**SAVE THE DATE!**

**The Centre for Feminist Research is pleased to announce the next event in the**

**Spotlight on Islamophobia Event Series:**

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**Islam, Sexuality and Islamophobia**

Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2020  
Time: 2.30-4.30pm  
Location: room TBD, York University, 4700 Keele St

The ground-breaking work of Puar (2005) has illustrated that the discourse of the homophobic ‘other’ has been central to legitimizing the war on terror and justifying post 9/11 racial politics. Dominant narratives construct Western societies as accepting of homosexuality, whereas Islam and Muslim subjects are constructed as homophobic. Contesting such narratives, this panel will explore the ways in which Muslim communities in Canada and Europe are contesting homophobia.

**with panelists:**

El-Farouk Khaki, co-founder of the Toronto Unity Mosque  
Dr. Naveen Minai, Visiting Scholar in Sexuality Studies at the Centre for Feminist Research  
Abdullah Qureshi, CFR Visiting Graduate Student

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and coming up:

**Blackness and Islam**

End of February 2020

By exploring the complex histories and expressions of Islam in Africa and Muslims of African origin, this lecture and workshop considers the intersections between Islamophobia, race and anti-blackness.

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**Islamophobia in The Francophone Context**

End of March 2020

Legislation such as Quebec’s Bill 94, 62 and 21 and France’s headscarf ban in 2004 suggest that Islamophobia in Québec and France have specific roots. This panel will bring together speakers from Francophone communities in Toronto, Quebec and France to explore the ways in which French and Quebec colonialisms and nationalisms are mutually constitutive and constructed through Islamophobia.

**about the series**

Islamophobia has become disturbingly prevalent in Canada, United States and Europe, and indeed has become a world wide phenomenon. Often defined as a set of ideologies, discourses and practices that structures fear, hostility and rejection towards Muslims in Canada, substantial scholarship has illustrated that Muslim subjects face harassment, discrimination, and at times, violence, in their daily lives, in schools, in housing, in applying for jobs, and in the workplaces. Particularly since 9/11, Islamophobia has become a subject of considerable scrutiny and interest.

In an attempt to further understand one of the most entrenched form of racism, the **Centre for Feminist Research Spotlight on Islamophobia** **series** focuses on key aspects of the social forces that shape and reinforce contemporary practices of Islamophobia.