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Racism, Islamophobia and the refugee crisis

Edmonton – MacEwan University presents a panel discussion that will focus on how racism and Islamophobia has informed responses to the ongoing refugee crisis. The conversation will draw on the panelists’ scholarly findings and personal experiences.

This panel will include representatives from Edmonton’s post-secondary institutions and refugee communities.

Participants include:

• Junaid Jahangir, assistant professor, economics, MacEwan University, and author of Islamic Law and Muslim Same Sex Unions
• Aref Sayegh, Syrian refugee, graduate of the University of Aleppo and Masters degree student at the University of Alberta
• Janice Williamson, professor, English and Film Studies, University of Alberta, and
• Irfan Chaudhry, lecturer, sociology, MacEwan University and founder of the Twitter Racism Project

This event is part of an ongoing interdisciplinary project hosted by MacEwan University Anthropology, English, Nursing and Social Work students. The project explores the many facets of the current refugee crisis, including the political, environmental, social, health, economic and cultural factors that contribute to the displacement of many people around the world.

When: Wednesday, February 1
Where: CN Theatre 5-142 (Building 5, room 142) City Centre Campus
Time: 5 – 6:30 p.m.

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