



PRESS RELEASE

Islamophobia Register Australia farewells A/Prof Derya Iner, thanking for her invaluable contributions to the Register and congratulating her on joining NSW Anti-Discrimination board

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A/Prof Derya Iner, who was the principal author of the Register's flagship *Islamophobia in Australia* reports and Deputy Chair has resigned from the Islamophobia Register Australia.

A/Prof Derya continues to engage in combatting racism, hate crimes and discrimination, through sitting on the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board and providing expert panel advice for nationwide initiatives.

During her tenure with the Register, A/Prof Derya has made significant contributions to the success and growth of the organisation and has been instrumental in driving the mission and vision of the Register. With the support of Islamic Science and Research Academy (ISRA) and Centre for Islamic Studies and Civilisation (CISAC) of Charles Sturt University, Derya has authored four internationally recognised research reports on Islamophobia since its inception.

Of Derya's departure, the Register's Founding Chair Ms Mariam Veiszadeh, stated:

"We want to express our sincere gratitude to A/Prof Derya for her dedication, hard work, and commitment to the mission of the Register. Derya believed in the importance and mission of the Register from the early days when few other people did, and she poured her heart and soul into this work, including volunteering a lot of her time in the early days of the Register's existence.

We congratulate her on her appointment to the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board where we have no doubt that she will offer important insights and make further positive impact. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours."

The Register will continue to collect incident data and continue to publish its flagship research. As Israel's war on Gaza rages on and with recent high profile stabbing incidents and police raids, the heightened climate of Islamophobia will be covered by the next *Islamophobia in Australia* report, which promises to be a significant piece of research.

Dr Susan Carland, who recently authored the Register's report 'A War on Words: preliminary media analysis of the 2023 Israel-Gaza war', will be leading the Register's next flagship Islamophobia in Australia research report. She has a PhD from Monash University's School of Social Sciences, and is a Discovery Early Career Research Award (DECRA) Fellow and a Churchill fellow, researching the intersection between gender and Islamophobia. The report can be found here:

https://islamophobia.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/IRA_2023-Israel-Gaza-War-Report_Final_V3.pdf

The previous Islamophobia Reports can be found here:

<https://islamophobia.com.au/publications/our-reports/>



About the Islamophobia Register Australia

The Register is a not-for-profit organisation that has been leading the tracking and tackling of Islamophobia across Australia since its launch in 2014. It provides a secure and reliable online reporting platform that captures nation-wide data and offers first-hand support to victims of Islamophobia. The Register has published four academic reports on Islamophobia in Australia and more recently a media report examining post October 7 2023 media coverage of Israel-Gaza. In addition to its reporting platform, victim support services and academic research, the Register also provides education and training on Islamophobia and engages in policy and law reform. Having expanded its board and appointed an inaugural Executive Director in December 2022, the Register has since grown its operations to take its work and influence to the next level.

Its operating model has been commended and replicated by multiple other marginalised groups who have approached the Register to support them in the establishment of their own reporting models. This includes the First Nations Racism Register, 'Call it Out' founded by the National Justice Project and the Jumbunna Institute. The Register was also invited to provide evidence at the Disability Royal Commission who are looking to make formal recommendations to create a similar organisation to track and tackle disability hate.

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