

Extreme Speakers and Events: In the 2016-17 Academic Year

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Executive Summary

- The Higher Education and Funding Council for England (HEFCE) has found that the majority of universities are satisfying the statutory requirements of the Prevent duty. Despite that fact, this report demonstrates that a large number of events featuring extreme speakers continue to be held on campuses across the UK. In the majority of cases, these events are unbalanced in nature, meaning that speakers are allowed to disseminate their views without being challenged. Indeed, of the 112 events identified, only one aimed to provide a balanced platform.
- Extreme speakers and organisations are routinely advertised to students through social media pages. This suggests that despite university compliance with the Prevent duty, more must be done to defend university students from extreme speakers and organisations.
- Events were most common in February (29), March (35), and November (21), repeating a pattern seen in a previous Student Rights report *Preventing Prevent? Challenges to Counter-Radicalisation Policy On Campus* (2015).
- The most common topic was religious apologetics with a total of 30 appearances. This was followed by religious jurisprudence, exegesis and history with 26 events, and grievances with 21 events.
- London was the region with the highest number of events (43), followed by the South East (21), Yorkshire and Humberside (12), and the West Midlands (9). At a university level, the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) played host to the most events (14), with the top eight institutions playing host to 41.3% of the total number of events recorded in the 2016-17 academic year.
- The six most prolific speakers accounted for 52.7% of the events. The relatively low number of individuals underscores the fact that eliminating extremism on campus remains a feasible goal, provided appropriate steps are taken.
- This report aims to provide universities and student unions with a series of policy recommendations about how best to challenge extremist narratives through ensuring more balanced events in future. It offers practical solutions to those needing further guidance and support, and argues that universities are able to challenge extremism alongside upholding their responsibility towards freedom of expression. In the process, it hopes to assuage a number of concerns surrounding the implementation of Prevent on campuses.

1. Introduction: Universities and the Prevent Duty

The British government defines extremism as follows:

“Extremism is vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. We also include in our definition of extremism calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas”.¹

In March 2015, the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act (CTSA) imposed a statutory duty on universities and other public bodies, requiring them to pay “due regard to the need to prevent individuals from being drawn into terrorism”.² This is the key objective of the UK government’s Prevent strategy for challenging extremism and radicalisation, which forms part of the government’s wider counter-terrorism strategy, known as Contest.³ The overall aim of Prevent and Contest is to reduce the terror threat to the UK, and lessen its vulnerability to terrorist attacks.

Prevent was first created in 2003 and launched publicly in 2006 in the aftermath of the 7/7 London bombings. However, a 2009 review of Contest found that Prevent was the least developed strand of the UK’s counter-terrorism strategy. A further review published in 2011 made tackling extremist ideology a key objective of future counter-radicalisation strategy. It recognised that there had been a conflation of integration and counter-terrorism, and that working with public institutions would be necessary as there was a risk of radicalisation.⁴

The revised Prevent strategy, published in 2011, noted that “some extremist organisations ... target specific universities and colleges ... with the objective of radicalising and recruiting students”.⁵ This view was echoed by the Extremism Taskforce, a multi-departmental unit set up by former Prime Minister David Cameron to tackle extremism in universities and other institutions. The taskforce reported in 2013 that extreme speakers exploit “higher education institutions as a platform for spreading their messages”⁶ and recommended that extremist narratives should be robustly challenged in public spaces.

Shortly after the passage of the CTSA, the Home Office issued sector specific guidance in July of 2015 which stipulated that all relevant higher education institutions (HEIs) must have “policies and procedures in place for the management of events on campus” and “a system for assessing and rating risks associated with any planned events”.⁷ This guidance was addressed to publicly funded universities, alternative providers with specific course designation, the schools, and other providers with more than 250 students. In order to demonstrate their compliance with the duty, these organisations were required to formulate policies and

¹ ‘Prevent Strategy’, *HM Government*, June 2011, available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/97976/prevent-strategy-review.pdf, last visited: 2 August 2017, p. 107.

² ‘Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015’, *HM Government*, February 2015, available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2015/6/part/5/enacted>, last visited: 28 July 2017, Part 5, Chapter 1.

³ ‘CONTEST: The United Kingdom’s Strategy for Countering Terrorism’, *HM Government*, July 2011, available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/97994/contest-summary.pdf, last visited: 25 August 2017.

⁴ ‘Understanding CONTEST: The Foundation and The Future’, *Centre for the Response to Radicalisation and Terrorism* and *The Henry Jackson Society*, 2017, available at: <http://henryjacksonsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/FINAL-CONTEST.pdf>, last visited: 25 August 2017, p.2.

⁵ *Ibid.*, p. 73.

⁶ ‘Tackling Extremism in the UK’, *HM Government*, December 2013, available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/263181/ETF_FINAL.pdf, last visited: 28 July 2017, p. 6.

⁷ ‘Prevent Duty Guidance for Higher Education Institutions in England and Wales’, *HM Government*, July 2015, available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/445916/Prevent_Duty_Guidance_For_Higher_Education__England__Wales_.pdf, last visited: 28 July 2017, pp. 3-4.

procedures for external speakers invited onto campuses. They were also obligated to provide detailed evidence that these arrangements were being “properly followed and applied”.⁸

Since September 2015, the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) has been tasked with the responsibility for monitoring universities’ compliance with the Prevent duty. In keeping with that obligation, HEFCE required higher education providers to undertake self-assessments, and satisfy compliance with their Prevent duty prior to a series of set deadlines. In addition, HEFCE also required universities to produce short annual reports that demonstrate “any relevant evidence which demonstrates their continuing active and effective implementation of the Prevent duty”.⁹

In 2016 all higher education providers were instructed to submit detailed evidence and information of their relevant policies and procedures as part of a comprehensive monitoring process, so that HEFCE could establish whether or not the appropriate policies and processes satisfying the requirements of the statutory guidance were in place. Following this exercise, HEFCE moved into steady state monitoring of the universities’ annual reports.

In August 2017, HEFCE reported that there have been signs of “significant progress” within the higher education sector since the Prevent duty became a statutory requirement.¹⁰ In total, 313 higher education providers submitted annual reports to HEFCE covering activity in the 2015-16 period. HEFCE reported that 95 per cent of these providers had demonstrated “due regard” to the Prevent duty, with a further 5 per cent needing to provide “further evidence” of having done so. No university was assessed as “not demonstrating due regard to the duty”.¹¹

An internally conducted evaluation of HEFCE’s role as monitor of the Prevent duty also found “very positive and supportive” attitudes towards HEFCE across relevant HEIs, stakeholders, and relevant government departments.¹² It recommended improvements in “ensuring clarity and consistency in [HEFCE’s] engagement” with HEIs, sharing examples of “positive practice and case studies”, and “providing a forum to ... address concerns” across the sector.¹³

The Higher Education and Research Bill, passed by Parliament in April 2017, will eventually lead to the creation of a new regulatory body for higher education, the Office for Students (OFS). HEFCE’s current regulatory functions, including its monitoring of the Prevent duty, will pass to this new public body in April 2018.¹⁴

⁸ *ibid.*

⁹ ‘Framework for the monitoring of the Prevent duty in higher education in England: 2017 onwards’, *HEFCE*, 1 August 2017, available at: <http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/year/2017/201710/>, last visited: 2 August 2017.

¹⁰ ‘Analysis of Prevent annual reports from higher education providers for activity in 2015-16’, *HEFCE*, 1 August 2017, available at: <http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/year/2017/201711/>, last visited: 2 August 2017.

¹¹ *ibid.*

¹² ‘Evaluation of monitoring of the Prevent duty in higher education in England’, *HEFCE*, 1 August 2017, available at: <http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/year/2017/201712/>, last visited: 2 August 2017.

¹³ *ibid.*

¹⁴ ‘Framework for the monitoring of the Prevent duty in higher education in England: 2017 onwards’, *HEFCE*, 1 August 2017, available at: <http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/year/2017/201710/>, last visited: 2 August 2017.

2. Events and Methodology

Despite the speed with which universities have moved to comply with the Prevent Duty, this report finds that such developments rest alongside a continued drumbeat of troubling events on universities campuses.

Using information drawn from open-source and social media sites, this report catalogues events featuring individual speakers with a history of extreme and intolerant views, or representatives of organisations that have had a history of promoting such speakers. Of the 112 events advertised between 4 October 2016 and 31 June 2017, all but five are believed to have gone ahead, and only one attempted to provide a balanced platform with sufficient challenge. Student Rights has historically regarded a ‘balanced platform’ as one that features an additional participant, present to counter the views of a controversial speaker, preferably with an independent moderator mediating between them in the form of a debate or a panel discussion.

Student-focused events that took place off-campus, but were organised or promoted by and to students, were also recorded. Three ‘off-campus’ events were identified, constituting 2.7% of the overall total. In cases where events take place off-campus, universities and student unions have, in some circumstances, an obligation to intervene and conduct risk assessments when they are being organised their students. Though student unions are not required to comply with the statutory duty, they remain subject to charity law regulations and can be held to account by universities and the Charity Commission. Under the Prevent duty guidance, HEIs’ legal obligations are limited to events held on campus, in addition to events held off campus that are “affiliated, funded or branded” as HEI events.¹⁵

This report does not purport to offer an exhaustive list of all the events that took place, and which had an extremist dimension. It is plausible that there were more which were not promoted openly. However, it does give an extensive account of the recorded events and demonstrates ample evidence of a significant number of extremist speakers targeting university students, something which needs to be addressed by universities and government entities.

British politicians have acknowledged that non-violent extremism is a factor which can lead to radicalisation. Following the London Bridge attack in June 2017, Prime Minister Theresa May stated that there had been “too much tolerance of extremism in our country” and that “we need to become far more robust in identifying it and stamping it out across the public sector and across society”.¹⁶ Yet as this report concludes, university campuses remain areas where non-violent extremism continues to manifest itself clearly, and without sufficient challenge.

The Prevent duty guidance recognises that HEIs need to “balance [their] legal duties in terms of both ensuring freedom of speech and academic freedom, and also protecting student and staff welfare.”¹⁷ Although the majority of the speakers mentioned in this report do not explicitly endorse acts of violence or terrorism, they have nevertheless expressed extreme and intolerant views or engaged in activities which have merited their inclusion. These views and actions include: publishing material on extremist websites; offering

¹⁵ Prevent Duty Guidance for Higher Education Institutions in England and Wales, *HM Government*, July 2015, available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/445916/Prevent_Duty_Guidance_For_Higher_Education__England__Wales_.pdf, last visited: 28 July 2017, pp. 4.

¹⁶ “Theresa May says ‘enough is enough’ in wake of London Bridge terror attack as she confirms General Election will go ahead”, *The Daily Telegraph*, 4 June 2017, available at: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/06/04/theresa-may-says-enough-enough-fight-against-terror-confirms/>, last visited: 17 August 2017.

¹⁷ Prevent Duty Guidance for Higher Education Institutions in England and Wales, *HM Government*, July 2015, available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/445916/Prevent_Duty_Guidance_For_Higher_Education__England__Wales_.pdf, last visited: 25 August 2017, p. 4.

public support for individuals convicted of terrorism offences; displaying intolerance towards apostates, other religions and/or minorities; promoting the replacement of democracy by a system of religious governance; and asserting that the West is prosecuting a war against Islam and/ or Muslims, and; being affiliated with an organisation that has promoted extremism on a regular basis.

The events have been categorised by date, university, speaker/s, their affiliated organisations, the topic of the event, the precise location of the event ('on campus' or 'off campus'), and the region in which the event took place. The vast majority of the extreme speakers recorded in this report are Islamist extremists, though one speaker has a background in Far-Right politics. Key information about the background of specific speakers and organisations is only mentioned once in order to avoid repetition. Cross-references indicate where they first appear in the catalogue. In keeping with previous research published by Student Rights,¹⁸ events have been sorted into eight different categories. For the avoidance of any doubt, it should be stressed that these categorisations are designed to aid understanding of general themes, and are not intended to suggest that discussion of the topics themselves is inherently extreme.

The categories themselves are:

1. **Dawah Training** – Lectures or workshops which sought to teach students the fundamentals of preaching to others.
2. **Geopolitics** – Events focusing on international political issues, including the Israel-Palestine conflict; the Syrian Civil War; and Western foreign policy towards the Islamic world in general.
3. **Grievances** – Lectures or workshops which addressed perceived attacks on Muslims and Islam in the UK; called for the scrapping of Prevent and other government counter-extremism measures; and critiqued the arrest and detention of terrorism suspects.
4. **Personal Stories** – Events where speakers outlined their personal experiences or journeys to religion, as well as events which addressed issues affecting students on campuses, such as relationships, careers, academic success, and mental health and wellbeing.
5. **Religious Apologetics** – Lectures which aimed to challenge ideas such as atheism and scepticism, and highlight the rational reasons for religious belief.
6. **Religious Governance** – Lectures which examined the details of religious socio-economic governance, focusing on the role of religion in fields such as legislation; justice; and finance.
7. **Religious Jurisprudence/ Exegesis / History** – Lectures where religious rulings or interpretations, religious verses or other texts, important historical or scriptural figures, and historical events were discussed.
8. **Miscellaneous** – Events which had no topic, had a vague title, or did not fall under the other seven categories.

These categories were intended to be as broad as possible in order to prevent misclassification. Identification was straightforward in most cases, although there were some occasions where there was a possible cross-over of categories (for example, where subjects can be presented as 'grievances'). In these instances, cross-overs between subjects and grievances were included under subject categories, and topics that were unclear or difficult to determine placed within the 'miscellaneous' category.

¹⁸ Sutton, R., 'Preventing Prevent? Challenges to Counter-Radicalisation Policy On Campus', *The Henry Jackson Society and Student Rights*, 2015, http://henryjacksonsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Preventing-Prevent_webversion3.pdf, last visited: 4 August 2017, pp. 17-18.

3. List of Events – October 2016 to June 2017

The following list of events confirms when each was held, and in a small number of instances, confirms whether they were cancelled and/ or moved. Where it has not proven possible to determine, this report proceeds on the basis that events that were advertised went ahead as planned. Events are listed in chronological order, though in instances in which events have been postponed the original date is used.

1. 04/10/2016 – Anam's Restaurant, Bradford – 'ISOC Welcome Dinner'¹⁹

Speaker: Adnan Rashid

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Miscellaneous

Location: Off Campus

Region: Yorkshire and Humberside

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at the University of Bradford. Rashid is affiliated with the Islamic Education and Research Academy (iERA),²⁰ which was investigated by the Charity Commission in 2014 over regulatory issues relating to extreme speakers and events,²¹ and which was barred from University College London (UCL) in 2013 after attempting to segregate students by gender.²²

Rashid is also a senior member of the Hittin Institute,²³ an Islamist organisation²⁴ which hosted the Al-Qaeda-linked cleric, Anwar Al-Awlaki, in 2009.²⁵ Rashid himself has expressed support for the implementation of religious governance, and has suggested that “any Muslim who rejects Sharia Law apostatises from Islam”,²⁶ and has also claimed there is an “ongoing global persecution of the Muslims”.²⁷

2. 07/10/2016 – Coventry University – 'Muslims on Campus'²⁸

¹⁹ 'Bradford ISoc', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/BradISoc/photos/a.1476562465945540.1073741825.1476562369278883/1775034932764957/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

²⁰ 'Adnan Rashid', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/MrAdnanRashid/info>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

²¹ '“Anti-Semitic” charity under investigation', *The Daily Telegraph*, 24 May 2014, available at: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/10854579/Anti-Semitic-charity-under-investigation.html>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

²² 'UCL bans Islamic group from campus in row over segregated seating', *The Guardian*, 15 March 2013, available at: <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/mar/15/ucl-bans-islamic-group-over-segregation>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

²³ 'Adnan Rashid', *Hittin Institute*, available at: <http://hittininstitute.co.uk/our-team/adnan-rashid/>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

²⁴ 'Hittin Institute', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Hittin-Institute/152457904767892?id=152457904767892&sk=info>, last visited: 26 July 2017. See also: 'Liberalism and its Effect on Society', *Hittin Institute*, available at: <http://hittininstitute.co.uk/articles/liberalism-and-its-effect-on-society/>, last visited: 26 July 2017. 'Isis killer's former university tops list for 'extremist' preachers on campus', *Ham&High*, 31 July 2015, available at: <http://www.hamhigh.co.uk/education/university-of-westminster-tops-list-extremist-speakers-isis-mohammed-enwazi-1-4173493>, last visited: 23 June 2017.

²⁵ 'Hittin institute presents Imam Anwar Awlaki, abu mujahid: Glad tidings to the stranger', *Islamic Awakening*, available at: <https://web.archive.org/web/20130606110617/http://forums.islamicawakening.com/121/hittin-institute-presents-imam-anwar-awlaki-abu-18310/>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

²⁶ 'Adnan Rashid', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/MrAdnanRashid/posts/640512389320213>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

²⁷ See Rashid, A., 'Hittin Institute: One State Solution A Jewish Dream', *Islamic Awakening*, available at: <https://web.archive.org/web/20130526042331/http://forums.islamicawakening.com/118/hittin-institute-one-state-solution-jewish-dream-21346/>, last visited: 26 July 2017; and Rashid, A., 'Islam's War on Terror', *Hittin Institute*, March 2012, available at: http://hittininstitute.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/publication-Islam_war_on_Terror.pdf, last visited: 26 July 2017.

²⁸ 'Coventry Isoc', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/coventry.isoc/photos/a.277332863798737.1073741828.276934842505206/524962694369085/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

Speaker: Asim Khan
Organisation: Sabeel
Topic: Personal Stories
Location: On Campus
Region: West Midlands

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at Coventry University as part of Freshers' Week, and went ahead as planned.²⁹ Khan is an Instructor for the Sabeel Institute, and Islam21c³⁰. Sabeel is a "flagship development project" of the Muslim Research and Development Foundation (MRDF) which has regularly hosted events featuring extreme speakers and used student activism to promote them.³¹

Islam21c, an online platform of the MRDF,³² has promoted the work of a number of controversial figures, including Haitham al-Haddad,³³ Alomgir Ali,³⁴ Asim Qureshi³⁵ and Dr. Abdul Wahid.³⁶ It has also published pieces condemning the integration of Western Muslims, describing it as a "secular disease".³⁷

Khan himself has referred to homosexuality as "evil", as well as labelling it an "abomination", "wretched", "shameful", "disgusting", a "sin" and a "criminal act", and has perpetuated homophobic tropes comparing homosexuality to incest as well as "burglary, theft and sexual abuse".³⁸

3. 11/10/2016 - University of Kent - 'Muslims without Vision'³⁹

Speaker: Adnan Rashid (see entry no. 1)
Organisation: iERA
Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History
Location: On Campus
Region: South East

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at the University of Kent. It formed part of the Freshers' Tour Talks developed by the Federation of Student Islamic Societies (FOSIS) which have also promoted Asim Khan (see entry no. 2).⁴⁰

²⁹ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

³⁰ 'Author Archives: Asim Khan', *Islam21c*, available at: <http://www.islam21c.com/author/asimkhan/>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

³¹ 'Student Islamic Societies attend Sabeel retreat with Haitham Al-Haddad', *Student Rights*, 27 June 2012, available at: http://www.studentrights.org.uk/article/1936/student_islamic_societies_attend_sabeel_retreat_with_haitham_al_haddad_, last visited: 29 August 2017.

³² 'Recent successes highlight support for Prevent', *Student Rights*, 9 August 2017, available at: http://www.studentrights.org.uk/article/2470/recent_successes_highlight_support_for_prevent_, last visited: 31 August 2017.

³³ 'Author Archives: Shaikh (Dr) Haitham Al-Haddad', *Islam21c*, available at: <https://www.islam21c.com/author/shaikhhaithamal-haddad/>, last visited: 29 August 2017.

³⁴ 'Author Archives: Sheikh Alomgir Ali', *Islam21c*, available at: <https://www.islam21c.com/author/alomgirali/>, last visited: 29 August 2017.

³⁵ 'Author Archives: Asim Qureshi', *Islam21c*, available at: <https://www.islam21c.com/author/asimqureshi/>, last visited: 29 August 2017.

³⁶ Wahid, A., 'Dr Abdul Wahid On The Recent Events In Paris', *Islam21c*, available at: <https://www.islam21c.com/special/dr-abdul-wahid-on-the-recent-events-in-paris/>, last visited: 29 August 2017.

³⁷ El-Noumu, A.R., 'Secularism: the Caliphate's Final Blow', *Islam21c*, available at: <https://www.islam21c.com/islamic-thought/secularism-the-caliphates-final-blow/>, last visited: 29 August 2017.

³⁸ Khan, A., 'And Remember Lut...', *Islam21c*, 15 April 2013, available at: <https://web.archive.org/web/20150407162935/http://www.islam21c.com/politics/9557-and-remember-lut/>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

³⁹ 'Muslims Without A Vision - Adnan Rashid', *Bing*, available at: <https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=university+of+kent+muslims+without+vision+adnan+rashid&view=detail&mid=22DF0584F2880A30BB7F22DF0584F2880A30BB7F&FORM=VIRE>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁴⁰ FOSIS, '@fosischannel', *Twitter*, 11 October 2016, available at: <https://twitter.com/fosischannel/status/785941322242875392>. See also: FOSIS, '@fosischannel', *Twitter*, 14 September 2016, available at: <https://twitter.com/fosischannel/status/776145079492894720>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

4. 14/10/2016 – University of Surrey – ‘Diary of a Muslim Student’⁴¹

Speaker: Adnan Rashid (see entry no. 1)

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Personal Stories

Location: On Campus

Region: South East

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at the University of Surrey. It formed part of the Freshers’ Tour Talks developed by the Federation of Student Islamic Societies (FOSIS) and went ahead as planned.⁴²

5. 14/10/2016 – Queen Mary University – ‘Friday Prayer’⁴³

Speaker: Asim Khan (see entry no. 2)

Organisation: Sabeel

Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at Queen Mary University.

6. 20/10/2016 – University of Roehampton – ‘How Muslims Helped Shape the Modern World’⁴⁴

Speaker: Adnan Rashid (see entry no. 1)

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at the University of Roehampton.

7. 25/10/2016 – Kingston University – ‘The Rise of Islamophobia’⁴⁵

Speaker: Uthman Lateef, Bashir Ibrahim

Organisation: Hittin Institute

⁴¹ ‘Diary of a Muslim Student’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1774431046148048/>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁴² Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

⁴³ ‘Queen Mary Islamic Society’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/QueenMaryISoc/photos/a.167517579996144.41551.119991194748783/1158304800917412/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁴⁴ ‘Roehampton ISOC’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/roehamptonislamicsociety/photos/a.285413028236241.60441.112972318813647/1004418933002310/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁴⁵ ‘The Rise of Islamophobia’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/895710570529428/>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

Topic: Grievances

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at Kingston University. It featured Bashir Ibrahim, a former student at Kingston University, who has claimed that the UK government is seeking to engineer “a Government sanctioned Islam” and that the security services’ “modus operandi” is harassing Muslims, using ISIS executioner Mohammed Emwazi (otherwise known as ‘Jihadi John’) and Lee Rigby murderer Michael Adebolajo as examples.⁴⁶

Lateef is director of the Hittin Institute,⁴⁷ and has espoused homophobia⁴⁸ and communal division, warning against “a democratic Islam ... the redefined, repackaged Islam”.⁴⁹ He has also called for the release of convicted terrorists including Mohammed Hamid, whom he claims is “locked up unfairly under false terror charges”⁵⁰ despite Hamid’s multiple convictions for soliciting to murder and providing terrorism training.⁵¹

8. 25/10/2016 – University of Warwick – ‘Experiences in Guantanamo Bay’⁵²

Speaker: Moazzam Begg

Organisation: CAGE

Topic: Personal Stories

Location: On Campus

Region: West Midlands

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at the University of Warwick and went ahead as planned.⁵³ Begg is Director of Outreach at CAGE, an organisation with a long history of publicly defending convicted terrorists.⁵⁴ Following a series of incidents, Amnesty International severed all ties with the group in 2015, clarifying that “recent comments made by CAGE representatives have been completely unacceptable, at odds with human rights principles and serve to undermine the work of NGOs”.⁵⁵

Begg interviewed deported extremist cleric Abu Qatada via Skype at a CAGE event and later suggested that Al-Qaeda associated clerics such as Abu Qatada and Abu Muhammad al-Maqdisi are the “most credible voices” against ISIS.⁵⁶ A terrorism case against Begg collapsed in October 2014, but he

⁴⁶ ‘The Rise of Islamophobia – Sheikh Sulaiman Ghani & Bashir Ibrahim’, *YouTube*, available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ingVVcb5RTk&feature=youtu.be>, last visited: 21 March 2016.

⁴⁷ ‘Dr. Uthman Latif’, *Hittin Institute*, available at: <https://web.archive.org/web/20160126222440/http://hittininstitute.org/our-team/uthman-latif/>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁴⁸ ‘Uthman Lateef to speak at University of Birmingham’, *Student Rights*, 16 January 2015, available at:

http://www.studentrights.org.uk/article/2240/uthman_lateef_to_speak_at_university_of_birmingham, last visited: 27 July 2017.

⁴⁹ ‘Radical Islam on UK Campuses: Radical Islam on UK Campuses’, *Centre for Social Cohesion*, 2010, available at: <http://henryjacksonsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/RADICAL-ISLAM-ON-CAMPUS.pdf>, last visited: 26 July 2017, pp. 11-12.

⁵⁰ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

⁵¹ ‘Top extremist recruiter is jailed’, *BBC News*, 26 February 2008, available at: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7256859.stm>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁵² ‘Charity Week 2016 – Moazzam Begg’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/323084398066244/>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁵³ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

⁵⁴ Murray, D., and Simcox, R., ‘The evidence shows that CAGE is a pro-terrorist group’, *The Daily Telegraph*, 21 July 2014, available at:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/10981050/The-evidence-shows-that-Cage-is-a-pro-terrorist-group.html>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁵⁵ Amnesty International responds to questions about Cage’, *Amnesty International*, 12 March 2015, available at: <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/amnesty-international-responds-questions-about-cage>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

⁵⁶ ‘Abu Qatada no longer in Britain but still preaching jihad and antisemitism’, *CST*, 29 February 2016, available at:

<https://cst.org.uk/news/blog/2016/02/29/abu-qatada-no-longer-in-britain-but-still-preaching-jihad-and-antisemitism>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

accepted he had been in Syria and trained fighters with a view to defending civilians⁵⁷. He has since engaged in public defence of individuals convicted for travelling to the country.

While being held in Guantanamo Bay after his arrest at an Al-Qaeda safe house in Pakistan,⁵⁸ Begg also admitted to visiting training camps on the Afghan-Pakistan border known to have hosted Al-Qaeda militants, and to engaging in fighting in Bosnia in the 1990s.⁵⁹

9.27/10/2016 - University of Essex - 'Muslim Victims of the Atlantic Slave Trade'⁶⁰

Speaker: Adnan Rashid (see entry no. 1)

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History

Location: On Campus

Region: East of England

This event was organised and hosted by the University of Essex Islamic Society and went ahead as planned.⁶¹

10. 27/10/2016 - London Muslim Centre - 'In the Seventh Heaven' KCL Charity Week Dinner⁶²

Speaker: Zahir Mahmood

Organisation: N/A

Topic: Miscellaneous

Location: Off Campus

Region: London

This off-campus event hosted by the King's College London Islamic Society advertised promotional material which initially pledged a "mystery speaker" before revealing Mahmood as a guest.⁶³ Mahmood has previously incited communal division, claiming the West has "been vilifying, demonising the Muslims, Islam, and especially the Prophet",⁶⁴ and that Hamas "are not terrorists, they're freedom fighters".⁶⁵

⁵⁷ Simcox, R., 'Moazzam Begg: Islamic bookseller or terrorist trainer?', *The Spectator*, 10 October 2014, available at: <http://blogs.spectator.co.uk/coffeehouse/2014/10/moazzam-begg-islamic-bookseller-or-terrorist-trainer/>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁵⁸ 'Jihadists' defender to give speech on airport security', *The Times*, 6 November 2016, available at: <http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/jihadists-defender-to-give-speech-on-airport-security-bpkt3xcj9>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁵⁹ Simcox, R., 'Guantanamo and its critics', *Wall Street Journal*, 26 January 2012, available at: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204468004577164904145708474.html>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁶⁰ 'Essex Islamic Society', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/essexisoc/photos/a.1356372321037767.1073741826.352324701462539/1508679272493737/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁶¹ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

⁶² 'In the Seventh Heaven -KCL CW Dinner', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/331585397195006/>, last visited: 26 July 2017. Screenshots archived by Student Rights.

⁶³ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

⁶⁴ 'Zahir Mahmood to speak at Aston University', *Student Rights*, 5 October 2012, available at: http://www.studentrights.org.uk/article/1973/zahir_mahmood_to_speak_at_aston_university, last visited: 9 August 2017.

⁶⁵ 'Zahir Mahmood - "Hamas are freedom fighters"', *YouTube*, available at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=t4jW5ytB1Lo, last visited: 26 July 2017.

11. 4/11/2016 – SOAS – ‘Annual ISOC Charity Week Dinner and Auction’⁶⁶

Speaker: Abdur Raheem Green

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Miscellaneous

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at SOAS and went ahead as planned.⁶⁷ Green is Chairman of iERA,⁶⁸ and was reported in February 2009 to have claimed that: “Islam is not compatible with democracy”, and that a husband may use “physical force ... a very light beating” against his wife.⁶⁹ He has also been reported to have made anti-Semitic remarks, stating while preaching in Hyde Park: “why don’t you take the Yahoudi [Jew] over there, far away so his stench doesn’t disturb us”.⁷⁰

12. 4/11/2016 – Sheffield Hallam University – ‘Palestine Event’⁷¹

Speaker: Shamiul Joarder

Organisation: Friends of Al-Aqsa

Topic: Geopolitics

Location: On Campus

Region: Yorkshire and Humberside

First promoted to students at the University of Sheffield on 4 November as taking place at Sheffield Hallam University, this event was moved to The Circle, Sheffield, on 8 November,⁷² and went ahead the following day.⁷³ Friends of Al-Aqsa’s bank account was closed by the Co-operative Bank in December 2015.⁷⁴ The bank claimed this decision was due to their own “risk appetite” and had followed processes of due diligence.⁷⁵

Friends of Al-Aqsa (FOA) has published⁷⁶ the Holocaust denier⁷⁷ Paul Eisen,⁷⁸ as well as writers with a history of anti-Semitic views⁷⁹ such as Gilad Atzmon, who has written that “Jewish Marxism is there to ...

⁶⁶ ‘Annual iSoc Charity Week Dinner and Auction’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1458524764162619/>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁶⁷ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

⁶⁸ ‘Abdurraheem Green’, *iERA*, available at: <https://www.iera.org/contact/book-a-speaker/meet-our-speakers/abdurraheem-green/>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁶⁹ ‘UK to shift anti-terror strategy’, *BBC News*, 16 February 2009, available at: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/7889631.stm>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁷⁰ ‘“Anti-Semitic” charity under investigation’, *The Daily Telegraph*, 24 May 2014, available at: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/10854579/Anti-Semitic-charity-under-investigation.html>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁷¹ ‘University of Sheffield Islamic Society (USIC)’, *Facebook*, available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=371297379880034&set=gm.10154683977353267&type=3&theater>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁷² Friends of Al Aqsa, ‘@FriendsofAlAqsa’, *Twitter*, 8 November 2016, available at: <https://twitter.com/FriendsofAlAqsa/status/795987148491124736>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁷³ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

⁷⁴ ‘#UnCooperative’, *Friends of Al-Aqsa*, available at: www.foa.org.uk/campaigns/co-operative-bank-closes-foa-bank-account, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁷⁵ ‘Co-op Bank to close account of anti-Israel group’, *The Jewish Chronicle*, 5 January 2016, available at: <https://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/co-op-bank-to-close-account-of-anti-israel-group-1.56874>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

⁷⁶ ‘Report points to concern over speakers on campus’, *The Jewish Chronicle*, 1 April 2016, available at: <https://www.thejc.com/education/student/report-points-to-concern-over-speakers-on-campus-1.63153>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

⁷⁷ Eisen, P., ‘My Life as a Holocaust Denier’, *RighteousJews.org*, January 2008, available at: <http://www.righteousjews.org/article27a.html>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁷⁸ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

⁷⁹ ‘Rewriting History: Holocaust Revisionism Today’, *Hope not Hate* (2012), available at: www.hopenothate.org.uk/shop/rewritinghistory.pdf, last visited: 26 July 2017, p. 79.

stop scrutiny of Jewish power and Jewish lobbying”⁸⁰ and Holocaust denier Israel Shamir, who said at a 2005 parliamentary event that “Jews ... own, control and edit a big share of mass media”.⁸¹

Joarder has worked⁸² for the Muslim Association of Britain (MAB), described by Andrew Gilligan of The Daily Telegraph as the “the main declared British affiliate” of the Muslim Brotherhood.⁸³

13. 10/11/2016 – Brunel University – ‘Students not Suspects’⁸⁴

Speaker: Moazzam Begg (see entry no. 8)

Organisation: CAGE

Topic: Grievances

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised and hosted by the Union of Brunel Students as part of ‘Islamophobia Awareness Month’ and went ahead as planned.⁸⁵ Begg was joined on the panel by the former National Union of Students (NUS) vice president, Shelly Asquith. In September, Asquith suggested students at Queen Mary University refuse to attend Prevent training to ensure the institution was unable to comply with its statutory duties.⁸⁶

14. 10/11/2016 – King’s College London – ‘Wonders of the Quran’⁸⁷

Speaker: Asim Khan (see entry no. 2)

Organisation: Sabeel

Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised and hosted by the King’s College London Islamic Society.

15. 10/11/2016 – Millennium Point Centre, Birmingham – ‘Palestine Event’⁸⁸

⁸⁰ Newman, A., ‘Gilad Atzmon, anti-Semitism and the left’, *The Guardian*, 25 September 2011, available at: www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2011/sep/25/gilad-atzmon-antisemitism-the-left, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁸¹ Leigh, D., and Harding, L., ‘Holocaust denier in charge of handling Moscow cables’, *The Guardian*, 31 January 2011, available at: <https://www.theguardian.com/media/2011/jan/31/wikileaks-holocaust-denier-handled-moscow-cables>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

⁸² Phillips, R., ‘Standing together: the Muslim Association of Britain and the anti-war movement’, *Institute of Race Relations*, 1 October 2008, available at: <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0306396808096396?journalCode=rach>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

⁸³ Gilligan, A., ‘How the Muslim Brotherhood fits into a network of extremism’, *The Daily Telegraph*, 8 February 2015, available at: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/11398538/How-the-Muslim-Brotherhood-fits-into-a-network-of-extremism.html>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

⁸⁴ ‘Brunel Islamic Society’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/BrunelISOC/posts/962925117162863>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁸⁵ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

⁸⁶ Murray, D., and Simcox, R., ‘The evidence shows that CAGE is a pro-terrorist group’, *The Daily Telegraph*, 21 July 2014, available at:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/10981050/The-evidence-shows-that-Cage-is-a-pro-terrorist-group.html>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁸⁷ ‘KCL Islamic Society’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/kclisoc/permalink/10154660748247902/>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁸⁸ ‘UoB Students for Justice in Palestine’, *Facebook*, available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/UoBSJP/photos/a.355689924519903.84792.234102786678618/1156363081119246/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

Speaker: Shamiul Joarder (see entry no. 12)

Organisation: Friends of Al-Aqsa

Topic: Geopolitics

Location: Off Campus

Region: West Midlands

This event was organised and hosted as a partnership between Friends of Al-Aqsa and the University of Birmingham Students for Justice in Palestine Society and went ahead as planned.⁸⁹

16. 11/11/2016 – University of Manchester – ‘Islamophobia Awareness Month’ Launch Event⁹⁰

Speaker: Dr. Siema Iqbal

Organisation: MEND

Topic: Grievances

Location: On Campus

Region: North West

Organised and hosted by the Islamic Society and Students’ Union at the University of Manchester, event promotional material featured the logo of MEND and suggested two MEND speakers would be speaking.⁹¹ MEND was previously known as iEngage and current staff members have a history of controversial views.⁹²

In 2014, Iqbal made a series of controversial statements on Twitter including “Truce in Gaza? Don’t you believe it! the Jews are shipping around for cheaper bombs”, another which said “When a people who survived a genocide use it as an excuse to commit genocide” against a backdrop of a blood-stained Star of David, and also made a post calling for the relocation of Israel to the United States as a solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict.⁹³

In the period leading up to the 2015 election, MEND’s former chief executive, Sufyan Ismail, boasted his organisation could control 30 seats and a Conservative candidate was reportedly offered a large sum of money if he signed up to MEND’s ‘Muslim manifesto’.⁹⁴ He was also overheard at the Zakariyya Central Mosque in Bolton claiming that MEND-backed candidates would stop those travelling to fight in Syria being criminalised⁹⁵ as well as describing a vote in favour of Palestinian statehood as the first time the “300 year old” Israel lobby had been “battered” and “lost a vote in Parliament”.⁹⁶

⁸⁹ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

⁹⁰ ‘The University of Manchester Islamic Society ISoc’, *Facebook*, available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/manchesterisoc/photos/a.146986628658044.18687.145952518761455/1211918515498178/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁹¹ *ibid.*

⁹² Gilligan, A., ‘The baroness, Islamic extremists and a question of free speech’, *The Daily Telegraph*, 22 March 2015, available at: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/11488175/The-baroness-Islamic-extremists-and-a-question-of-free-speech.html>, last visited: 26 July 2017. See also: Gilligan, A., ‘Muslim group with links to extremists boasts of influencing election’, *The Daily Telegraph*, 4 April 2015, available at: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/general-election-2015/11515630/Muslim-group-with-links-to-extremists-boasts-of-influencing-election.html>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

⁹³ ‘Doctor who advised mayoral hopefuls on hate crime tweeted anti-Semitic messages’, *The Jewish News*, 27 June 2017, available at: <http://jewishnews.timesofisrael.com/doctor-mayoral-hate-crime-sent-anti-semitic-messages/>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

⁹⁴ *ibid.*

⁹⁵ *ibid.*

⁹⁶ Rich, D., ‘Fighting hatred together or setting communities apart’, *CST*, 15 April 2015, available at: <https://cst.org.uk/news/blog/2015/04/15/fighting-hatred-together-or-setting-communities-apart>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

Ismail has also claimed British society “hates” Muslims and that they are not protected by British law,⁹⁷ and has compared “Muslim experiences to Jewish ones in a way that risked encouraging a sense of grievance towards Jews”.⁹⁸

MEND’s director of engagement, Azad Ali lost a libel case in 2010, which found he “was indeed ... taking the position that the killing of American and British troops in Iraq would be justified”.⁹⁹ He has also praised Hamas¹⁰⁰ and said that “democracy, if it means at the expense of not implementing the Sharia, of course no-one agrees with that”.¹⁰¹

17. 15/11/2016 – Queen Mary University – ‘Importance of al-Aqsa’¹⁰²

Speaker: Ismail Patel
Organisation: Friends of Al-Aqsa
Topic: Geopolitics
Location: On Campus
Region: London

This event was organised and hosted by the Queen Mary University Friends of Palestine Society and Friends of Al-Aqsa (FOA) and went ahead as planned.¹⁰³ Patel is the founder of FOA, and has declared that “Hamas is no terrorist organisation ... we salute Hamas for standing up to Israel”.¹⁰⁴

18. 15/11/2016 – University of Bath – ‘This House Believes Religion has become Irrelevant in Today’s Society’¹⁰⁵

Speaker: Abdullah al Andalusi
Organisation: The Muslim Debate Initiative
Topic: Religious Apologetics
Location: On Campus
Region: South West

This event was organised and hosted by the University of Bath debating society. The organisers aimed at providing a balanced debate - the other speakers listed include Norman Bacrac (Atheism UK) and

⁹⁷ Gilligan, A., ‘Muslim group with links to extremists boasts of influencing election’, *The Daily Telegraph*, 4 April 2015, available at: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/general-election-2015/11515630/Muslim-group-with-links-to-extremists-boasts-of-influencing-election.html>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

⁹⁸ Rich, D., ‘Fighting hatred together or setting communities apart’, *CST*, 15 April 2015, available at: <https://cst.org.uk/news/blog/2015/04/15/fighting-hatred-together-or-setting-communities-apart>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

⁹⁹ ‘Kill British blog man fails in MoS libel bid’, *Press Gazette*, 28 January 2010, available at: <http://www.pressgazette.co.uk/kill-british-blog-man-fails-in-mos-libel-bid/>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

¹⁰⁰ Ali, A., ‘We are the Resistance!’, *Between the Lines*, 30 December 2008, available at: <http://web.archive.org/web/20130709160454/http://blog.islamicforumeurope.com/2008/12/30/we-are-the-resistance/>, last visited: 30 August 2017. See also: Ali, A., ‘We are the Resistance II’, *Between the Lines*, 15 January 2009, available at:

<http://web.archive.org/web/20140824081833/http://blog.islamicforumeurope.com/2009/01/15/we-are-the-resistance-ii/>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

¹⁰¹ Gilligan, A., ‘“Britain’s Islamic republic”: full transcript of Channel 4 Dispatches programme on Lutfur Rahman, the IFE and Tower Hamlets’, *Andrew Gilligan*, 22 October 2015, available at: <https://andrewgilliganblog.wordpress.com/2010/10/22/britains-islamic-republic-full-transcript-of-channel-4-dispatches-programme-on-lutfur-rahman-the-ife-and-tower-hamlets-the-full-transcript/comment-page-1/>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

¹⁰² ‘Al-Aqsa: Unspoken Truths – London University Talk’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/278763965854321/>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

¹⁰³ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

¹⁰⁴ ‘Ismail Patel | Stop the Gaza massacre Demonstration London 10 January 2009’, *YouTube*, 11 January 2009, available at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=bCLNX9xyd6c, last visited: 26 July 2017.

¹⁰⁵ ‘THBT Religion has become irrelevant in today’s society’, *Facebook*, 15 November 2016, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1076177389166929/>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

Reverend Dr. Simon Bale.¹⁰⁶ Andalusi has written that “Democracy, Secularism, Feminism, Humanism and Freedom” are “blatantly un-Islamic concepts”,¹⁰⁷ though has since edited his blog to remove these phrases.¹⁰⁸ He has also claimed there is an ongoing Western effort “aimed at further subjugating and weakening ... the cause of Islam”.¹⁰⁹

19. 17/11/2016 – University of Bradford – ‘Human Rights in the 21st Century’¹¹⁰

Speaker: Yvonne Ridley

Organisation: N/A

Topic: Geopolitics

Location: On Campus

Region: Yorkshire and Humberside

This event was organised and hosted by the University of Bradford Islamic Society and went ahead as planned.¹¹¹ Ridley, a journalist who converted to Islam whilst captured by the Taliban in Afghanistan,¹¹² has openly admitted funding Hamas,¹¹³ defended the former leader of Al-Qaeda in Iraq, Abu-Musab Al-Zarqawi,¹¹⁴ and referenced anti-Semitic tropes in her criticisms of Israel, declaring in 2009: “the Zionists have tentacles everywhere”¹¹⁵ and “drinking Coca Cola is like drinking the blood of Palestinian children”.¹¹⁶

20. 17/11/2016 – Brunel University – ‘Dealing with Depression’¹¹⁷

Speaker: Asim Khan (see entry no. 2)

Organisation: Sabeel

Topic: Personal Stories

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event, due to be hosted by Brunel Islamic Society, was cancelled “due to an emergency” on 17 November.¹¹⁸ This event later took place on 26 January 2017.¹¹⁹

¹⁰⁶ *ibid.*

¹⁰⁷ ‘Between Western Ideals and Islamic Identity’, *Nairaland Forum*, 19 September 2013, available at: <http://www.nairaland.com/1446019/between-western-ideals-islamic-identity>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

¹⁰⁸ ‘The biggest lie the West ever created’, *PKPolitics*, 2013, available at: <http://discuss.pkpolitics.com/topic/28638/the-biggest-lie-the-west-ever-created>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

¹⁰⁹ Andalusi, A., ‘ISIS in Iraq: Storm or Pawn?’, *Abdullah Al-Andalusi*, 15 June 2014, available at: <https://abdullahandalusi.com/2014/06/15/isis-in-iraq-storm-or-pawn/>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

¹¹⁰ ‘Bradford ISoc’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/BradISoc/photos/a.1476562465945540.1073741825.1476562369278883/1793767810891669/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

¹¹¹ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

¹¹² ‘Yvonne Ridley: From captive to convert’, *BBC News*, 21 September 2004, available at: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/3673730.stm>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

¹¹³ ‘Yvonne Ridley in Gaza condemning Egypt and the international community’, *YouTube*, 22 March 2009, available at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_p5gAMATmY, last visited: 26 July 2017.

¹¹⁴ ‘Radical Islam on UK Campuses’, *Centre for Social Cohesion*, 2010, available at: <http://henryjacksonsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/RADICAL-ISLAM-ON-CMAPUS.pdf>, last visited: 26 July 2017, pp. 14-15.

¹¹⁵ ‘Yvonne Ridley – Viva Palestina!’, *Bing*, available at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KSJpcUqFq_Y, last visited: 26 July 2017.

¹¹⁶ ‘Yvonne Ridley rants at the Al-Quds Hate Rally 22/10/06’, *YouTube*, available at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=na5KLaj7LRg>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

¹¹⁷ ‘Dealing with Depression’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/702633983238333/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹¹⁸ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

¹¹⁹ *ibid.*

21. 18/11/2016 – University of Surrey – ‘Islamophobia and Counter-terrorism’¹²⁰

Speaker: Dilly Hussain

Organisation: 5Pillars

Topic: Grievances

Location: On Campus

Region: South East

This event was organised and hosted by the University of Surrey Islamic Society, although promotional material has since been deleted from the group’s social media. Hussain is Deputy Editor of the online magazine 5Pillars¹²¹ - a number of articles on the 5Pillars website have praised the work of prisoner lobby group CAGE,¹²² attacked liberal Muslim activist Sara Khan as the “queen” of “a very lucrative industry” of counter-extremism¹²³ and accused the Prevent policy of resting “on racist and Islamophobic assumptions”.¹²⁴

Hussain has claimed “a full on ideological/cultural war is being waged on Islam and Muslims”¹²⁵ and that reformist critics are “drunken liberal garbage”.¹²⁶ Hussain has also written for the controversial website Islam21c¹²⁷ where he has lamented the collapse of the Caliphate and called for its restoration,¹²⁸ defended CAGE director Asim Qureshi’s comments that ISIS terrorist Mohamad Emwazi (otherwise known as ‘Jihadi John’) was a “beautiful young mind”¹²⁹ and written that he hoped Allah will deliver “a humiliating blow to the Zionist oppressors”.¹³⁰

Following the 2017 attack in Manchester, Hussain singled out a number of liberal Muslim individuals as “cheerleaders for Prevent” - such as Sara Khan and Maajid Nawaz - who he alleged had taken advantage of the tragedy “to embarrassingly justify their own existence”.¹³¹ He also accused them of “intentionally perpetuat[ing] anti-Muslim suspicion”.¹³²

22. 18/11/2016 – SOAS – ‘Prevent and Section 7 – ‘What are they and how do they affect us?’¹³³

¹²⁰ ‘Dilly Hussain - Islamophobia & Counter-terrorism’, *Wherevent*, 18 November 2016, available at: <http://www.wherevent.com/detail/Surrey-Islamic-Society-Dilly-Hussain-Islamophobia-Counter-terrorism>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹²¹ ‘Our Team’, *5Pillars*, available at: <http://5pillarsuk.com/about/our-team/>, last visited: 26 July 2017.

¹²² Naseer, Y., ‘In defence of radicalism: Muslim support for “extremist” Corbyn’, *5Pillars*, 23 June 2017, available at: <http://5pillarsuk.com/2017/06/23/in-defence-of-radicalism-muslim-support-for-extremist-corbyn/>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

¹²³ Hussain, D., ‘An open letter to Sara Khan, the “Queen” of countering Islamist extremism’, *5Pillars*, 19 June 2017, available at: <http://5pillarsuk.com/2017/06/19/an-open-letter-to-sara-khan-the-queen-of-countering-islamist-extremism/>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

¹²⁴ Bodi, F., ‘Muslims must resist calls to expand Prevent programme in wake of terror attacks’, *5Pillars*, 7 June 2017, available at: <http://5pillarsuk.com/2017/06/07/muslims-must-resist-calls-to-expand-prevent-programme-in-wake-of-terror-attacks/>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

¹²⁵ Dilly Hussain, ‘@DillyHussain88’, *Twitter*, 10 January 2015, available at: <https://twitter.com/DillyHussain88/status/554049434066382848>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹²⁶ Ware, J., ‘The British Muslims not afraid to fight extremism’, *The Independent*, 18 January 2015, available at: <http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/the-british-muslims-not-afraid-to-fight-extremism-9985531.html>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹²⁷ ‘Author Archives: Dilly Hussain’, *Islam21c*, available at: <https://www.islam21c.com/author/dilly-hussain/>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

¹²⁸ Hussain, D., ‘#3rdMarch1924 - 93 years without the Caliphate’, *Islam21c*, 3 March 2017, available at: <https://www.islam21c.com/islamic-thought/3rd-march-1924/>, last visited: 23 June 2017.

¹²⁹ *ibid.*; ‘What happened to the “beautiful man” that became Jihadi John?’, *Islam21c*, 27 February 2015, available at:

<https://www.islam21c.com/politics/what-happened-to-the-beautiful-man-that-became-jihadi-john/>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

¹³⁰ *ibid.*; ‘Does Israel know the meaning of “Peace”?’, *Islam21c*, 20 July 2014, available at: <https://www.islam21c.com/politics/does-israel-know-the-meaning-of-peace/>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

¹³¹ Hussain, D., ‘The shameless pushers of Prevent who took advantage of the Manchester attack’, *5Pillars*, 30 May 2017, available at:

<http://5pillarsuk.com/2017/05/30/the-shameless-pushers-of-prevent-who-took-advantage-of-the-manchester-attack/>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

¹³² *ibid.*

¹³³ ‘Prevent & Section 7 – What Are They & How Do They Affect Us?’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/840998966003012/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

Speaker: Ibrahim Mohamoud
Organisation: CAGE (see entry no. 8)
Topic: Grievances
Location: On Campus
Region: London

This event was organised and hosted by SOAS Islamic Society and went ahead as planned.¹³⁴ Also known as Ibrahim Ali, the name by which he appeared on event promotional material, Mohamoud is Communications Officer at CAGE,¹³⁵ an organisation with a long history of publicly defending convicted terrorists.¹³⁶ Mohamoud was joined on the panel by Samayya Afzal, co-founder of the ‘Students not Suspects’ campaign.

23. 18/11/2016 – University of Westminster – ‘The World in our Hands’¹³⁷

Speaker: Asif Uddin
Organisation: MRDF (see entry no. 2)
Topic: Miscellaneous
Location: On Campus
Region: London

This event was organised and hosted by the University of Westminster Islamic Society. Uddin is a lecturer at Sabeel and chief editor of Islam21c¹³⁸ – both projects founded by the MRDF.¹³⁹ He has also appeared at events as a representative of the ‘Justice for Anis Sardar’ campaign,¹⁴⁰ despite Sardar’s conviction for murder in May 2015 for his role in an attack on US forces in Iraq.¹⁴¹

24. 22/11/2016 – University of Bristol – ‘Islamophobia: Causes and Cures’¹⁴²

Speaker: Sahar al-Faifi
Organisation: MEND
Topic: Grievances
Location: On Campus
Region: South West

This event was organised and hosted by the University of Bristol Islamic Society. The event featured a talk by Sahar al-Faifi, the MEND Cardiff Group Coordinator.¹⁴³ Faifi has described Bangladeshi war

¹³⁴ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

¹³⁵ ‘Ibrahim Mohamoud’, *CAGE*, available at: <http://cage.ngo/our-team/attachment/screen-shot-2016-02-17-at-12-27-39/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹³⁶ Murray, D., and Simcox, R., ‘The evidence shows that CAGE is a pro-terrorist group’, *The Daily Telegraph*, 21 July 2014, available at: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/10981050/The-evidence-shows-that-Cage-is-a-pro-terrorist-group.html>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹³⁷ ‘Uni Westminster Isoc’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/UWiSOC/photos/a.1575973826016069.1073741829.1559976130949172/1834257730187676/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹³⁸ ‘Author Archives: Asif Uddin’, *Islam21C*, available at: <http://www.islam21c.com/author/asifuddin/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹³⁹ ‘Our Projects’, *MRDF*, available at: <http://www.mrdf.co.uk/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁴⁰ ‘Brothers Behind Bars’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1050057088362023/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁴¹ ‘Anis Sardar trial: Iraq bombmaker trapped by sticky tape’, *BBC News*, 21 May 2015, available at: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-32780002>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁴² ‘Bristol University Islamic Society (Brisoc)’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/brisoc/posts/1187026871388662>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁴³ ‘Cardiff’, *MEND*, available at: <http://mend.org.uk/locworkgroup/cardiff/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

criminal Abdul Qadar Mollah, convicted of responsibility for over 300 deaths during the 1971 Civil War, as “a symbol of resistance against oppression”.¹⁴⁴ She has also tweeted “What about the Rothschild Jews and their branches in Palestine, would such genetic research effect their banking empire” as well as “Nothing worse than a Shia who flipped and became a secularist attacking Islamists! Combining the worst of the two!”¹⁴⁵

25. 22/11/2016 - Brunel University - ‘President Trump, Muslims and the Media’¹⁴⁶

Speaker: Anas al-Tikriti

Organisation: The Cordoba Foundation

Topic: Geopolitics

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised and promoted by the Union of Brunel Students as part of Islamophobia Awareness Month. Tikriti has defended the proscribed terrorist organisation Hamas, arguing that they support “democracy, [are] the democratically elected majority representative of the Palestinian people and [take] up arms solely within Palestine because there is no alternative against an illegal occupying power that confiscates its people's lands and destroys their livelihoods”.¹⁴⁷ He co-founded the British Muslim Initiative with a senior Hamas commander, Mohammed Sawalha, and a Hamas “special envoy” Azzam Tamimi.¹⁴⁸ He has also claimed that calls for an Islamic state should “not scare us... or bring about a negative reaction”.¹⁴⁹

Tikriti also wrote an article criticising the Muslim Council of Britain (MCB) for ending its boycott of Holocaust Memorial Day, accusing them of “giv[ing] in to the pressure and vilification of the pro-Zionist lobby”. He also referenced a “Holocaust industry” and the “farce it has become”.¹⁵⁰

Tikriti spoke alongside former NUS President Malia Bouattia, who has been condemned by the Union of Jewish Students (UJS) and others for describing her former university as a “Zionist outpost”, and for her links to CAGE.¹⁵¹

26. 22/11/2016 - University of Warwick - ‘Is Life without God Absurd?’¹⁵²

¹⁴⁴ ‘Sahar Al-Faifi and the Muslimah’s Renaissance’, *Student Rights*, 5 February 2014, available at:

http://www.studentrights.org.uk/article/2171/sahar_al_faifi_and_the_muslimah_s_renaissance, last visited: 30 August 2017.

¹⁴⁵ *ibid.*

¹⁴⁶ Brunel Students, ‘@brunelstudents’, *Twitter*, 20 November 2016, available at: <https://twitter.com/brunelstudents/status/800371974576992256>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁴⁷ Altikriti, A., ‘Hamas is not al-Qaida’, *The Guardian*, 21 September 2009, available at: www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2009/sep/21/hamas-al-qaida, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁴⁸ Gilligan, A., ‘How the Muslim Brotherhood fits into a network of extremism’, *The Daily Telegraph*, 8 February 2015, available at: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/11398538/How-the-Muslim-Brotherhood-fits-into-a-network-of-extremism.html>, last visited: 27 July 2017. See also: Gilligan, A., ‘Terror-link group met in parliament’, *The Daily Telegraph*, 23 November 2013, available at: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/terrorism-in-the-uk/10470307/Terror-link-group-met-in-parliament.html>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

¹⁴⁹ Bloodworth, J., ‘Why is the left so blinkered to Islamic extremism?’, *The Independent*, 28 June 2013, available at: <http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/why-is-the-left-so-blinkered-to-islamic-extremism-8679265.html>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁵⁰ Altikriti, A., ‘Forgetting to remember’, *The Guardian*, 4 December 2007, available at: www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2007/dec/04/forgettingtoremember, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁵¹ ‘Malia Bouattia faces questions over NUS leadership bid’, *Student Rights*, 14 April 2016, available at:

http://www.studentrights.org.uk/article/2385/malia_bouattia_faces_questions_over_nus_leadership_bid, last visited: 30 August 2017.

¹⁵² ‘Discover Islami Week 2016 - Hamza Tzortzis’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1602751253353891/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

Speaker: Hamza Tzortzis
Organisation: iERA
Topic: Religious Apologetics
Location: On Campus
Region: West Midlands

This event was organised and hosted by the University of Warwick Islamic Society as part of 'Discover Islam Week 2016' and went ahead as planned.¹⁵³ Tzortzis is an instructor for the Islamic Education and Research Academy (iERA).¹⁵⁴ Tzortzis has stated apostates who "fight against the community ... should be killed",¹⁵⁵ and that: "we as Muslims reject the idea of freedom of speech, and even the idea of freedom".¹⁵⁶

However, he has also accepted some of his past comments have been inappropriate¹⁵⁷ and sought to disavow or explain many of them, asserting his views on apostates were "ridiculous, immature and irresponsible" and do "not represent his views at all".¹⁵⁸

27. 23/11/2016 - University of Leeds - 'Islamophobia: Causes and Cures'¹⁵⁹

Speaker: Shahab Idris
Organisation: MEND (see entry no. 16)
Topic: Grievances
Location: On Campus
Region: Yorkshire and Humberside

This event was organised and hosted by the University of Leeds Islamic Society and featured MEND Yorkshire and Humber Regional Manager, Shahab Idris.¹⁶⁰

28. 25/11/2016 - SOAS - 'Friday Circle: The Life of Prophet Muhammad' First of a weekly series'¹⁶¹

Speaker: Asif Uddin (see entry no. 23)
Organisation: MRDF
Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History
Location: On Campus
Region: London

¹⁵³ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

¹⁵⁴ 'Hamza Andreas Tzortzis', *Facebook*, available at: https://www.facebook.com/pg/HamzaAndreasTzortzis/about/?ref=page_internal, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁵⁵ 'Hamza Tzortzis on the MSS (10 of 12) - beheading is painless', *YouTube*, available at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7WhnFM8wR9g>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁵⁶ 'Secularism basis refuted and proof of Quran P2', *YouTube*, available at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=KOW4Mk1QK84#, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁵⁷ Hampshire Prevent, '@PreventHants', *Twitter*, 9 February 2015, available at: <https://twitter.com/PreventHants/status/564894989226745857>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁵⁸ Andreas Tzortzis, H., 'Clarifications & Responses', *Hamza Andreas Tzortzis*, available at: <http://www.hamzatzortzis.com/clarifications-and-responses/>, last visited: 27 July 2017. See also: Andreas Tzortzis, H., 'Apology & Clarification: Treatment of Apostates Comment', *Hamza Andreas Tzortzis*, available at: <http://www.hamzatzortzis.com/clarifications-and-responses/beheading-is-painless-comment-apology-clarification/>, last visited: 30 August 2017.

¹⁵⁹ 'Islamophobia Awareness Month MEND Presentation', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/907829106017353/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁶⁰ 'MEND Team', *MEND*, available at: <http://mend.org.uk/community/mend-team/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁶¹ 'Friday Circle: The Life of Prophet Muhammad (s)', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1229766797046478/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

This was the first of a series of weekly events organised by the Islamic Society at SOAS.

29. 27/11/2016 – SOAS – ‘Media and Politics Workshop’¹⁶²

Speaker: MEND Speakers

Organisation: MEND (see entry no. 16)

Topic: Grievances

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised and hosted by MEND although it is unclear who the speakers were.

30. 28/11/2016 – UCL – ‘Muslim Women in the West’¹⁶³

Speaker: Arzu Merali

Organisation: IHRC

Topic: Grievances

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This was a joint event between the NUS Women’s Campaign and the Federation of Student Islamic Societies (FOSIS), and it went ahead as planned at the UCL Institute of Education.¹⁶⁴

Merali is a founder of the Islamic Human Rights Commission (IHRC),¹⁶⁵ which has campaigned for the release of terrorists, including (prior to his death) Omar Abdel-Rahman commonly known as the “blind Sheikh” who was convicted of multiple terrorism offences by the United States,¹⁶⁶ and Dr. Aafia Siddiqui, an Al-Qaeda associate convicted of attempted murder, also by the United States.¹⁶⁷ Merali was joined on the panel by a number of other speakers, including Malia Bouattia, a former NUS President.

31. 28/11/2016 – Swansea University – ‘Islamophobia: Causes and Cures’¹⁶⁸

Speaker: MEND Speakers

Organisation: MEND (see entry no. 16)

Topic: Grievances

¹⁶² ‘SOAS: Media & Politics Workshop’, *Eventbrite*, available at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/soas-media-politics-workshop-tickets-29078245816#>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁶³ *ibid.*

¹⁶⁴ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

¹⁶⁵ ‘Arzu Merali’s Blog’, *IHRC*, available at: <http://www.ihrc.org.uk/blogs/arzu>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁶⁶ ‘Prisoners of Faith Pack: Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman’, *IHRC*, available at: http://www.ihrc.org.uk/attachments/5355_PFOmarAbdelRahmanFinal.pdf, last visited: 27 July 2017. See also: ‘Sheik sentenced to life in prison in bombing plot’, *The New York Times*, 18 January 1996, available at: <http://www.nytimes.com/1996/01/18/nyregion/sheik-sentenced-to-life-in-prison-in-bombing-plot.html>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁶⁷ ‘Aafia Siddiqui Campaign’, *IHRC*, available at: <http://www.ihrc.org.uk/activities/campaigns/10719-aafia-siddiqui-campaign>, last visited: 27 July 2017. See also: ‘United States District Court Southern District of New York: United States of America v Aafia Siddiqui’, United States District Court Southern District of New York, available at: http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/case_docs/654.pdf, last visited: 27 July 2017, and ‘US jails Pakistani scientist for 86 years’, *BBC News*, 23 September 2010, available at: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-11401865>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁶⁸ RXBXU, ‘@RobiuSalisu’, *Twitter*, 24 November 2016, available at: <https://twitter.com/RobiuSalisu/status/801873499660910597>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

Location: On Campus

Region: Wales

This event was organised and hosted by the Swansea University Students' Union, although it is unclear who the planned speakers were.

32. 30/11/2016 – University of Leicester – ‘Islamophobia: Causes and Cures’¹⁶⁹

Speaker: Hamzah Manjra

Organisation: MEND (see entry no. 16)

Topic: Grievances

Location: On Campus

Region: East Midlands

This event was organised and hosted by the University of Leicester Islamic Society and featured a talk by Hamzah Manjra from MEND.¹⁷⁰

33. 02/12/2016 – SOAS – ‘Friday Circle: The Life of Prophet Muhammad’¹⁷¹

Speaker: Asif Uddin (see entry no. 23)

Organisation: MRDF

Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was the second of a series of weekly events organised by the Islamic Society at SOAS.

34. 08/12/2016 – UCL – ‘Al-Aqsa: A Mosque of the Past’¹⁷²

Speaker: Ismail Patel (see entry no. 17)

Organisation: Friends of Al-Aqsa

Topic: Geopolitics

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This joint event was organised and hosted by the UCL Islamic Society and UCL Friends of Palestine Society, and went ahead as planned at the UCL Institute of Education.¹⁷³

¹⁶⁹ ‘Islamophobia – Causes & Cures’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/825041260932385/>, last visited: 6 December 2016.

¹⁷⁰ *ibid.*

¹⁷¹ ‘Friday Circle: The Life of Prophet Muhammad (s)’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1229766797046478/>, last visited: 27 July 2017. See also: ‘SOAS Islamic Society’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/soasisoc/posts/720339484781436>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁷² ‘UCLU Friends of Palestine Society’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/302656300134701/permalink/307795566287441/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁷³ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

35. 09/12/2016 – SOAS – ‘Friday Circle: The Life of Prophet Muhammad’¹⁷⁴

Speaker: Asif Uddin (see entry no. 23)

Organisation: MRDF

Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was the third of a series of weekly events organised by the Islamic Society at SOAS.

36. 09/12/2016 – University of Surrey – ‘Islamophobia and Counter Terrorism’¹⁷⁵

Speaker: Abdullah al Andalusi (see entry no. 18)

Organisation: The Muslim Debate Initiative

Topic: Grievances

Location: On Campus

Region: South East

This event was organised and hosted by the university Islamic Society and went ahead as planned.¹⁷⁶

37. 13/12/2016 – Kingston University – ‘Guide for Mankind’¹⁷⁷

Speaker: Asif Uddin (see entry no. 23)

Organisation: MRDF

Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at the university.

38. 14/12/2016 – UCL – ‘Hadith Class’¹⁷⁸

Speaker: Asif Uddin (see entry no. 23)

Organisation: MRDF

Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised and hosted by the UCL Islamic Society at the UCL Institute of Education.

¹⁷⁴ ‘Friday Circle: The Life of Prophet Muhammad (s)’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1229766797046478/>, last visited: 27 July 2017. See also: ‘SOAS Islamic Society’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/soasisoc/posts/720339484781436>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁷⁵ ‘Islamophobia and Counter Terrorism’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/589415131267328/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁷⁶ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

¹⁷⁷ ‘Kingston ISoc’, *Facebook*, available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/kingstonisoc/photos/a.1485108815069845.1073741828.1483829255197801/1817208001859923/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁷⁸ ‘UCLU Islamic Society’, *Facebook*, available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ucluisoc/photos/a.170430919634119.40722.123173067693238/1417130021630863/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

39. 16/12/2016 – SOAS – ‘Friday Circle: The Life of Prophet Muhammad’¹⁷⁹

Speaker: Asif Uddin (see entry no. 23)

Organisation: MRDF

Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was the fourth of a series of weekly events organised by the Islamic Society at SOAS.

40. 13/01/2017 – SOAS – ‘Friday Circle: The Life of Prophet Muhammad’¹⁸⁰

Speaker: Asif Uddin (see entry no. 23)

Organisation: MRDF

Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was the fifth of a series of weekly events organised by the Islamic Society at SOAS.

41. 19/01/2017 – Queen Mary University – ‘Right to Boycott: A Talk on BDS’¹⁸¹

Speaker: Friends of Al-Aqsa Speakers

Organisation: Friends of Al-Aqsa (see entry no. 12)

Topic: Geopolitics

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised and hosted by the Queen Mary University Friends of Palestine Society and went ahead as planned.¹⁸² Following the event, the Friends of Palestine Society posted on Facebook stating that: “... resentful ideologies were expressed both ways that have no relation to the event or the society. We apologise to the members of the audience who these comments were aimed towards and we unequivocally condemn this sort of behaviour from anyone”.¹⁸³

¹⁷⁹ ‘Friday Circle: The Life of Prophet Muhammad (s)’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1229766797046478/>, last visited: 27 July 2017. See also: ‘SOAS Islamic Society’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/soasisoc/posts/720339484781436>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁸⁰ ‘SOAS Islamic Society’, *Facebook*, available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/soasisoc/photos/a.140186419463415.31632.121069118041812/745068548975196/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁸¹ ‘Right to Boycott: A Talk on BDS’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1883373898562404/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁸² Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

¹⁸³ ‘Right to Boycott: A Talk on BDS’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1883373898562404/permalink/1887898838109910/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

42. 19/01/2017 - University of York - 'York speaks with Tommy Robinson'¹⁸⁴

Speaker: Tommy Robinson

Organisation: Pegida UK

Topic: Miscellaneous

Location: On Campus

Region: Yorkshire and Humberside

Due to be organised and hosted by 'York Talks', a subsidiary of the university student newspaper,¹⁸⁵ it was originally unclear if this event would go ahead after Robinson claimed efforts were being made to cancel it.¹⁸⁶ It was subsequently reported that the university had not intervened to prevent Robinson from speaking, but that the society which had issued the invitation had cancelled the event.¹⁸⁷ The event did not go ahead.

Robinson led the English Defence League (EDL) but left the group in 2013.¹⁸⁸ He now leads Pegida UK, a movement modelled on the German street movement 'Patriotic Europeans against the Islamisation of the West'.¹⁸⁹

In 2011, Robinson gave a speech in which he appeared to threaten violence against Britain's entire Muslim community, in which he said "Every single Muslim watching this video on YouTube, on 7/7 you got away with killing and maiming British citizens ... you had better understand that we have built a network from one end of the country to the other end ... and the Islamic community will feel the full force of the English Defence League if we see any of our British citizens killed, maimed, or hurt on British soil ever again".¹⁹⁰

Since leaving the EDL, Robinson has made inflammatory comments about a supposed ongoing "rape Jihad",¹⁹¹ and has also shared posts attacking "the horrific Muslim infiltration of Britain".¹⁹² Robinson has said on Twitter that "Everything I said when I left the EDL was the same as I had said whilst leading the EDL".¹⁹³

¹⁸⁴ 'York speaks with Tommy Robinson', *Eventbrite*, available at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/york-speaks-with-tommy-robinson-tickets-30236198283>, last visited: 24 January 2017.

¹⁸⁵ 'Tommy Robinson still slated to appear at York', *Student Rights*, 11 January 2017, available at: http://www.studentrights.org.uk/article/2441/tommy_robinson_still_slated_to_appear_at_york_update_robinson_claims_event_cancelled_, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁸⁶ Tommy Robinson, '@TRobinsonNewEra', *Twitter*, 9 January 2017, available at: <https://twitter.com/TRobinsonNewEra/status/818465013677572097>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁸⁷ 'Tommy Robinson blames university and snowflakes for 'cancelling' his talk', *The Tab*, January 2017, available at: <http://thetab.com/uk/york/2017/01/12/tommy-robinson-blames-university-snowflakes-canceling-talk-12377>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁸⁸ 'Quilliam facilitates Tommy Robinson leaving the English Defence League', *Quilliam*, 8 October 2013, available at: <https://www.quilliaminternational.com/quilliam-facilitates-tommy-robinson-leaving-the-english-defence-league/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁸⁹ 'Tommy Robinson still slated to appear at York', *Student Rights*, 11 January 2017, available at: http://www.studentrights.org.uk/article/2441/tommy_robinson_still_slated_to_appear_at_york_update_robinson_claims_event_cancelled_, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁹⁰ Hines, N., 'Exclusive: Tommy Robinson, a Prominent British Voice of Hate, Apologizes', *The Daily Beast*, 10 November 2013, available at: <http://www.thedailybeast.com/exclusive-tommy-robinson-a-prominent-british-voice-of-hate-apologizes>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁹¹ Rape Jihad from: '@TRobinsonNewEra', *Twitter*, available at: <https://twitter.com/search?q=rape%20jihad%20from%3ATRobinsonNewEra&src=typd>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁹² Tommy Robinson, '@TRobinsonNewEra', *Twitter*, 14 October 2014, available at: <https://twitter.com/TRobinsonNewEra/status/522129124580929537>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁹³ '@TRobinsonNewEra', *Twitter*, 8 July 2015, available at: <https://twitter.com/TRobinsonNewEra/status/618685509825613825>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

43. 23/01/2017 - Kingston University - 'Islam - Best Before 2017?'¹⁹⁴

Speaker: Uthman Lateef (see entry no. 7)

Organisation: Hittin Institute

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised and hosted by the Kingston University Islamic Society as part of 'Discover Islam Week 2017'.

44. 24/01/2017 - University of Oxford - 'Islamophobia: Causes and Cures'¹⁹⁵

Speaker: Sufyan Ismail (see entry no. 16)

Organisation: MEND

Topic: Grievances

Location: On Campus

Region: South East

Originally advertised on Facebook as hosted by the university Islamic Society,¹⁹⁶ this post was later deleted and it is unclear if the event went ahead as planned. Ismail is the former CEO and founder of MEND.¹⁹⁷

45. 26/01/2017 - Brunel University - 'Dealing with Depression'¹⁹⁸

Speaker: Asim Khan (see entry no. 2)

Organisation: Sabeel

Topic: Personal Stories

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at Brunel University, and was only advertised a day before taking place.

46. 26/01/2017 - Queen Mary University - 'Muslim Question Time'¹⁹⁹

Speaker: Asif Uddin (see entry no. 23)

Organisation: MRDF

Topic: Miscellaneous

¹⁹⁴ 'Kingston ISoc', *Facebook*, available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/kingstonisoc/photos/a.1485108815069845.1073741828.1483829255197801/1836712093242847/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁹⁵ 'Islamophobia: causes and cures', *All Events*, available at: <https://allevents.in/oxford/islamophobia-causes-and-cures/826857757455200>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁹⁶ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

¹⁹⁷ 'MEND', *Sufyan Ismail*, available at: <http://sufyanismail.com/mend.html>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

¹⁹⁸ *ibid.*

¹⁹⁹ 'Muslim Question Time', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/247227512381754/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised and hosted by the Queen Mary Islamic Society and went ahead as planned.²⁰⁰

47. 27/01/2017 - SOAS - 'Friday Circle: The Life of Prophet Muhammad'²⁰¹

Speaker: Asif Uddin (see entry no. 23)

Organisation: MRDF

Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was sixth in a series of Friday Circles organised by the Islamic Society at SOAS during the 2016-17 academic year.²⁰²

48. 02/02/2017 - Middlesex University - 'MEND Islamophobia Awareness Workshop'²⁰³

Speaker: Aman Ali

Organisation: MEND (see entry no. 16)

Topic: Grievances

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at Middlesex University, and was delivered by Aman Ali, MEND's London Regional Manager.²⁰⁴

49. 02/02/2017 - University of Oxford - 'Experience Islam: The Quran'²⁰⁵

Speaker: Asim Khan (see entry no. 2)

Organisation: Sabeel

Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History

Location: On Campus

Region: South East

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at the University of Oxford as part of 'Experience Islam Week'.

²⁰⁰ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

²⁰¹ SOAS Islamic Society, '@SOASISoc', *Twitter*, 27 January 2017, available at: <https://twitter.com/SOASISoc/status/824974151689596929>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁰² Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

²⁰³ 'Middlesex University Islamic Society', *Facebook*, available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/mdxisoc/photos/a.497911800312277.1073741828.488303494606441/896559680447485/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁰⁴ *ibid.*

²⁰⁵ 'Experience Islam: The Qur'an', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1629504044011907/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

50. 06/02/2017 – Middlesex University – ‘MEND Islamophobia Awareness Workshop’²⁰⁶

Speaker: Aman Ali

Organisation: MEND (see entry no. 16)

Topic: Grievances

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at Middlesex University, and was delivered by Aman Ali.

51. 07/02/2017 – University of Essex – ‘Seven Habits of Highly Successful People’²⁰⁷

Speaker: MEND Speakers

Organisation: MEND (see entry no. 16)

Topic: Personal Stories

Location: On Campus

Region: East of England

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at the University of Essex.

52. 10/02/2017 – UCL – ‘Islam Uncovered: Have Your Say’²⁰⁸

Speaker: Abdullah al Andalusi (see entry no. 18), Zara Faris

Organisation: The Muslim Debate Initiative, the Hittin Institute (see entry no. 1)

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised by the UCL Islamic Society as part of ‘Discover Islam Week’. It was postponed from 9 February and rearranged to take place on 10 February.²⁰⁹ Faris has previously been listed as a contributor to the Hittin Institute²¹⁰ but has since been removed from the group’s website.

53. 14/02/2017 – University of Bradford – ‘Journey of Love’²¹¹

Speaker: Jalal Ibn Saeed

Organisation: N/A

Topic: Personal Stories

²⁰⁶ ‘Middlesex University Islamic Society’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/mdxisoc/photos/a.497911800312277.1073741828.488303494606441/896559680447485/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁰⁷ ‘Essex Islamic Society’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/essexisoc/posts/1648850925143237>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁰⁸ ‘DIW – Islam Uncovered: Have Your Say’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/277694645979967/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁰⁹ *ibid.*

²¹⁰ ‘Zara Faris’, *Hittin Institute*, available at: <https://web.archive.org/web/20151216004001/http://hittininstitute.org/zara-faris/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²¹¹ ‘Journey of Love’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/617131638457185/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

Location: On Campus

Region: Yorkshire and Humberside

This event was organised and hosted by the University of Bradford Islamic Society, and it went ahead as planned.²¹² Saeed has disparaged other religions in the past, referring to “the Jews, who only care about themselves and call the rest a goyim”.²¹³ He has spoken favourably of the Taliban, stating that “As far as I am concerned the Mujahideen are successful whether they lose or win ... if they succeed we also become successful”.²¹⁴

54. 14/02/2017 – University of Portsmouth – ‘Is Shariah Timeless?’²¹⁵

Speaker: Abdullah al Andalusi (see entry no. 18)

Organisation: The Muslim Debate Initiative

Topic: Religious Governance

Location: On Campus

Region: South East

This event was organised and hosted by the University of Portsmouth Islamic Society as part of its ‘Discover Islam Week’.

55. 15/02/2017 – Loughborough University – ‘Why Islam?’²¹⁶

Speaker: Hamza Tzortzis (see entry no. 26)

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: East Midlands

This event was organised and hosted by Loughborough University Islamic Society as part of its ‘Discover Islam Week’. It went ahead as planned.²¹⁷

56. 16/02/2017 – King’s College London – ‘Can Islam Exist in the Modern World?’²¹⁸

Speaker: Uthman Lateef (see entry no. 7)

Organisation: Hittin Institute

Topic: Religious Apologetics

²¹² Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

²¹³ ‘Final Destination’, *YouTube*, available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kk2AApWKDi0>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²¹⁴ ‘Dajjal Part 2 Jalal Ibn Saeed flagoftawheed.com’, *Vimeo*, available at: <https://vimeo.com/5488446>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²¹⁵ ‘ISOC Portsmouth’, *Facebook*, available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/isocportsmouth/photos/a.281349355224825.88634.279764378716656/1628085620551185/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²¹⁶ ‘Loughborough Students’ Union Islamic Society’, *Facebook*, available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/lsuislamicsociety/photos/a.254856211212457.68145.253045738060171/1395806177117449/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²¹⁷ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

²¹⁸ ‘KCL Islamic Society’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/kclisoc/permalink/10154986703552902/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was promoted to students by the King's College London Islamic Society.

57. 18/02/2017 – University of Aberdeen – ‘Why Islam?’²¹⁹

Speaker: Hamza Tzortzis (see entry no. 26)

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: Scotland

This event was organised and hosted by the Muslim Students Association at the University of Aberdeen.

58. 18/02/2017 – University of Essex – ‘Discover Islam Conference’²²⁰

Speaker: Abdullah al Andalusi (see entry no. 18)

Organisation: The Muslim Debate Initiative

Topic: Miscellaneous

Location: On Campus

Region: East of England

This event was hosted by the University of Essex Islamic Society.

59. 18/02/2017 – SOAS – ‘iERA Dawah Training’²²¹

Speaker: Salahuddin Patel

Organisation: iERA (see entry no. 1)

Topic: Dawah Training

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at SOAS. Patel is a public speaker and instructor at iERA.²²² Patel was invited to speak at UCL in 2015 despite the fact his organisation iERA was barred from operating there two years previously.²²³

²¹⁹ ‘Why Islam? Talk by Hamza Tzortzis’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1191595364223575/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²²⁰ ‘Essex Islamic Society’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/essexisoc/photos/gm.1887922748108246/1656029194425410/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²²¹ ‘iERA Dawah Training – SOAS ISOC Discover Islam Week 2017’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/377933069248752/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²²² ‘Salahuddin Patel’, *iERA*, available at: <https://www.iera.org/contact/book-a-speaker/meet-our-speakers/salahuddin-patel/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²²³ ‘iERA speaker appears at UCL despite ban’, *Student Rights*, 28 January 2015, available at: <http://www.studentrights.org.uk/article/2243/iera-speaker-appears-at-ucl-despite-ban>, last visited: 18 August 2017.

60. 21/02/2017 - University of Bath - 'Dawah Power'²²⁴

Speaker: Jamshed Javed

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Dawah Training

Location: On Campus

Region: South West

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at the University of Bath. Javed is a former “daee” [teacher] at iERA and has called senior iERA member, Hamza Tzortzis, his “teacher and mentor” (see entry no. 26).²²⁵ He has also defended punishments including amputation for theft.²²⁶

61. 21/02/2017 - University of East Anglia - 'Is it Ethical to Monitor Students'²²⁷

Speaker: Moazzam Begg (see entry no. 8)

Organisation: CAGE

Topic: Grievances

Location: On Campus

Region: East of England

This event was organised and hosted by the UEA Students' Union, and it went ahead as planned.²²⁸ Begg appeared alongside a number of other speakers critical of the government's Prevent Strategy at this event, including Malia Bouattia (see entry no. 25)

62. 21/02/2017 - University of Nottingham - 'Why Islam?'²²⁹

Speaker: Hamza Tzortzis (see entry no. 26)

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: East Midlands

This event was organised and hosted by the University of Nottingham Islamic Society as part of its 'Discover Islam Week'.

63. 21/02/2017 - University of York - 'Science and Islam'²³⁰

²²⁴ 'BUIS Presents: Dawah Power with Jamshed Javed', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/228809660908124/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²²⁵ See 'Jamshed Javed', *LinkedIn*, available at: <http://www.linkedin.com/in/jamshedjaved>; and 'Jamshed Javed', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/DawahWithJamshed/posts/664568143570039>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²²⁶ 'Jamshed Javed', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/DawahWithJamshed/posts/656395581053962>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²²⁷ 'Is it Ethical to Monitor Students?', *Facebook*, available at: https://www.facebook.com/events/162121230951047/?active_tab=about, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²²⁸ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

²²⁹ 'University of Nottingham Islamic Society', *Facebook*, available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/nottisoc/photos/a.158588430835882.36336.125078374186888/1604654349562609/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²³⁰ 'Science & Islam', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/386388685057546/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

Speaker: Abdullah al Andalusi (see entry no. 18)

Organisation: The Muslim Debate Initiative

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: Yorkshire and Humberside

This event was organised and hosted by the University of York Islamic Society as part of its 'Discover Islam Week'. It went ahead as planned.²³¹

64. 22/02/2017 - University of Kent - 'Why Islam?'²³²

Speaker: Hamza Tzortzis (see entry no. 26)

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: South East

This was one of two events taking place at the Medway campus as part of 'Discover Islam Week'.

65. 22/02/2017 - University of Kent - 'Is Shariah Timeless?'²³³

Speaker: Abdullah al Andalusi (see entry no. 18)

Organisation: The Muslim Debate Initiative

Topic: Religious Governance

Location: On Campus

Region: South East

This was the second event of the University of Kent Islamic Society's 'Discover Islam Week'. It went ahead as planned.²³⁴

66. 23/02/2017 - University of Bath - 'Why Islam?'²³⁵

Speaker: Hamza Tzortzis (see entry no. 26)

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: South West

²³¹ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

²³² 'Medway Isoc', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/medway.isoc/photos/a.451201998380529.1073741826.451201935047202/726991747468218/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²³³ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

²³⁴ *ibid*.

²³⁵ 'Hamza Tzortzis: Why Islam?', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1841161196125053/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at the University of Bath as part of 'Islamic Awareness Week'.

67. 23/02/2017 – University of Birmingham – 'My Journey to Islam'²³⁶

Speaker: Yusuf Chambers

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Personal Stories

Location: On Campus

Region: West Midlands

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at the University of Birmingham, and went ahead as planned.²³⁷ Chambers is a former senior member of iERA,²³⁸ and has expressed support for brutal punishments including execution for sex outside of marriage.²³⁹

68. 23/02/2017 – Kingston University – 'Confronting the Rise in Racism'²⁴⁰

Speaker: Moazzam Begg (see entry no. 8)

Organisation: CAGE

Topic: Grievances

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised and hosted by Kingston Stand up to Racism Society as part of a wider tour being run by the Stand up to Racism group. Begg was advertised as speaking alongside two Kingston University students.

69. 23/02/2017 – Middlesex University – 'Manufacturing Hate'²⁴¹

Speaker: Aman Ali, Ibrahim Mohamoud

Organisation: MEND (see entry no. 16), CAGE (see entry no. 8)

Topic: Grievances

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised and hosted as part of 'Islamophobia Awareness Month' by the Middlesex University Student Union and hosted in association with the university Islamic Society. The first

²³⁶ 'My journey to God by Yusuf Chambers', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1044253575679438/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²³⁷ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

²³⁸ 'Yusuf Chambers', *iERA*, available at: <https://web-beta.archive.org/web/20150425204629/http://www.iera.org/education/book-a-speaker/meet-our-speakers/yusuf-chambers>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²³⁹ 'Ramadhaan – A Date with Dr Zakir', *SlideShare*, available at: <http://www.slideshare.net/munafghori1/zakir-naik-ramadan-episode23>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁴⁰ 'Moazzam Begg at Kingston Uni – Confronting the Rise in Racism', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/145493855962474/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁴¹ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

speaker listed, Aman Ali, is the London Regional Manager for MEND.²⁴² Mohamoud was featured on promotional material as “Ibrahim Ali, Vice President of FOSIS (2013-15)”.²⁴³ This failed to mention that he was also serving as the CAGE’s Communications Officer at the time.²⁴⁴

70. 24/02/2017 – University of Leicester – ‘Do we need God?’²⁴⁵

Speaker: Abdullah al Andalusi (see entry no. 18)

Organisation: The Muslim Debate Initiative

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: East Midlands

This event was organised and hosted by the University of Leicester Islamic Society as part of its ‘Discover Islam Week’. It went ahead as planned.²⁴⁶

71. 24/02/2017 – Lancaster University – ‘Who is Prophet Muhammad?’²⁴⁷

Speaker: Adnan Rashid (see entry no. 1)

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History

Location: On Campus

Region: North West

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at Lancaster University.

72. 27/02/2017 – University of Birmingham – ‘Salahuddin Ibn Ayyub’²⁴⁸

Speaker: Zahir Mahmood (see entry no. 10)

Organisation: N/A

Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History

Location: On Campus

Region: West Midlands

This event was described as “part 1 of our history series” by the University of Birmingham Islamic Society, and it went ahead as planned.²⁴⁹

²⁴² *ibid.*

²⁴³ *ibid.*

²⁴⁴ ‘Ibrahim Mohamoud’, *CAGE*, available at: <http://cage.ngo/our-team/attachment/screen-shot-2016-02-17-at-12-27-39/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁴⁵ ‘DIW – Do we need God? By Abdullah Andalusi [sic]’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1908267222728712/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁴⁶ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

²⁴⁷ ‘Who is [the] Prophet Muhammad’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1268080486593252/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁴⁸ ‘Salahuddin Ibn Ayyub by Shaykh Zahir Mahmood’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1727645947526264/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁴⁹ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

73. 27/02/2017 – Cardiff University – ‘How Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad all had the Same Message’²⁵⁰

Speaker: Adnan Rashid (see entry no. 1)

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History

Location: On Campus

Region: Wales

This event was organised and hosted by the Cardiff University Islamic society.

74. 27/02/2017 – SOAS – ‘Is Islam Rational?’²⁵¹

Speaker: Hamza Tzortzis (see entry no. 26)

Organisation: iERA (see entry no. 1)

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised by the SOAS Islamic Society as part of its ‘Discover Islam Week’. On 27 February, it was announced that Tzortzis had “had to cancel due to unforeseen circumstances” and would be replaced by an un-named member of iERA.²⁵² It is understood that the event went ahead as planned under these revised circumstances.

75. 28/02/2017 – Kingston University – ‘Mothers who Raised Legends’²⁵³

Speaker: Wasim Kempson

Organisation: N/A

Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History

Location: On Campus

Region: London

Organised by the Islamic Society, this event was cancelled on 28 February “due to unforeseen circumstances” and rearranged to take place on 7 March, where it went ahead.²⁵⁴ Kempson is a teacher at the Tayyibun Institute in East London,²⁵⁵ which has “regularly host[ed] extremist speakers” according to Andrew Gilligan of the Daily Telegraph, and has also been mentioned in a government report as one

²⁵⁰ ‘How Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad PBUH all had the same message’, *Facebook*, 25 February, available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/CardiffISoc/photos/pcb.1427286063968616/1322376007853530/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁵¹ ‘Is Islam Rational?’, *Facebook*, available at: https://www.facebook.com/events/1208391622614466/?active_tab=about, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁵² *ibid.*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1208391622614466/permalink/1211420798978215/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁵³ ‘Kingston ISoc’. *Facebook*, available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/kingstonisoc/photos/a.1485108815069845.1073741828.1483829255197801/1855869877993735/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁵⁴ *ibid.*

²⁵⁵ ‘Inconsistency Exposed as Haitham al-Haddad Invited to Roehampton’, *Student Rights*, 10 February 2012, available at:

http://www.studentrights.org.uk/article/1858/inconsistency_exposed_as_haitham_al_haddad_invited_to_roehampton, last visited: 31 August 2017.

of several “institutions that still tolerate or promote non-violent extremism”.²⁵⁶

76. 28/02/2017 – University of Kent – ‘Why Islam?’²⁵⁷

Speaker: Hamza Tzortzis (see entry no. 26)

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: South East

This event was organised and hosted by the University of Kent Islamic Society as part of its ‘Discover Islam’ series of events. It went ahead as planned.²⁵⁸

77. 01/03/2017 – Cardiff University – ‘Why Islam?’²⁵⁹

Speaker: Hamza Tzortzis (see entry no. 26)

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: Wales

This event was organised and hosted by the Cardiff University Islamic Society as part of its ‘Discover Islam Week’.

78. 02/03/2017 – Cardiff University – ‘Is Shariah Timeless?’²⁶⁰

Speaker: Abdullah al Andalusi (see entry no. 18)

Organisation: The Muslim Debate Initiative

Topic: Religious Governance

Location: On Campus

Region: Wales

This event was organised and hosted by Cardiff University Islamic Society as part of its ‘Discover Islam Week’.

79. 02/03/2017 – University of Manchester – ‘Failed Hypothesis? Understanding the Quran and Science’²⁶¹

²⁵⁶ Gilligan, A., ‘Council’s links to radical Islamists probed by No 10’, *The Daily Telegraph*, 13 April 2014, available at: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/10763052/Councils-links-to-radical-Islamists-probed-by-No-10.html>, last visited: 31 August 2017.

²⁵⁷ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

²⁵⁸ *ibid.*

²⁵⁹ ‘Cardiff University Islamic Society (ISoc)’, *Facebook*, available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/CardiffISoc/photos/pcb.1427286063968616/1322376151186849/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁶⁰ *ibid.*

Speaker: Hamza Tzortzis (see entry no. 26)

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: North West

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at the University of Manchester.

80. 04/03/2017 - UCL - 'FOSIS Palestine Conference 2017'²⁶²

Speaker: Ismail Patel (see entry no. 17), Shamiul Joarder (see entry no. 12)

Organisation: Friends of Al-Aqsa (see entry no. 12)

Topic: Geopolitics

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised and hosted by the Federation of Student Islamic Societies (FOSIS) in partnership with Friends of Al-Aqsa (FOA). It was promoted by a large number of student societies across the UK, including those at UCL, SOAS, Queen Mary, Westminster, Bristol, and Leicester, and went ahead as planned.²⁶³

81. 06/03/2017 - University of Southampton - 'An Introduction to Islam'²⁶⁴

Speaker: Uthman Lateef (see entry no. 7), Jalal Ibn Saeed (see entry no. 53)

Organisation: Hittin Institute

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: South East

This was the first event of the University of Southampton Islamic Society's 'Discover Islam Week'. On 6 March, it was announced that Jalal Ibn Saeed would be filling in for Lateef due to Lateef being unwell.²⁶⁵

82. 06/03/2017 - University of Sussex - 'The Purpose of Life'²⁶⁶

²⁶¹ 'Failed Hypothesis? Understanding the Quran and Science', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/938739209563045/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁶² 'Speakers', *FOSIS Palestine Conference*, available at: <http://www.palestine-conference.info/speakers>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁶³ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

²⁶⁴ 'Southampton University Islamic Society', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/Isoc.Southampton/photos/a.143460872528181.1073741829.122129071328028/623653501175580/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁶⁵ *ibid*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1741510166163565/permalink/1743511272630121/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁶⁶ 'Sussex Isoc', *Facebook*, available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/usisoc/photos/a.176887996059280.1073741847.173974109684002/307968266284585/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

Speaker: Yusuf Chambers (see entry no. 67)

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: South East

This was the first event of the University of Sussex Islamic Society's 'Islamic Awareness Week'.

83. 07/03/2017 – University of Southampton – ‘The Most Influential Person in History’²⁶⁷

Speaker: Asif Uddin (see entry no. 23)

Organisation: MRDF

Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History

Location: On Campus

Region: South East

This was organised and hosted by the University of Southampton Islamic Society as part of its 'Discover Islam Week'.²⁶⁸

84. 07/03/2017 – Kingston University – ‘Mothers who Raised Legends’²⁶⁹

Speaker: Wasim Kempson (see entry no. 75)

Organisation: N/A

Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was postponed from 28 February.

85. 07/03/2017 – University of Oxford – ‘Moazzam Begg at the Oxford Union’²⁷⁰

Speaker: Moazzam Begg (see entry no. 8)

Organisation: CAGE

Topic: Grievances

Location: On Campus

Region: South East

Hosted by the Oxford Union, this event went ahead as planned.²⁷¹

²⁶⁷ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

²⁶⁸ *ibid.*

²⁶⁹ 'Kingston ISoc', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/kingstonisoc/photos/a.1485108815069845.1073741828.1483829255197801/1860912117489511/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁷⁰ 'Moazzam Begg at the Oxford Union', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1262554513840885/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁷¹ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights. See also: 'Moazzam Begg | Full Address and Q&A | Oxford Union', *YouTube*, 25 April 2017, available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOaoJg7mGHY>, last visited: 31 August 2017.

86. 07/03/2017 – University of Sussex – ‘Islam and the West: The Past, Present and the Future’²⁷²

Speaker: Adnan Rashid (see entry no. 1)

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History

Location: On Campus

Region: South East

This was the second event of the University of Sussex Islamic Society’s ‘Islamic Awareness Week’.

87. 07/03/2017 – SOAS – ‘Did Islam abolish Slavery?’²⁷³

Speaker: Abdullah al Andalusi (see entry no. 18)

Organisation: The Muslim Debate Initiative

Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was initially organised by the SOAS Islamic Society as part of its ‘Discover Islam Week’, but was cancelled and rescheduled to take place on 24 March 2017.²⁷⁴

88. 08/03/2017 – Oxford Brookes University – ‘Discussion with Tommy Robinson’²⁷⁵

Speaker: Tommy Robinson (see entry no. 42)

Organisation: Pegida UK

Topic: Miscellaneous

Location: On Campus

Region: South East

Robinson had been invited to Oxford Brookes University by an ‘anti-extremism student group’.²⁷⁶ Hundreds of students planned to demonstrate in protest at his appearance. The university’s student union subsequently refused to give approval to the organisers after police warned about the dangers of “public disorder”, and the event was cancelled.²⁷⁷

²⁷² ‘Sussex Isoc’, *Facebook*, available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/usisoc/photos/a.176887996059280.1073741847.173974109684002/307968266284585/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁷³ ‘Did Islam Abolish Slavery?’, *Facebook*, available at: https://www.facebook.com/events/182023442287398/?active_tab=about, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁷⁴ *ibid.*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/182023442287398/permalink/189465624876513/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁷⁵ ‘No platform for fascists at Oxford Brookes University [sic]’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1307679199255045/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁷⁶ ‘Tommy Robinson Talk On Free Speech At Oxford Brookes University Cancelled Over Protest Fears’, *The Huffington Post*, 8 February 2017, available at: http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/tommy-robinson-free-speech-oxford-brookes-university-cancelled-protest-fears_uk_589b0b2fe4b076856217bd47, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁷⁷ *ibid.*

89. 08/03/2017 - University of Sussex - 'Is Sharia Law Timeless?'²⁷⁸

Speaker: Abdullah al Andalusi (see entry no. 18)

Organisation: The Muslim Debate Initiative

Topic: Religious Governance

Location: On Campus

Region: South East

This was the third event of 'Islamic Awareness Week' at the University of Sussex.

90. 08/03/2017 - University of Wolverhampton - 'Why Islam?'²⁷⁹

Speaker: Hamza Tzortzis (see entry no. 26)

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: West Midlands

This event was organised by the University of Wolverhampton Islamic Society as part of its 'Discover Islam Week'. It was announced as having been cancelled on 8 March "due to unforeseen circumstances".²⁸⁰

91. 09/03/2017 - University of Leeds - 'Islamophobia in Britain'²⁸¹

Speaker: Shahab Idris

Organisation: MEND (see entry no. 16)

Topic: Grievances

Location: On Campus

Region: Yorkshire and Humberside

This was a joint event held between the University of Leeds Islamic Society and the Politics and International Studies Society, and it went ahead as planned.²⁸² It was advertised as being hosted by Shahab Idris, MEND's Yorkshire and Humber Regional Manager.²⁸³

92. 09/03/2017 - University of Sheffield - 'A World without Islam'²⁸⁴

²⁷⁸ 'Sussex Isoc', *Facebook*, available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/usisoc/photos/a.176887996059280.1073741847.173974109684002/307968266284585/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁷⁹ 'Wolves Isoc', *Facebook*, available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/wolves.isoc/photos/a.717061565015849.1073741828.715175125204493/1255199824535351/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁸⁰ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

²⁸¹ 'POLIS and ISOC Present: Shahab Adris - Islamophobia in Britain', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/705274532984864/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁸² Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

²⁸³ 'MEND Team', *MEND*, available at: <http://mend.org.uk/community/mend-team/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁸⁴ 'A World without Islam', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/256377048153024/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

Speaker: Adnan Rashid (see entry no. 1)

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: Yorkshire and Humberside

This event was organised in association with the University of Sheffield Islamic Circle.

93. 09/03/2017 – University of Southampton – ‘Who would want to be a Muslim?’²⁸⁵

Speaker: Yvonne Ridley (see entry no. 19)

Organisation: N/A

Topic: Personal Stories

Location: On Campus

Region: South East

This event formed part of ‘Discover Islam Week’ at the University of Southampton, and went ahead as planned.²⁸⁶

94. 10/03/2017 – SOAS – ‘SOAS ISOC End of Year Dinner’²⁸⁷

Speaker: Wasim Kempson (see entry no. 75)

Organisation: N/A

Topic: Miscellaneous

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised and hosted by SOAS Islamic Society.

95. 10/03/2017 – University of Sussex – ‘Women's Rights in Islam: Guaranteed Centuries Ago?’²⁸⁸

Speaker: Zara Faris (see entry no. 52)

Organisation: Hittin Institute (see entry no. 1)

Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History

Location: On Campus

Region: South East

This event was organised as part of ‘Islamic Awareness Week’ at the University of Sussex.

²⁸⁵ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

²⁸⁶ *ibid.*

²⁸⁷ ‘SOAS End of Year Dinner’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/224994477969748/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁸⁸ ‘Sussex Isoc’, *Facebook*, available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/usisoc/photos/a.176887996059280.1073741847.173974109684002/307968266284585/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

96. 11/03/2017 - Manchester Metropolitan University - 'Dawah Training Course'²⁸⁹

Speaker: iERA Speakers

Organisation: iERA (see entry no. 1)

Topic: Dawah Training

Location: On Campus

Region: North West

This event was hosted in association with iERA, and it went ahead as planned. It is unclear which iERA representative addressed the audience.²⁹⁰

97. 11/03/2017 - University of Southampton - 'Why Islam?'²⁹¹

Speaker: Hamza Tzortzis (see entry no. 26)

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: South East

This was the final event of 'Discover Islam Week' at the University of Southampton, and it went ahead as planned.²⁹²

98. 13/03/2017 - University of Hull - 'Islam or Secularism?'²⁹³

Speaker: Abdullah al Andalusi (see entry no. 18)

Organisation: The Muslim Debate Initiative

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: Yorkshire and Humberside

This was the first event of 'Discover Islam Week' at the University of Hull. It was delayed briefly by the late arrival of the speaker, but went ahead as planned.²⁹⁴

99. 13/03/2017 - UCL - 'Aspire to Inspire: Women in Medicine and Surgery'²⁹⁵

²⁸⁹ 'MMU ISoc - Islamic Society', *Facebook*, available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/theisoc/photos/a.1465968673670710.1073741825.1465968593670718/1827609164173324/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁹⁰ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

²⁹¹ *ibid.*

²⁹² *ibid.*

²⁹³ 'Hull University Islamic Society', *Facebook*, available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/HullIsoc/photos/a.1427914930765788.1073741826.1425661370991144/1896900477200562/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁹⁴ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

²⁹⁵ 'Aspire to Inspire: Women in Medicine and Surgery', *Facebook*, 13 March 2017, available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1336564889741127/permalink/134223864584041/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

Speaker: Shameela Islam-Zulfiqar

Organisation: N/A

Topic: Miscellaneous

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised and promoted by RUMS Islamic Society. Islam-Zulfiqar has appeared at events attacking Prevent²⁹⁶ and has been published at Islam21c (see entry no. 2).²⁹⁷ She has also travelled to Syria with Majid Freeman as part of an Aid for Syria convoy.²⁹⁸ Freeman has encouraged Muslims to do “jihad in Syria” and has praised Al-Qaeda terrorist Anwar al-Awlaki as well as convicted associate Aafia Siddiqui on his Facebook and Twitter accounts.²⁹⁹

100. 14/03/2017 – University of Coventry – ‘Guilty until Proven Innocent’³⁰⁰

Speaker: Moazzam Begg (see entry no. 8)

Organisation: CAGE

Topic: Grievances

Location: On Campus

Region: West Midlands

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at the University of Coventry, and went ahead as planned.³⁰¹

101. 14/03/2017 – Northumbria University – ‘The History of Islam in Britain’³⁰²

Speaker: Adnan Rashid (see entry no. 1)

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History

Location: On Campus

Region: North East

This event was organised by Northumbria University Islamic Society. It was announced as having been cancelled on 14 March.³⁰³

²⁹⁶ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

²⁹⁷ ‘Author Archives: Dr Shameela Islam-Zulfiqar’, *Islam21c*, available at: <https://www.islam21c.com/author/dr-shameela-islam-zulfiqar/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁹⁸ ‘Why we drove 3,000 miles to risk our lives in Aleppo’, *BBC News*, 20 November 2013, available at: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-25001336>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

²⁹⁹ Original screenshots available at: Westrop, S., ‘BBC Plugs Jihadi Charities’, *Gatestone Institute*, 4 December 2013, available at: <https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/4077/bbc-syria-charities>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

³⁰⁰ ‘Moazzam Begg – Guilty Until Proven Innocent’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1382261138460639/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

³⁰¹ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

³⁰² ‘Northumbria University Islamic Society’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/northumbria.isoc/photos/a.281036008756387.1073741839.279271798932808/594416017418383/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

³⁰³ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

102. 14/03/2017 - Swansea University - 'Why Islam?'³⁰⁴

Speaker: Hamza Tzortzis (see entry no. 26)

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: Wales

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at Swansea University as part of 'Islamic Awareness Week'.

103. 15/03/2017 - University of Bristol - 'God on Trial: An Islamic Approach'³⁰⁵

Speaker: Hamza Tzortzis (see entry no. 26)

Organisation: iERA

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: South West

This was the third talk of 'Discover Islam Week' at the University of Bristol, and it went ahead as planned.³⁰⁶

104. 15/03/2017 - De Montfort University - 'Female Liberation: Islam or Feminism'³⁰⁷

Speaker: Zara Faris (see entry no. 52)

Organisation: Hittin Institute (see entry no. 1)

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: East Midlands

This event was organised by De Montfort University Islamic Society, but was announced as having been cancelled "due to unforeseen circumstances" on 15 March.³⁰⁸

105. 16/03/2017 - University of Hull - 'Islam, Science and Darwinism'³⁰⁹

Speaker: Subboor Ahmed

Organisation: iERA (see entry no. 1)

Topic: Religious Apologetics

³⁰⁴ *ibid.*

³⁰⁵ 'God on Trial: An Islamic Approach', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1827752847437521/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

³⁰⁶ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

³⁰⁷ 'DMU ISoc - De Montfort University Islamic Society', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/DMUIslamicSociety/photos/a.222910634433070.54009.183203441737123/1377764628947659/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

³⁰⁸ Screenshots of all activity archived by Student Rights.

³⁰⁹ 'Hull University Islamic Society', *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/HullISoc/photos/a.1427914930765788.1073741826.1425661370991144/1896900477200562/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

Location: On Campus

Region: Yorkshire and Humberside

This was the fourth event of ‘Discover Islam Week’ at the university. Ahmed is a speaker at iERA who works as part of the ‘Mission Dawah’ arm of the organisation.³¹⁰

106. 21/03/2017 – University of Salford – ‘God, Islam and Darwinism’³¹¹

Speaker: Subboor Ahmed

Organisation: iERA (see entry no. 1)

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: North West

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at the University of Salford.

107. 22/03/2017 – Birmingham City University – ‘Atheism, Evolution and Darwinism’³¹²

Speaker: Subboor Ahmed

Organisation: iERA (see entry no. 1)

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: West Midlands

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at Birmingham City University.

108. 23/03/2017 – Oxford Brookes University – ‘Islam and Evolution’³¹³

Speaker: Subboor Ahmed

Organisation: iERA (see entry no. 1)

Topic: Religious Apologetics

Location: On Campus

Region: South East

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at Oxford Brookes University.

109. 24/03/2017 – SOAS – ‘Did Islam abolish Slavery?’³¹⁴

³¹⁰ ‘Subboor Ahmed’, *iERA*, available at: <https://iera.org/contact/book-a-speaker/meet-our-speakers/subboor-ahmed/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

³¹¹ Salford ISoc, ‘@Salford_ISoc’, *Twitter*, 21 March 2017, available at: https://twitter.com/Salford_ISoc/status/844145641781641216, last visited: 27 July 2017.

³¹² ‘BCU Isoc’, *Facebook*, available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/bcu.isoc/photos/a.1500061233585715.1073741825.1500061176919054/1935197943405373/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

³¹³ ‘Oxford Brookes Islamic Society’, *Facebook*, available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/BrookesISOC/photos/a.357978607611235.84790.357799767629119/1300267933382293/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

Speaker: Abdullah al Andalusi (see entry no. 18)

Organisation: The Muslim Debate Initiative

Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised by the Islamic Society at SOAS.

110. 28/03/2017 – University of Bath – ‘How can the West Understand Islam?’³¹⁵

Speaker: Abdullah al Andalusi (see entry no. 18)

Organisation: The Muslim Debate Initiative

Topic: Miscellaneous

Location: On Campus

Region: South West

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at the University of Bath.

111. 28/03/2017 – University of Westminster – ‘How real is Islamophobia’³¹⁶

Speaker: Aman Ali

Organisation: MEND (see entry no. 16)

Topic: Miscellaneous

Location: On Campus

Region: London

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at the University of Westminster.

112. 01/04/2017 – Leeds Beckett University – ‘A Day with Umar Ibn Khattab’³¹⁷

Speaker: Zahir Mahmood (see entry no. 10)

Organisation: N/A

Topic: Religious Jurisprudence/Exegesis/History

Location: On Campus

Region: Yorkshire and Humberside

This event was organised and hosted by the Islamic Society at Leeds Beckett University.

³¹⁴ ‘Did Islam Abolish Slavery?’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/375909402802063/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

³¹⁵ ‘Abdullah Al Andalusi: How Can The West Understand Islam’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1875722859370890/>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

³¹⁶ ‘Uni Westminster Isoc’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/UWiSoc/photos/a.1575973826016069.1073741829.1559976130949172/1911972355749546/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

³¹⁷ ‘Leeds Beckett Islamic Society’, *Facebook*, available at: <https://www.facebook.com/leedsbeckett.isoc/photos/a.1951628388309129.1073741825.195162838309134/2316316415173656/?type=3&theater>, last visited: 27 July 2017.

No events were logged between 2 April and 31 June 2017 due to the exam period

4. Data Analysis

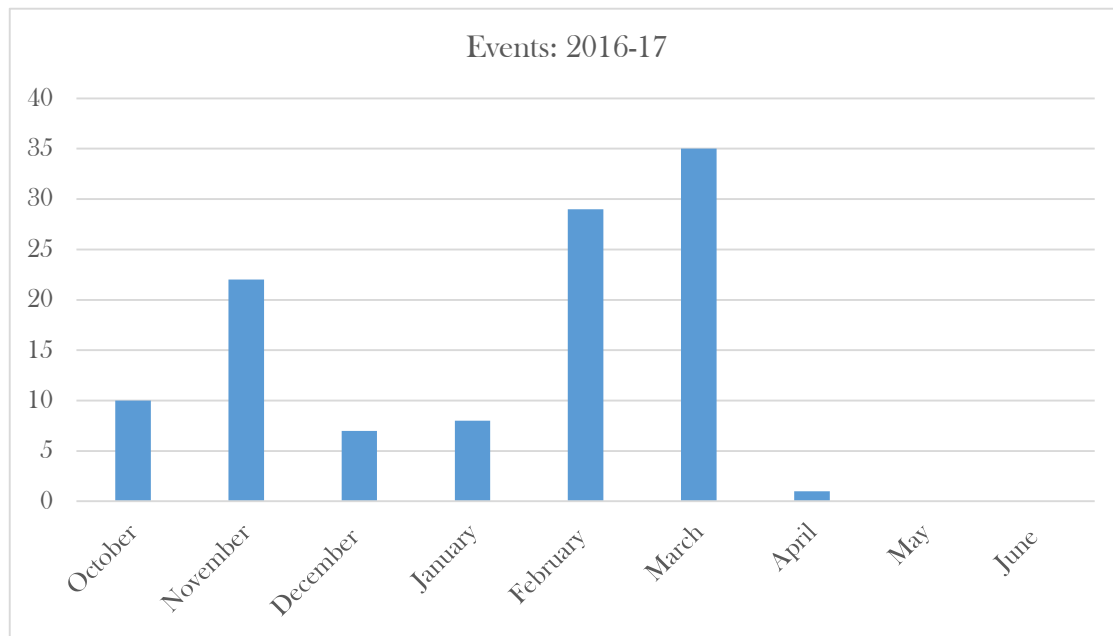
4.1 Events: 2016-17

Between October 2016 and June 2017, a total of 109 on-campus events were recorded with an additional 3 events organised at off-campus venues. Five events were cancelled. The two Far-Right events recorded in this report, both featuring Tommy Robinson from Pegida UK, were cancelled (see entries no. 42 and 88), indicating that in proportional terms, Far-Right events were cancelled with much greater frequency than ones featuring Islamist extremists. Pressure was exerted on the societies that invited him in both of these cases. However, it was generally the case that events were cancelled by the speakers themselves due to 'unforeseen circumstances' rather than due to pressure on the societies themselves.

Repeating a pattern revealed in a previous Student Rights report *'Preventing Prevent? Challenges to Counter-Radicalisation Policy On Campus'* (2015),³¹⁸ events were most common in February (29) and March (35), with November seeing the third-highest number of events on campuses (21). Only one event provided a balanced platform in the 2016-17 period – this was a debate featuring Abdullah al Andalusi from the Muslim Debate Initiative (see entry no. 18).

Month	On-Campus	Off-Campus	Cancelled
October	8	2	0
November	21	1	0
December	7	0	0
January	8	0	1
February	29	0	0
March	35	0	4
April	1	0	0
May	0	0	0
June	0	0	0
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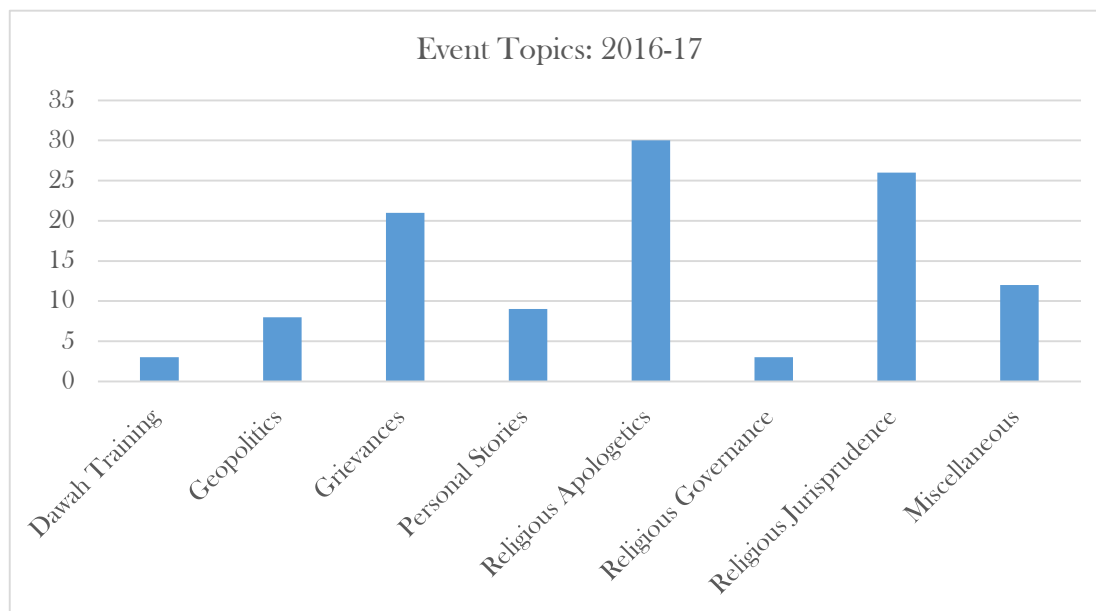
³¹⁸ Sutton, R., 'Preventing Prevent? Challenges to Counter-Radicalisation Policy On Campus', *The Henry Jackson Society and Student Rights*, 2015, http://henryjacksonsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Preventing-Prevent_webversion3.pdf, last visited: 3 August 2017, pp. 18-21.



4.2 Event Topics: 2016-17

The most common topic was religious apologetics with a total of 30 appearances. This was followed by religious jurisprudence, exegesis and history with 26 events, and grievances with 21 events.

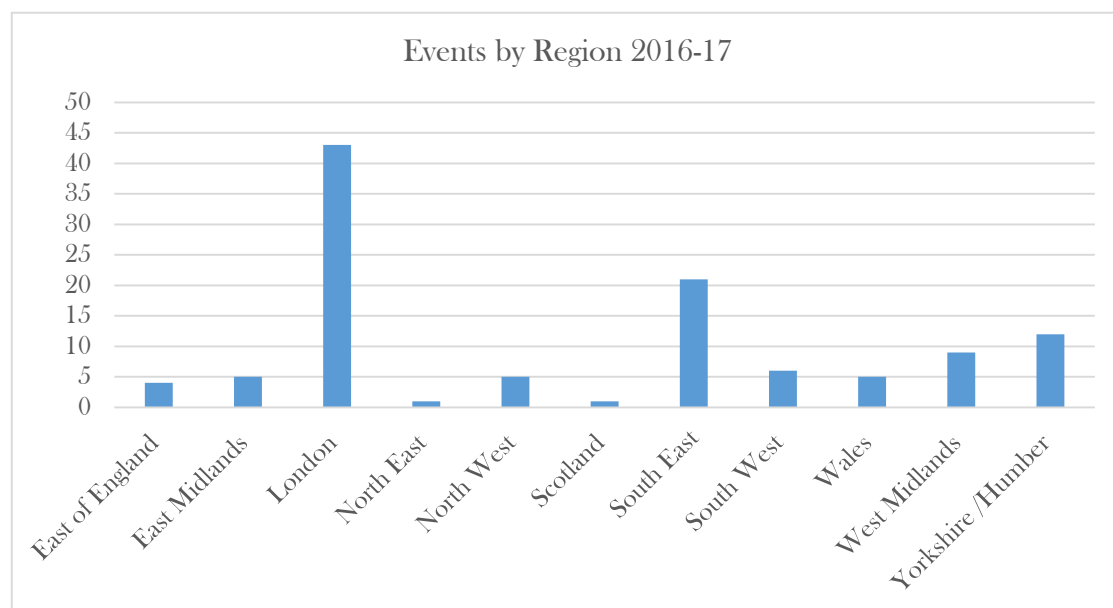
Event Topics	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Dawah Training	3	2.7
Geopolitics	8	7.1
Grievances	21	18.8
Personal Stories	9	8.0
Religious Apologetics	30	26.8
Religious Governance	3	2.7
Religious Jurisprudence /Exegesis/History	26	23.2
Miscellaneous	12	10.7
Total	112	100.0



4.3 On-Campus Events by Region 2016-17

London was the region with the highest number of events. As shown in the following table, 43 events were recorded there. This is due to the large number of universities across the greater London area, as well as the fact that many of the extreme speakers and organisations have their headquarters based there. Other regions of the UK which saw a high number of events include the South East (21), Yorkshire and Humberside (12) and the West Midlands (9).

Region	Total Number of Events
East of England	4
East Midlands	5
London	43
North East	1
North West	5
Scotland	1
South East	21
South West	6
Wales	5
West Midlands	9
Yorkshire and Humberside	12
Unknown	0
Total	112



4.4 On-Campus Events by Institution

Many of the recorded events were planned to take place at London campuses. This included five of the top eight institutions hosting the greatest number of events. The School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) held the most events (14), Kingston University and University College London (UCL) were in joint-second place (6), and Brunel University, Queen Mary University, the University of Bath, the University of Kent and the University of Southampton were all in joint-third place (4).

The figures in the following table show that only a small number of the institutions repeatedly held events featuring extreme speakers and organisations. The top eight institutions made up 41.3% of the total number of events recorded in the 2016-17 academic year.

Institution	Total Events	Cancelled Events	Proportion of Total (%)
SOAS	14	0	12.5
Kingston University	6	0	5.4
UCL	6	0	5.4
Brunel University	4	0	3.6
Queen Mary University	4	0	3.6
University of Bath	4	0	3.6
University of Kent	4	0	3.6
University of Southampton	4	0	3.6
Total	46	0	41.3

4.5 Event Speakers

Between 2016 and 2017, the organisations which the most prolific speakers were affiliated to include the Muslim Debate Initiative, the Islamic Education and Research Academy (iERA), the Muslim Research and Development Foundation (MRDF), the Hittin Institute, Sabeel, and CAGE. They accounted for 52.7% of the events. The two most active speakers were Abdullah al Andalusi and Hamza Tzortzis, with 13 and 14 appearances respectively. Unidentified speakers were also recorded from iERA, Muslim Engagement and Development (MEND) and Friends of Al-Aqsa (FOA). In some instances, speakers were listed as former students or former society members, with no reference made to their current position at organisations that have had a history of promoting extremist speakers (see entries no. 22 and 69). This indicates that there is a growing trend of some speakers hiding their backgrounds when speaking on university campuses.

Speaker	Organisation	Total Events	Proportion of Total (%)
Abdullah al Andalusi	The Muslim Debate Initiative	13	11.6
Hamza Tzortzis	iERA	14	12.5
Asif Uddin	MRDF	10	8.9
Adnan Rashid	Hittin Institute/ iERA	10	8.9
Asim Khan	Sabeel	6	5.4
Moazzam Begg	CAGE	6	5.4
		59	52.7

5. Conclusion and Recommendations

The large number of recorded events – 112 in total – indicates that many higher education institutions (HEIs) are still playing host to events with an extreme and intolerant dimension, in spite of their legal compliance with fulfilment of their Prevent duty.

The past couple of years have seen promising developments at both a governmental and an institutional level in terms of compliance with Prevent within higher education. Translating these policies and procedures into meaningful measures that ensure that extreme speakers are sufficiently challenged on balanced platforms has proven a greater challenge. The following recommendations identify core areas to build upon, such as provision of extremism awareness training as well as communication between universities and student unions.

For Universities and Student Unions

Issue: The lack of balanced events taking place on university campuses

Recommendation: Universities and student unions should improve their coordination on the management of external speakers

As a matter of principle, controversial speakers and organisations should not be hosted in forums that are likely to be one-sided.

HEIs in the UK are legally required to balance freedom of expression with obligations under discrimination and charity law. As such, HEIs should seek to:

- Encourage event organisers to make regular use of balanced forums such as debates and panel discussions.
- Require the presence of independent moderators and student union officials.
- Improve channels of communication with student unions and frequently consult them about the assessment and management of external speakers. This should be a collaborative effort rather than a top-down process.
- Incentivise students, student union officials and university staff to collaborate when carrying out online searches and other background checks on external speakers.
- Provide training programmes and workshops to help university and student union staff recognise extreme speakers, organisations, speech and/or material. This could be provided by safeguarding leads or other staff members with relevant Prevent training, or by external practitioners such as regional Prevent co-ordinators.
- Ensure that final decisions on the level of risk posed by controversial external speakers should be made by a committee consisting of both staff and students, including at least one staff member with experience of relevant Prevent training.

Issue: University speaker policies are inconsistent across the higher education sector

Recommendation: A sector-wide speaker policy should be formulated by Universities UK as part of a wider national strategy

As recommended in previous Student Rights reports and briefings, HEIs should develop a sector-wide speaker policy in consultation with Universities UK and the NUS.³¹⁹ This would expand on the 2013 guidance issued by Universities UK, which offered practical assistance to universities on the management of external speakers.³²⁰ A national strategy promoting a sector-wide speaker policy would:

- Increase the chances that events will take place in open and secure environments.
- Allow all HEIs to communicate a consistent speaker policy to students, regardless of which higher education body and student union they are affiliated to. The policy should be made available online and advertised to staff and students at the beginning of any given academic term.
- Foster consistent approaches to external speakers across the higher education sector and support the “effective sharing of experience and good practice”, as encouraged by HEFCE in their framework for monitoring the Prevent framework in 2017.³²¹
- Result in no-platforming policies that will be applied more consistently and proportionately. Universities must balance their statutory Prevent duty with their legal obligations towards freedom of speech and academic freedom under the 1986 Education Act.³²² Most events should be allowed to go ahead and external speakers should only be banned from campuses in the most serious of cases, where legal constraints imposed under criminal, equality and charity law might be relevant.
- Recommend external speakers to sign forms that signify their commitment to existing equality and diversity policies at relevant institutions.
- Encourage staff and students inviting external speakers to complete application forms as part of a review process. If deeper concerns are raised about speakers, a final assessment panel should decide whether to approve or reject their application. In these rare cases, they should consider whether speakers could draw students into violent extremism and/or terrorism as well as whether they could incite racial and/or religious hatred in breach of the law. If an appeal is made, the panel should review any additional evidence that might lead to the reconsideration of a rejected application.

Issue: It is unclear whether universities are sufficiently monitoring extreme speakers

Recommendation: Universities should develop mechanisms to support students and impose sanctions on student societies that consistently flout external speaker guidelines

³¹⁹ Sutton, R., and Stuart, H., ‘Challenging Extremists: Practical frameworks for our universities’, *The Henry Jackson Society and Student Rights*, May 2012, available at: [http://www.studentrights.org.uk/userfiles/files/SRSocialMedia\(1\).pdf](http://www.studentrights.org.uk/userfiles/files/SRSocialMedia(1).pdf), last visited: 4 August 2017, pp. 79-81. See also: Sutton, R., ‘Preventing Prevent? Challenges to Counter-Radicalisation Policy On Campus’, *The Henry Jackson Society and Student Rights*, 2015, http://henryjacksonsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Preventing-Prevent_webversion3.pdf, last visited: 4 August 2017, pp. 69-70; and Sutton, R., and Sergeant, G., ‘A Model External Speaker Policy: Assessing the Risks Posed by External Speakers On-campus’, *Student Rights and the Henry Jackson Society*, 10 May 2016, available at: <https://relayto.com/the-henry-jackson-society/1MRdxNN>, last visited: 4 August 2017.

³²⁰ ‘External speakers in higher education institutions’, *Universities UK*, November 2013, available at: <http://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/policy-and-analysis/reports/Documents/2013/external-speakers-in-higher-education-institutions.pdf>, last visited: 25 August 2017.

³²¹ ‘Framework for the monitoring of the Prevent duty in higher education in England: 2017 onwards’, *HEFCE*, 1 August 2017, available at: <http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/year/2017/201710/>, last visited: 4 August 2017.

³²² ‘Education (No. 2) Act 1986’, *HM Government*, available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1986/61/section/43>, last visited: 25 August 2017, Part 4, Section 43.

The Prevent duty guidance specifies that students attending university can be radicalised “because of activities which mainly take place off campus”.³²³ It stipulates that there “should also be a mechanism in place for assessing the risks associated with any events which are RHEB-affiliated [Relevant Higher Education Body], funded or branded but which take place off-campus and for taking swift and appropriate action”.³²⁴ Universities should be active in relation to societies, events, materials, and other activities which are being organised or promoted by and to their students.

Although not bound by the same statutory duties as universities, the Prevent strategy states that student unions should “take an interest in the activities and views being expressed within affiliated societies to ensure compliance with charities legislation, which includes provisions relating to human rights, equalities and political neutrality”.³²⁵

Since June 2010, student unions have been regulated under charity law by the Charity Commission. This means that they must not allow their premises “to be used by groups or individuals who may damage the reputation or integrity of the student union or act against the public benefit”.³²⁶ It is therefore worrying that officials affiliated to the National Union of Students (NUS) and a number of student unions have cooperated with the very extremists that Prevent aims to challenge.³²⁷

Now that the majority of universities have satisfied compliance with the Prevent duty,³²⁸ HEIs should take additional steps to implement the compliance policies and procedures set out in their annual reports. This should include:

- Providing meaningful support and advice to students who want to challenge extreme speakers and organisations.
- Closely monitoring events that feature extreme speakers.
- Compelling societies to declare external speakers as representatives of organisations where appropriate, rather than simply as former students.
- Discouraging students from promoting or attending events taking place off campus that feature extreme speakers.
- Imposing sanctions, such as disaffiliations, on student societies that routinely promote extreme speakers, as well as those that host events where students who challenge speakers are intimidated or harassed. Student societies that attempt to mislead approval panels about external speakers and events should also be disciplined.

³²³ ‘Prevent Duty Guidance for Higher Education Institutions in England and Wales’, *HM Government*, July 2015, available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/445916/Prevent_Duty_Guidance_For_Higher_Education__England__Wales_.pdf, last visited: 28 July 2017, p. 3.

³²⁴ *ibid.*, p.4.

³²⁵ ‘Prevent Strategy’, *HM Government*, June 2011, available at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/97976/prevent-strategy-review.pdf, last visited: 3 August 2017, p. 72.

³²⁶ Sutton, R., and Stuart, H., ‘Challenging Extremists: Practical frameworks for our universities’, *The Henry Jackson Society and Student Rights*, May 2012, available at: [http://www.studentrights.org.uk/userfiles/files/SRSocialMedia\(1\).pdf](http://www.studentrights.org.uk/userfiles/files/SRSocialMedia(1).pdf), last visited: 4 August 2017, p. 80.

³²⁷ ‘Students’ threat to leave union over new leader’s link to extremists: Oxford leading revolt against NUS president who supported a Taliban fighter and campaigned to scupper campus counter-terror measures’, *The Daily Mail*, 22 April 2016, available at: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3552979/Students-threat-leave-union-new-leader-s-link-extremists-Oxford-leading-revolt-against-NUS-president-supported-Taliban-fighter-campaigned-scupper-campus-counter-terror-measures.html>, last visited: 10 August 2017.

³²⁸ ‘Analysis of Prevent annual reports from higher education providers for activity in 2015-16’, *HEFCE*, 1 August 2017, available at: <http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/year/2017/201711/>, last visited: 2 August 2017.

Issue: The prevalence of student society social media accounts promoting events with extreme speakers

Recommendation: Societies should adhere to official media guidelines and complaints procedures must be made accessible

Student social media has played a key role in the promotion of extreme speakers on university campuses. HEIs and student unions should seek to:

- Develop and publicise complaints procedures for material posted on official student society websites as well as society Facebook and Twitter accounts.
- Encourage student societies to closely monitor material posted by their members, and request that societies adhere to formulated social media guidelines.
- Clarify examples of extreme speakers, organisations, speech and/or material which could so that affiliated student societies are made aware of what is considered inappropriate.

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