



International Islamophobia-Conference in Salzburg/Austria

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CfP Abstract Deadline: June 10th, 2014

Comparative approaches to studying Islamophobia

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-Catholicism, anti-Communism, and Orientalism, many authors in central Europe and especially in German speaking countries put their focus of 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 conference 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. Submit a 300 word abstract and a 50 word short biography (to be used for advertising materials) to Dr. Farid Hafez at farid.hafez@univie.ac.at

Conference Deadlines:

Abstract Deadline: June 10th, 2014

Acceptance Letters: July 10th, 2014

Final Paper Submission Deadline: August 30th, 2014

Final Program September 15th, 2014

Registration for participation for non-presenters: farid.hafez@univie.ac.at

Funding: Travel has to be covered by individuals. Accommodation during the conference days will be covered for paper presenters only.

Venue: University of Salzburg, Rudolfskai 42, A-5020 Salzburg (details following).



Papers presented at the conference will have the possibility of being published in the *Islamophobia Studies Journal* or the *Jahrbuch für Islamophobieforschung*.