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WORKSHOPS ON SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

Social Movements in the Age of Global Terror

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Workshop Overview

How is the global war on terror transforming the relations of gender, race, sexuality and class in North America? Why does the figure of the Muslim remain so central to the remaking of global politics in the early 21st century? How have social justice movements in Canada and the US responded to the politics of a war that is transforming the post-World War II international order?

Anti-terrorism measures and the securitization of the nation-state are transforming political and cultural attitudes within mainstream Canadian and American society; they are also deepening anti-Muslim, anti-immigrant/refugee and anti-Black policies and practices. This workshop focuses on how social justice movements have responded to the global fight against 'terror' and to the rise of right wing, xenophobic and populist politics in North America. Attending to the key issues and concerns that have informed their activism, we will interrogate the multifaceted challenges encountered by these movements.

Workshop sessions will be interactive and participants will be encouraged to address the topics for discussion through intersectional frameworks.

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