

# Public launch



## Islamophobia in Australian Public and Political Life

In August, Pauline Hanson wore a Burqa in the Australian Senate, seeking to inflame and polarise relations between Australian Muslims and the wider community. Yet the stunt was met with immediate condemnation in the Senate and wider community. In this context, the panel ask: Is Islamophobia on the rise? Or are we moving to a wider and more inclusive society? Please join us for the **launch of the Australian Association of Islamic and Muslim Studies (AAIMS)**, with our three expert speakers....



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