

Anti-Muslim racism in Europe: social effects and actions to counter it

Date: 23rd November 2022, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Location: online (the event language is English)

Brief Description:

Anti-Muslim racism is a global phenomenon and has become increasingly prominent in European public spheres in recent years. Racist and antisemitic attacks, the increasing strengthening of right-wing populist movements and the current social crises negatively influence the sense of security and sense of belonging of (Muslim) minorities across Europe. In the framework of this international conference, two panels and interactive workshops will provide insights into the manifestations of anti-Muslim racism and European perspectives on how to deal with this phenomenon.

During the first part of the conference, the social effects of anti-Muslim racism will be examined. The thematic focus is on the psychological and social effects on those affected by (anti-Muslim) racism. Questions to be discussed are:

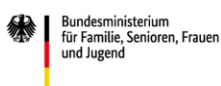
- What can be the psychological (long-term) consequences for those who experience racism?
- To what extent do experiences of racism and racist attacks influence the feeling of security of minorities in Europe?
- What effects do experiences of racism have on the sense of belonging of minorities?

Experts from various contexts will present and discuss their experiences and findings on the social effects of anti-Muslim racism in different European countries.

The second part of the conference is dedicated to the question of how to deal with these phenomena in a European context. In addition to numerous examples of social actions from areas of political education, empowerment work, civil society and counselling work, we will discuss opportunities, challenges, limits and needs for collaboration between different initiatives.

The conference combines perspectives from academia with experiences and expertise from practical work on anti-Muslim racism. The event places anti-Muslim racism and initiatives to counter it in a pan-European context.

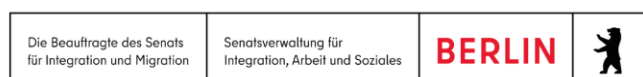
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Schedule:

9:30	Opening <i>Emilia Fabiańczyk, La Red – Vernetzung und Integration e.V.</i> <i>Tanja Berg, Minor gGmbH (facilitation)</i>
9:45 – 10:00	Welcome <i>Daniel Höltgen, Special Representative on antisemitic, Anti-Muslim and other forms of religious intolerance and hate crimes</i>
10:00 – 10:15	Interactive getting to know each other
10:15 – 11:00	Keynote and discussion: / Report - Racism directed against the muslim community is widespread: Why a standardized reporting tool is needed <i>Hanna Attar, CLAIM - Alliance Against Islamophobia and Anti-Muslim Hate</i>
Coffee break	
11:15 – 12:15	Panel I: Inventory of the impact of anti-Muslim racism in the social context <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>facilitated discussion with speakers from Europe</i> <i>Aïcha Bounaga, Collectif contre l'islamophobie en Europe (CCIE), BE</i> <i>Sabrina Saoudi, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Right (ODIHR), PL</i> <i>Sedra Arab, Dokustelle Österreich / Dokustelle Austria, AT</i> <i>Prof. Dr. Karen Phalet, Social psychologist and professor of social and cultural psychology, BE</i> <i>Prof. Dr. Michał Buchowski (tbc), PL</i> • <i>questions and discussion</i>
Lunch break	
13:00 – 13:45	In-depth discussions in small working groups
13:45 – 14:45	Panel II: social initiatives against anti-Muslim racism in Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>facilitated discussion with speakers from Europe</i> <i>Lucija Mulalić, Centar za mirovne studije / Centre for Peace Studies, HR</i> <i>Iman Atta, Tell MAMA, UK</i> <i>Dr. Karol Wilczyński, PL</i> <i>Elisabeth Walser, CLAIM - Alliance Against Islamophobia and Anti-Muslim Hate, GER</i> • <i>questions and discussion</i>
14:45 – 15:00	Concluding summary and outlook <i>Tanja Berg, Minor gGmbH</i> <i>Sophie Bärtlein, La Red – Vernetzung und Integration e.V.</i>
From 15:00	Open space for interested participants