

CONVERSATIONS ON THE FEAR OF MIGRANTS AND MUSLIMS

with Dr. Shayna Plaut



LISTENING TO THE “STRANGERS” AMONG US:

EXPLORING CURRENT NARRATIVES OF FEAR & RESISTANCE

Monday | April 17 | 5:30pm

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**A SCREENING OF *STRANGERS AT HOME* AND DISCUSSION OF
XENOPHOBIA IN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA WITH DR. PLAUT**

Extremist voices are gaining political power, inspiring some Europeans to take to the streets to “claim back” their place. *Strangers at Home*, an anthology documentary, has people — be they people with Muslim last names, Jews, Roma, LGBT or “locals” — tell their own stories of becoming outsiders, and how they are resisting.

A POST-COLONIAL APPROACH TO JOURNALISM

IMPLICATIONS FOR ISLAMOPHOBIA

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This presentation is a post-colonial analysis, involving 450 people in 85 countries and mapping the relationship between foreign journalists, local “fixers” (those who assist foreign reporters on assignments) and its effect on international news coverage. How do the imbalances of race, language and money shape “news” and policy in the Global North? This talk explores the findings of the study, as well as its implications for the rise of Islamophobia in western media and policy.

ABOUT DR. SHAYNA PLAUT

Dr. Shayna Plaut's work sits at the intersection of academia, journalism and advocacy. Plaut has researched and engaged with Romani media, migrant media and Indigenous media in Canada, the US and Europe since 2001. As a Fulbright and Vanier scholar, she has lived and worked in Hungary and the Balkans. Plaut is the Research Manager for the Global Reporting Centre and the project manager for *Strangers at Home*. Shayna's academic writing has been published in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Journalism Practice*, *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political*, *The European Educational Research Journal*, and *International Journal for Human Rights*, as well as several book chapters. Plaut is the Human Rights Editor for Praxis Center for Social Justice with Kalamazoo College. Plaut has served as a consultant for the United Nation's Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Amnesty International, and a variety of migrant and human rights organizations. She received her Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia, her M.A. from the University of Chicago, and is a proud alum of Antioch College.

