Two-Day Open Workshop – Full Program

Prospects for Democracy and the Muslim Subject: Reflecting on the Raba'a Massacre Ten Years On

DAY 1 - Tuesday, August 15, 2023

13:00 – 13:10 Welcome and Introduction

13:10 – 14:30 Panel 1: A Decade of Counterrevolution

Chair: Dr. Usaama al-Azami (University of Oxford)

Prof. Dr. Vivienne Matthies-Boon (Radboud Universiteit)
The Rabaa Massacre: Politics of Death and Traumatic Non-Becoming

Dr. Dalia Fahmy (Long Island University)
Ten years after Raba'a: Where is Egypt socially, politically, and economically?

14:30 – 15:00 BREAK

15:00 – 16:30 Panel 2: Making Sense of Violence and Trauma

Chair: Dr. Sahar Youssef (California State University, Northridge)

Arwa Eltaweel (Radboud Universiteit)
Re-visiting social trauma concept in the Mideastern context

Amr El-Afifi (Syracruse University)
Right there and a World Apart: Creating Victims in the Image of the War on Terror

Aseel Azab-Osman (Brown University)
(Extra) Ordinary Trauma, Ordinary Possibilities

Gehad Hasanin (University of Oxford)
Epistemic Silence, Foreseen Trauma: The “Muslim Subject” in 2011’s Pro-Democracy Discourse

16:30 – 17:00 BREAK

17:00 – 18:30 Panel 3: Islamism and Muslim Subjectivities in the Aftermath of Raba’a

Chair: Aseel Azab-Osman (Brown University)
Abdelrahman Ayyash (The Century Foundation)
*Through the Looking Glass: The Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt’s Televised Threat Narratives*

Dr. Mohammad Affan (Al Sharq Strategic Research)
*Lessons yet to be learnt: The impact of the Raba’a massacre on the Muslim Brotherhood’s political mindset*

Dr. Nareman Amin (Princeton University)
*Freedom of Speech and Religious Sentiments, Symbols and Subjectivities on the Eve of the Raba’a Massacre*

Muhammad Amasha (Yale University)
*Post-Arab Spring Religious Transformations in Egypt: Islam in Personal, Generational, and Institutional Transformations*

**DAY 2 – Wednesday, August 16, 2023**

13:00 – 15:00 Roundtable Discussion: Conceptualizing and Locating Islamophobia

Chair: Gehad Hasanin (University of Oxford)

Dr. Mohamad Hamas Elmasry (Doha Institute for Graduate Studies)
*The Rabaa Massacre and the Ancient Specter of Islamophobia*

Dr. Jasmine Gani (University of St Andrews)
*The Rabaa’ a Massacre: Spectres of Colonialism and Racialisation of Dissent*

[10 MIN BREAK]

Dr. Mina Ibrahim (University of Marburg)
*The Dangers of Coptic Martyrologies and the Islamophobia Template: Vernacular Life Histories of Mass Violence*

Dr. Sahar Youssef (California State University, Northridge)
*Internalized Islamophobia: The Discursive Construction of ‘Islam’ in the Egyptian Media*

Sami Hamdi (The International Interest)
*Was the Rabaa against Islam or ‘Islamists’? Tunisia’s war of narratives and the implications*

15:00 – 15:30 BREAK

15:30 – 16:30 Prof. S Sayyid (University of Leeds) *Closing Keynote & Q&A – Title TBC*

16:30 – 17:30 Plenary Discussion and Closing of Conference