

ReOrienting the (Global) South

3rd International Conference on Critical Muslim Studies

The third Critical Muslim Studies conference invites scholars, researchers, and thinkers to engage with the theme of *ReOrienting the (Global) South*. This conference seeks to explore the intricate intersections between anti-colonialism, ethno-nationalism, and the emergence of Muslim political identities following the de facto abolition of the Caliphate in 1924. As we mark the centenary of this historic event, our conference seeks to investigate the processes that have firmly positioned Muslimness and the Muslim Question as a critical aspect of the global South.

Recent years have been marked by intense and sustained projects of re-colonising territories, peoples and communities identified as Muslim or Muslim adjacent. The subalternisation of Muslimness offers an opportunity to examine, in relational terms, how the construction of the global South was (and is) engineered through the exercise of colonial power.

This conference provides a dynamic platform for interrogating the advancements and challenges of anti-colonial and decolonial struggles, the cultivation of post-western horizons, and the boundaries and potentials of the global South within this context.

Building upon the success of its two previous conferences, this international and interdisciplinary meeting aims to facilitate dialogue among researchers who may not explicitly identify with Critical Muslim Studies but share common concerns and interests within the field. The aim is to foster a broader, more inclusive understanding of Muslimness across the world.

We invite contributions that explore the complexities of Critical Muslim Studies, focusing on their implications and tensions concerning the decolonization of discourses, practices, and institutions, as well as the creation of alternative, intersectional forms of knowledge production. We especially welcome submissions that extend the conventional framing of the Islamicate (both substantively and theoretically) beyond South Asian, Middle Eastern, and North African contexts or their diasporic equivalents.

Conference themes include, but are not limited to:

- Critical Muslim Studies and Epistemologies of the South;
- South-South Linkages;
- Colonialism and Muslimness;
- Transnationalisms and Urbanisms;
- Post-western Thought and the Global South;
- Kemalism and Islamophobia;
- Racisms and Violence;
- Critical Genealogies: Histories and the Islamicate.