

Beyond Tolerance Group

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A networking group within the Centre for International Studies. Open to anyone, anywhere - subject to registration.

Overview

Following on from the "Beyond Tolerance" [event](#) (see below) held at LSE on 25th November 2016, speakers, attendees and supporters have expressed a desire to stay engaged on the topic, dive deeper into sub-topics and help create movement on actionable ideas.

Staff

The group is run by [Lutfey Siddiqi](#), l.y.siddiqi@lse.ac.uk

Rationale

We face a multitude of potential forces that threaten to stretch our social fabric, picking at our biases and unwinding our seams of diversity. In addition, we seem to have become rusty at constructive conflict—succumbing to polar binaries as lazy alternatives to mutual understanding. On that backdrop, we take the view that 1) a proactive pursuit of diversity and enhanced engagement in constructive conflict can help avert the more destructive kind, 2) showcasing role-models from perceived minorities can counter beliefs of exclusion, and 3) novel approaches are required to counter the roots of polarised conflict and "immunize" communities against exploitative extremism—secular or religious.

Activities

We will convene both virtually and in periodic workshops and events in multiple locations. We will curate and distribute knowledge on what has been tried, what works, what doesn't to policy-makers, businesses and social enterprise. All ideas welcome.

2016 Conference

For inspiration and follow-up action, check out the links to the LSE event, 25th November 2016:

- [Read the report.](#)
- [Full video playlist.](#)
- [Photos.](#)
- [Video outlining objective of "Beyond Tolerance".](#)
- [Event website with speaker-list and programme.](#)

Contact

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Beyond Tolerance: Citizenship, Diversity, Constructive Conflict

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Date: Friday 25 November 2016, 9.00am - 2.00pm

Venue: Saw Swee Hock Student Centre, The London School of Economics and Political Science (1 Sheffield Street, London WC2A 2AP)

This conference is supported by the LSE [CIS](#) and [Institute of Global Affairs](#).

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About the event

This should be a fast-paced energetic conference with several ‘insights blasts’ from a variety of perspectives, debates on the role of education, businesses and universities and a roving spotlight inviting interaction from the audience.

Speakers included: Dr Naif Al-Mutawa, Hanan Al Hroub, Lord Jitesh Gadhia, Allyson Stewart-Allen, Caroline Watson, Scott Weber, Professor Erik Berglof, Catherine Howarth, Julia Karmo, Vikas Pota, Peter Lacy, Sonia Medina, Jon Alexander, Ayla Goksel, Noa Gafni Slaney, Veronica Needa, Belinda Parmar, Kathryn Tomlinson, Funmi Iyanda, Professor Christine Chinkin, Nour Khaled, Fardous Bahbouh, Jonathan Simons, Janice Lopatkin, Nasser Yassin, Matt Powell, and Professor Lutfey Siddiqi.



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Programme*

Note that this is a public event. It will be recorded and live-streamed

Time	Session
9.00–9.10	Welcome: <i>Why are we here? What outcome do we seek?</i> Lutfey Siddiqi
9.10–9.20	Inaugural Address: Hanan Al Hroub
9.20–9.50	Panel One: <i>Is Education the vaccine against intolerance? Why hasn't it worked?</i> Chair: Vikas Pota Panel: Hanan Al Hroub, Ayla Goksel, Jonathan Simons
9.50-10.00	Sparks 'round the arena Ayla Goksel, Sonia Medina, Kathryn Tomlinson, Nour Khaled
10.00–10.10	Insight Blast: <i>Participatory Theatre for mutual understanding</i> Caroline Watson
10.10-10.20	Insight Blast: <i>Principles of lasting peace-building</i> Scott Weber
10.20-10.40	Featured Address: <i>Superheroes & Constructive Conflict</i> Naif Al-Mutawa
10.45-11.15	Panel Two: <i>What can businesses do to reinforce social cohesion?</i> Chair: Catherine Howarth Panel: Jitesh Gadhia, Peter Lacy, Janice Lopatkin

11.15-11.30	Sparks 'round the arena Funmi Iyanda, Matthew Powell, Fardous Bahbouh
11.30-11.40	Insight Blast: <i>How do we work with Americans?</i> Allyson Stewart-Allen
11.40-11.50	Insight Blast: <i>It's all about Empathy - lessons from the business world</i> Belinda Parmer OBE
11.50-12.00	Insight Blast: <i>Addressing fear around migration matters</i> Julia Karmo
12.00-12.30	Panel Three: <i>Do Universities have a role to play?</i> Chair: Erik Berglof Panel: Christine Chinkin, Nasser Yassin
12.30-12.45	Awarding Winners: IGA Migration Video competition Erik Berglof
12.45-13.05	Awarding Winners: 'Beyond Tolerance' Hackathon Teddy Sun
13.05-14.00	Sparks 'round the arena & Closing Thoughts Jon Alexander, Veronica Needa, Noa Gafni Slaney, Christian Busch, Angelo Martelli
14.00	Close

Please note refreshments will be available throughout the conference.

*Programme is subject to change.