

2017 is the twentieth anniversary of the landmark 1997 Runnymede Trust Report *Islamophobia: A Challenge for Us All*. A project is being planned to mark the anniversary. The aims of the project are:

- To renew awareness of the causes, nature, facets and dangers of Islamophobia.
- To help develop and strengthen counter-narratives relating to citizenship, secularism, pluralism and justice.
- To provide resources, lesson plans, activities and course outlines for schools, colleges, universities and communities, and for training and awareness-raising events of various kinds.

The project has three strands:

1. **LOOKING BACK, LOOKING AHEAD:** Public lectures and events in Leeds and London to mark the twentieth anniversary of the 1997 report - October/November.
2. **BLOGPOSTS:** Critique, reaction and responses hosted by *ReOrient: The Journal of Critical Muslim Studies*.
3. **RESOURCING EDUCATORS:** An archive of lesson plans, exercises, training programmes and course outlines - September/November.

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INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION

The project will focus on the situation in the UK, as did the report published 20 years ago. But it will also take account of scholarship, issues, activism and creative developments in other countries as well.

PLANNING GROUP

The current members of the planning group for this project are Sameena Choudry (Equitable Education consultancy), Gill Cressey (Coventry University), MG Khan (Ruskin College, Oxford), Robin Richardson (formerly at the Runnymede Trust), S.Sayyid (University of Leeds) and AbdoolKarim Vakil (King's College London).

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If you would like to contribute to the blog or the resources archive, or both, please send an indication of your interest to the following email:

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The blogs can use whatever medium. It is envisaged that written blogposts will be between 800 - 2000 words in length, and that teaching resources can be of any length.

Also, please email us if you have any suggestions and requests about the specific topics and issues you hope this project will address.

BACKGROUND

The 1997 Runnymede report can be accessed via the following link:
<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/companies/17/74/Islamophobia-A-Challenge-for-Us-All.html>.

A follow-up report published by Trentham Books in 2004 can be found at <http://www.insted.co.uk/islambook.pdf>. Many key theoretical issues are discussed in *Thinking through Islamophobia: global perspectives*, edited by S.Sayyid and AbdoolKarim Vakil, Hurst Publishers 2011.



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