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## SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Tahir Abbas was born in Birmingham, England. He holds a PhD from the University of Warwick and has worked and taught in the UK and Turkey. His current research interests are the intersections of Islamophobia and radicalisation, anxious politics, gender and violence, and ethnic relations, all in the context of Muslim minorities in the West. He is the author, editor or co-editor of eleven books and over sixty articles.

## CURRENT POSITION

Visiting Senior Fellow, Department of Government, London School of Economics, 2017-2019.

## HIGHER EDUCATION

2001, PhD (Ethnic Relations), University of Warwick, UK.

1994, MSocSc, Economic Development and Policy, University of Birmingham, UK.

1993, BSc(Econ), Economics with Mathematical Studies, Queen Mary University of London, UK  
(with Introduction to Individual and Social Psychology taken at the LSE).

## Research interests

Education; Ethnic relations; Islam; Islamophobia; Multiculturalism; Muslims in the West; Politics; Radicalisation; Terrorism; Violent extremism

## Teaching interests

Ethnicity and Multiculturalism; Migration and Transnationalism; Muslim Diasporas; Nations and Nationalism, Political Sociology; Political Islam; European Islam; Social Statistics.

## POSITIONS HELD

Senior Research Fellow, National Security and Resilience Studies, Royal United Services Institute, London, 2016-2017.

Professor of Sociology (Associate Professor, 2010-2012), Fatih University, Istanbul, 2010-2016

Remarque Visiting Fellow, New York University, 2015-2016  
Visiting Professor, Leiden Institute for Religious Studies, Leiden University, 2013  
Visiting Professor, Graduate School of the State Islamic University in Jakarta, 2012  
Iqbal Fellow, International Institute for Research and Dialogue, International Islamic University in Islamabad, 2012  
Schonbrunn Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Hebrew University in Jerusalem, 2012  
Honorary University Fellow, Exeter Centre for Ethno-Political Studies, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, Exeter University, 2009-2011  
Centre Fellow, Centre for Studies in Security and Democracy, Birmingham University, 2007-2009  
Visiting Fellow, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, 2007-2008  
Lecturer (2003-2005), Senior Lecturer (2005-2006) and Reader (2006-2009) in Sociology and Director of Birmingham University Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Culture, 2003-2009  
Senior Research Officer, Home Office and Ministry of Justice, London 2000-2003  
Associate Fellow, Centre for Research in Ethnic Relations, Warwick University, 1999-2001  
Research Fellow, Birmingham City University Business School, 1998-1999  
Research Assistant, Centre for Research in Ethnic Relations, Warwick University, 1995-1997

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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## CO-EDITED BOOKS

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- (2015) *Critical Muslim 16: Turkey*, Sept-Dec, London and New York: Hurst + Introduction: Sun and Shadow (associate editor, with Z Sardar).
- (2010) *Honour, Violence, Women and Islam*, London and New York: Routledge + Chapter (co-editor, with MM Idriss).
- (2007) *Immigration and Race Relations: Sociological Theory and John Rex*, London and New York: IB Tauris + Introduction (with F Reeves) + Chapter (co-editor, with F Reeves).

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

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- (2017c) 'You cannot talk about academic freedom in such an oppressive environment': the perceptions of We Will Not Be a Party to This Crime! petition signatories', *Turkish Studies* 18(4): 624-643 (with A Zalta).
- (2017b) 'Ethnicity and Politics in Contextualising Far Right and Islamist Extremism', *Perspectives on Terrorism* 11(3): 54-61.
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(2018b) (2018b) 'Muslims in the UK: How change will come', [Middle East Eye](#), 5 April.

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(2017k) 'Islamophobia and radicalisation in an age of disinformation', [Middle East Eye](#), 27 December.

(2017k) 'The Ofsted hijab decree: How two wrongs don't make a right', [Middle East Eye](#), 24 November.

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(2017i) 'The State': A horror story that says nothing about why Brits join IS', [Middle East Eye](#), 31 August.

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- (2017f) 'After the 'Trojan Horse' has bolted', [Middle East Eye](#), 1 June.
- (2017e) 'A personality cult that plays on popular fears: how Erdoğan won the Turkish referendum', [DemocractAudit.com](#), 17 April.
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- (2017a) 'Contemporary Turkey in conflict: How ethnic, political and religious conflicts will define Turkey's future', [LSE EUROPP](#), 2 January.
- (2016e) 'The Jo Cox Murder and the Role of Ideology in Violent Extremism', [RUSI Commentary](#), 30 November.
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