

PUBLIC LECTURE

Alleviating the Clash of Ignorance: Combating Islamophobia through Religious Literacy

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While Canadians often pride themselves on being a tolerant people whose identity is derived from a deep respect for diversity, multiculturalism, and inclusion, Canada is no exception to the global proliferation of anti-Muslim sentiment. From individual encounters of prejudice to state legislated discrimination, Islamophobia takes many forms which significantly impact the lives of Muslims in Western countries. This lecture provides context into the spread of Islamophobia and its global manifestations, showing how it has recently contributed to a ban on Islamic dress in public service in one of Canada's largest provinces. It identifies religious literacy as a useful tool that can be used to combat anti-Muslim sentiment, and shows how one Canadian Muslim community, the Shi'a Imami Nizari Ismaili Muslims, has combated negative perceptions of Muslims and Islam through an innovative literacy effort.



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