



Disaffiliation, Dis-identification, Disavowal: (Ex-)Muslims and Public Apostasy from Islam in Francophone Culture and Politics

Friday 5 & Saturday 6 April 2019

Room 246 & 243, Second Floor, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU

Keynote speakers: **Salim Bachi** and **Daniel Enstedt** (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)

Programme

Friday 5 April (Room 246)

14:00 Registration

14:30 Panel 1: **Representations of apostasy in literature and film**

Chair: **Adi Bharat** (University of Manchester)

Natalie Khaazal (Texas A&M)

Mohamed Choukri: Resisting ideological appropriation and the poetics of apostasy

Rebekah Vince (University of Warwick)

Un musulman de mauvaise foi ? Slimane Benaïssa's *Confessions*

Fraser McQueen (University of Stirling)

The 'Ex-musulman' and the 'Musulman Laïc' in Contemporary French Literature and Film

16:00 Coffee break

16:15 Panel 2: **The ASMCF Panel: Entre l'antiracisme et l'islam : vers une sociologie de l'islam en France**

Chair: **Joseph Ford**

Houssame Bentabet (PSL Research University / EHESS, Paris)

L'Abandon de l'islam : De l'irrégiosité au reniement de la foi chez les musulmans en France

Nedjib Sidi Moussa (Centre européen de sociologie et de science politique, CNRS, Paris)

Une apostasie impensable ? De la lutte anticoloniale à l'antiracisme « politique » : retour sur une problématique marginalisée dans l'espace franco-algérien

17:15 **Keynote Session 1: Daniel Enstedt** (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)

Chair: **Joe Ford** (IMLR, School of Advanced Study)

Leaving Islam in contemporary Sweden: Taking *lived religion*, materiality and the use of nonfiction in autobiographical narratives into account in apostasy studies

18:15 Drinks reception

19:30 Conference dinner



Saturday 6 April (Room 243)

09:30 Panel 1: Islam and Race in France and beyond: socio-political perspectives

Chair: **Nick Harrison** (KCL)

Fabrice Roger (University of Bristol)

'Losing my religion': is the quintessential enlightened Muslim an apostate? An analysis of Mohammed Sifaoui's representation of Islam in Mes « frères » assassins

Alice Bullard (Initiative for the Resurgent Abolition Initiative – USA)

When Advocating Racial Equality Merits Conviction for

Apostasy and Execution: The Writing of Mohamed Cheikh Mkhaitir in Mauritania

Chris Jardine (University of Edinburgh)

Islam and laïcité : *La nouvelle guerre des deux France*

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Panel 2: Literature, apostasy and the political

Chair: **Jane Hiddleston** (Exeter College, University of Oxford)

Sura Qadiri (St. Catherine's College, University of Cambridge)

Abdelwahab Meddeb: Apostate or Reformer?

Max Silverman (University of Leeds)

Apostasy and literary transgression

Nick Harrison (KCL)

Secular apostates

13:00 Lunch (*Room 234*)

14:00 Panel 3: Apostasy and 'ex-Muslims' beyond France

Chair: **Max Silverman** (University of Leeds)

Adi Bharat (University of Manchester)

Between 'Race' and Religion: Ex-Muslims and the Politics of Apostasy in Singapore

Laura Thompson (Harvard University)

Coffee shops, Art, TVs and Toilets : Post-Arab-Spring and Pre-Independence Blasphemy Cases against Tunisian Muslims

Zainab Salloo (University of Manchester)

Exploring British ex-Muslim narratives through 'confessional-style' Youtube videos

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 Keynote Session 2: Q & A and Roundtable with **Salim Bachi**

Chair: **Adi Bharat** (University of Manchester)

Discussants: **Nick Harrison, Jane Hiddleston & Sura Qadiri**

17:15 Closing remarks

Convenors: **Joseph Ford** (University of London/IMLR) and **Adi Bharat** (University of Manchester)

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