



Lecture Series of the Department of Development Studies

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### Countering Islamophobia in the Age of PEGIDA, Trump, and Co.

**Wednesday, 25th October 2017, 4.15-5.45 pm**

Seminar room IE, Department of African Studies  
Uni Campus Courtyard 5, Spitalgasse 2 1090 Vienna

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While Islamophobia or anti-Muslim racism is not a new phenomenon at all, the last couple of decades have witnessed a steady and alarmingly expansion of anti-Muslim hatred throughout Western societies. Many scholars have pointed out not only the wide dissemination of perceptions deeming Islam and Muslims as incompatible with, and threatening Western societies, but also the effects of such representations in different arenas (media representation, access to labor and education, everyday violence, institutional settings, etc.). Against this background, little has been said about how Muslims experience, navigate, and actively counter everyday racism and discrimination. Based on interviews conducted with young Muslims in Germany, the lecture engages with the different and highly creative strategies, narratives, and actions countering and challenging the manifestations of Islamophobia in contemporary Germany.