Call for Papers

2nd International Conference on Critical Muslim Studies:

ReOrienting the Muslim Question

16-18 June 2023

University of Leeds

The Second International Conference on Critical Muslim Studies engages with the Muslim question in relational and comparative framing, a theme that is central to the development of Critical Muslim Studies. ReOrienting the Muslim Question intersects with wider explorations of social ontologies explored under themes of 'race', gender, class, and religion. It prompts a genealogical and critical historiographical reflection on the emergence of Muslim subjectivities and the writing of the history of Muslims as part of the decolonial re-writing of world history.

We are particularly interested in papers that explore the implications and tensions within Critical Muslim Studies for decolonizing discourses, practices, and institutions; and for creating alternative, intersectional forms of knowledge production. We welcome submissions that extend the understanding of the Islamicate beyond its framing within South Asian, Middle Eastern and North African contexts or their diasporic analogues.

This international and interdisciplinary conference aims to bring into conversation researchers who may not necessarily identify themselves as doing Critical Muslim Studies, but share concerns and interests with the field. The touchstones of Critical Muslim Studies emphasise scholarship that is post-Orientalist, non-positivist, and conceptually rigorous. This approach includes being attentive to racial formations and processes of racialisation; engaging with comparative and transnational contexts and processes on a global scale; and mapping out non-linear histories, discontinuities, and genealogies.

Submission guidelines:

We invite individual presentations (15 minutes), or panel consisting of 4 participants on the conference topic and its themes from any relevant disciplinary field. Each session will be 90 minutes including 30 minutes for discussion, Q and A. Time will built into the programme for networking.

Registration fees will be £160

How to submit your proposal:

Please send your proposal to: confadmin@leeds.ac.uk with the subject heading of: 2CMS

Deadline for Submissions: 31 March 2023

Proposals must include:

Presenter(s) Name(s) & Affiliations

Short Biographical note (100 maximum)

Presentation Title

Presentation Abstract (400 words maximum)

Bursaries: We are pleased to confirm that *ReOrient* will be offering a limited number of bursaries to help with the cost of presenting the 2023 conference. The bursaries will waive a portion of the registration fee. If you wish to be considered for a bursary, please indicate in your submission.

Please note: This is an in-person event only.

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