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Racializing the Ummah:

Muslim Humanitarianism beyond Black, Brown, and White



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In *Racializing the Ummah* (Minnesota, 2026), Rhea Rahman explores how Islamic Relief (IR) does good in a world that defines Muslimness as less than human. In this talk, Rahman begins and ends with the place and meaning of Palestine for US Muslims. Along the way she traces IR's relation to counter-extremism efforts in the UK, to neoliberal development in Mali, to forms of doing good otherwise rooted in an Islamic Black Radical Tradition in South Africa.

Rhea Rahman is an Associate Professor of Anthropology at Brooklyn College, CUNY. She will be joined in conversation by Adia Benton, Associate Professor of Anthropology at Northwestern University, and Ala Alhourani, Senior Lecturer in the Study of Religion at Univeristy of Cape Town.

This is the third seminar in the “Genealogies of Islam and Humanitarianism” series organized by the ERC-funded *Entangled Universals of Transnational Islamic Charity* research project.

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