NW1 1JD

Speakers:
Amrit Wilson
Arzu Merali
Luis Manuel Hernández Aguilar
Hatem Bazian
Phil Miller
Martijn de Koning
Ramon Grosfoguel

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Amrit Wilson is a writer and activist on issues of race and gender in Britain and South Asian politics. She is a member of [South Asia Solidarity Group](#) an anti-imperialist, anti-racist organization with a revolutionary Left perspective based in Britain. The group is committed to supporting, publicising, and building solidarity with people's struggles for justice and democracy and against exploitation, gender, caste based oppression, Islamophobia, war and the so-called 'war on terror' in the countries of South Asia. It analyses the links between the global, US-led 'war on terror', neoliberal economic policies (which mean corporate plunder of the people and resources of South Asia) and the current human rights violations, ruthless policies of 'austerity' and intense racism and Islamophobia of the British state.

Amrit's books include *Finding a Voice: Asian Women in Britain* (London: Virago, 1978) which won the Martin Luther King Award, *Dreams Questions Struggles: South Asian Women in Britain* (London: Pluto Press, 2006) Her more recent publications of relevance include ['A Fine Bromance, the Corporates and The Hindu Right: On Narendra Modi's First Six Months in Power'](#) in the Guardian ['Narendra Modi as prime minister would roll back women's rights in India'](#) and ['When will the Kashmiri nightmare end?'](#)



Martijn de Koning obtained his PhD in Anthropology at the VU University on religious identities among young Moroccan-Dutch youth. After his PhD he worked on Salafism as Transnational Movement project at the Radboud University Nijmegen and ISIM in Leiden. Currently he is teaching at the Department of Islam studies at the Radboud University Nijmegen and is a postdoc at the Department of Cultural Anthropology of the University of Amsterdam where is involved in a project on Muslim activism in the Netherlands after 1989 and on contested Muslim marriages. He maintains his own weblog: <http://religionresearch.org/closer>



Ramon Grosfoguel is a professor in the Department of Ethnic Studies at the University of California at Berkeley and a research associate of the Maison des Science de l'Homme in Paris. He has published extensively in the fields of Political-Economy of the World-System, International Migration and Decolonial Studies.



Phil Miller is a freelance journalist. He has worked as a researcher for Corporate Watch, focusing on private sector involvement in the UK immigration detention and deportation system. Phil found companies saved millions by paying detainees as little as £1 per hour to do essential jobs in detention centres, and obtained secret filming that revealed worsening conditions inside Harmondsworth, Britain's largest detention centre. He has also covered several inquests into deaths in detention, including the cases of US tourist Brian Dalrymple and 84-year-old Canadian Alois Dvorzak. Phil has worked as a producer on several documentaries, including 'Stop the Boats', a film about Australia's refugee policy.



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.



Professor Hatem Bazian is a co-founder and Professor of Islamic Law and Theology at Zaytuna College, the 1st Accredited Muslim Liberal Arts College in the United States. In addition, Prof. Bazian is a lecturer in the Departments of Near Eastern and Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies at the University of California, Berkeley.



S. Sayyid is based at the University of Leeds, where he holds a Chair in Social Theory and Decolonial Thought and is the Head of the School of Sociology and Social Policy. In addition, he is Senior Research Associate at Al-Sharq Forum. Previously, Sayyid was Professor and the inaugural director of the International Centre for Muslim and Non-Muslim Understanding, in Australia. He has held academic positions in London, Manchester and Adelaide. Professor Sayyid is a political theorist, whose work engages with critical theory and the politics and culture of the Global South. His numerous publications have been translated in half dozen languages. Some of his major publications include: *A Fundamental Fear* (a book despite being banned by the Malaysian government is now in its third edition), *A Postcolonial People* (co-edited), *Thinking Through Islamophobia* (co-edited with Abdoolkairm Vakil) and *Recalling the Caliphate*. Currently, Sayyid is leading a major inter-disciplinary research programme based on a dialogue between decolonial thought and political theory. As part of this research agenda, Sayyid founded a new international peer-reviewed academic journal *ReOrient: The Journal of Critical Muslim Studies*. His research has led to opportunities to brief various international government officials and contribute to national and international media.



Dr Luis Manuel Hernández Aguilar is a Research Officer in the Islamic Human Rights Commission at the project: "Counter-Islamophobia Kit Project: Countering Islamophobia through the Use of Best Practice in Counter-Narratives in EU Member States" funded by the European Commission – Directorate of Justice. He completed his Ph.D in Sociology at the Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main, Germany. Luis M. Hernandez research focuses on race and racism, Islamophobia and anti-Muslim Racism, theories of the state, postcolonial theory, and discourse analysis. His monograph *Governing Muslims and Islam in contemporary Germany. Race, Time, and the German Islam Conference* will be published by Brill in March 2018, his most recent publications are: (2017) 'Suffering' Rights and Incorporation. The German Islam Conference and the Integration of Muslims as a Discursive Means of their Racialization. European Societies, and (2016) The Imam of the Future. On Racism and the German Islam Conference. *Islamophobia Studies Yearbook*, 7, 66–85.