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# Public Engagement Seminar Series



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# The Idea of the Caliphate



**Thursday 20 November 2014**

**5.30 - 7.00pm**

(refreshments available from 5.00pm)

# The Idea of the Caliphate

## Synopsis

Following the recent declaration of the caliphate (an Islamic state led by a supreme religious and political leader) by ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria), attention has once again focused on this subject. This presentation will critique the caliphate in the context of Islam and modernity, exploring how demands for Muslim autonomy are contested and displaced in the context of decolonization of the caliphate.

Finally, the caliphate and its significance will be examined not in relation to events of the past but rather in the ability of Muslims to construct a way forward in the future.

This seminar will be of particular interest to people who would like to explore the current discourse around this emotive subject in greater depth.

## Dr. Salman Sayyid

Salman Sayyid is currently based in the University of Leeds. From 2010 to 2013 he was inaugural Director of the Centre for Muslim and non-Muslim Understanding in Australia. His main intellectual interests lie in the areas of critical Muslim studies, decolonial political and social theory, and rhetoric. His numerous publications explore the postcolonial condition and have been translated into a number of languages including Persian, Turkish and Arabic.

His first book *A Fundamental Fear* was nominated for the British Sociological Association's prize for best first monograph. He is a joint editor of the monograph series: *Postcolonial Horizons/Decolonial Studies* published by Pluto Press, and the founding editor of *ReOrient: The Journal of Critical Muslim Studies*. His recent publications include a co-edited volume: *Thinking Through Islamophobia* and a co-authored book *Racism, Governance, and Public Policy*. His new book *Recalling the Caliphate* was published in 2014.


**Venue**  
Centenary  
Gallery, Parkinson  
Building.  
Refreshments will  
be available from  
5.00pm


## Interested?


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