

Griffith Islamic Research Unit 2008 Conference

The Challenges and Opportunities of Islam in the West: The Case of Australia

3 - 5 March, 2008
Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Cnr Merivale and Glenelg Streets, South Bank,
Brisbane.



• What it's about

The main objective of this symposium is to bring international and national experts together with local community leaders, decision makers and the media to raise awareness, improve understanding and discuss policy developments concerning Islam in the West, and Muslims as minorities of Western countries. Several important issues will be addressed including:

- Historical, cultural and political challenges of Islam in the West
- The role and contributions of Muslims in Western societies
- Islam and multiculturalism
- Improving mutual understanding, cooperation and harmony – including the role and responsibilities of the Muslim community, political leaders and the media
- Socio-economic issues such as unemployment and underemployment
- Youth identity and self image
- The radicalisation of Muslim youth

Numbers are strictly limited, so register early.

- **Keynote speaker**

The keynote speaker will be Professor Tariq Ramadan, President of the European Muslim Network, based in Brussels. Professor Ramadan holds MA in Philosophy and French literature and PhD in Arabic and Islamic Studies from the University of Geneva.



- **Presentations**

Presentations will be made by international and national experts from research, politics and practice.

Each participant will have the opportunity to contribute to a Workshop.

There will be a conference dinner at the conclusion of Day One. Bookings are necessary; please go to our website to register.

- **Registration**

The registration form is available at:

http://www.griffith.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/36571/registration.pdf

- **Accommodation is available at:**

- Rydges Southbank Hotel, Glenelg St, South Bank, Brisbane. Phone (07) 3364 0800
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