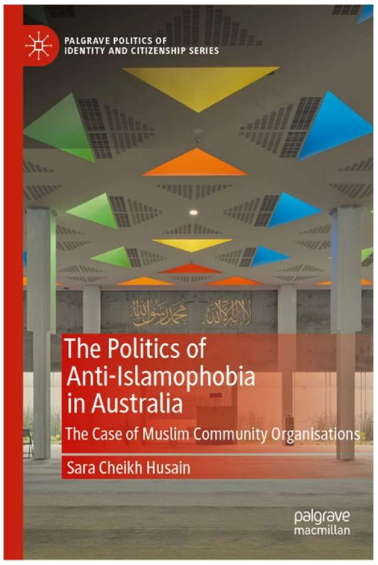
Australian National University

Public Lecture Series:
Special Online Event

"The politics of Anti-Islamophobia in Australia"

Authored by Dr Sara Cheikh Husain
In conversation with Prof. Karima Laachir (ANU)





Lecture Topic:
In *The Politics of Anti-Islamophobia in Australia* (Palgrave Macmillan. 2026), Sara studies how Muslim community organisations in Australia understood and responded to Islamophobia between 2014 and 2018. In those years ISIS rose, anti-Muslim rhetoric surged in Australian politics. and the period ended with the Christchurch terrorist attack. She shows how these organisations resisted Islamophobia through civic, discursive and political strategies, and argues that their agency was both pragmatic and transformative as they worked within and against the limits of Australian politics. The book closes with a call for new forms of Muslim grassroots organising and political engagement.

Moderator & Discussant:
Prof. Karima Laachir (ANU)

About the Author:
Dr Sara Cheikh Husain is a researcher and writer specialising in Islamophobia, social justice, and human rights. Sara has published widely in leading academic journals, collaborated with the Australian Muslim Advocacy Network (AMAN) to a supplementary document for the UN Special Rapporteur's 2020 report on anti-Muslim hatred and discrimination.

Date & Time
Thursday 12th November 5-6pm

Format:
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