

Call for Publications 'Comparative approaches to studying Islamophobia'

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In the research on Islamophobia, case studies dealing with countries, certain policies and discourses prevail. Generally, Islamophobia is a very new phenomenon that has been investigated as an independent subject. As in any other case of social sciences, comparison is always there, even if only implicitly.

While in the Anglo-Saxon world, Islamophobia has been studied mostly in a comparative setting with racism, and Islamophobia in the United States has often been analyzed by looking at experiences of anti-Black racism, anti-Catholicism, anti-Communism, and Orientalism, many authors in central Europe and especially in German speaking countries put their focus on a comparison with insights from anti-Semitism-studies. All of these comparative approaches to investigating Islamophobia entailed not only serious questions of the possibilities and borders of comparing these phenomena, but also heavy reactions in public debates linked to the collective memory of the Holocaust, modern anti-Semitism and the history of slavery and colonialism.

This special issue of Islamophobia Studies Journal (ISJ) – edited by Hatem Bazian (University of California, Berkeley) Farid Hafez (University of Salzburg) – aims not only to reflect these public debates and their inherent implications, but also to bring together divergent approaches to the study of Islamophobia as well as to a comparative approach in Islamophobia Studies. Case studies as well as theoretical reflections are welcomed.

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