

Confronting anti-Semitism and Islamophobia

An exploration of their socio-historic and theological roots and similarities

The Foundation has published the book of the proceedings of its one-day international conference held in November 2009 at the Brunei Gallery, University of London, in association with Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies: University of Exeter, and The Centre for Jewish Studies at SOAS: University of London.

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Although the book is based on the conference papers, it is not merely a compilation of those papers, but a cohesive work based on the thematic grouping of the two major topics of the conference, namely, the socio-historic and theological roots of the anti-Semitism and islamophobia and the similarities between the two phenomena. The conference was the first attempt at not only approaching the two concepts together, but also positing the notion that anti-Semitism and Islamophobia should be explored together a two sides of the same coin of racism and xenophobia. The editors hope that it make a meaningful contribution to clarifying the origins, meaning, and implications of these two scourges, and believe it will serve as a constructive resource and tool for students, academics, activists, community leaders, and opinion –and decision – makers.

The book was launched at a reception at the House of Lords, and is only available from the Joseph Interfaith Foundation. To obtain a copy, please email:

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Academics with the Trustees of the Foundation at the book launch



Mehri Niknam MBE, Executive Director, presented a copy of the book to Andrew Stunell MP, Minister for Communities and Local Government