Visiting Speaker Series

The Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies is pleased to present a talk by esteemed academic

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"Negotiating Space on the Right: Everyday Politics of Israeli Zionist Settler Women in the Southern West Bank, Palestine"

Wednesday, 18 October 2017, 5.15 pm

LT1, IAIS Building, Streatham Campus, Exeter EX4 4ND Tea & Coffee to be served from 4.30 pm in the Common Room,

Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies.

All are welcome – no registration required.



Right-wing movements that have mobilized women have had very uneasy encounters with feminism and feminist politics. Focusing mainly on themes of motherhood and the familial, feminist scholars often view the increasing participation of women in the right-wing as a 'problem' that needs to be 'countered', thereby silencing the multiplicity of narratives, roles, and politics that encapsulate the everyday experiences of right-wing women.

Drawing on ethnographic research conducted with right-wing women in the Zionist Settler movement in Palestine-

Israel in 2014, I will present narratives that examine the intersections of settler women's everyday politics and space.

Dr Akanksha Mehta is a lecturer in International Relations at the School of Global Studies, University of Sussex. She completed her PhD at the Centre for Gender Studies, SOAS in 2016, writing a thesis on the everyday politics of right-wing women in the Hindu Nationalist Movement in India and Israeli Zionist Settler Project in the West Bank, Palestine.

