

## Podcast: The EDL, Tommy Robinson and the British Far Right

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On this week's podcast we talk about the shock resignation of Tommy Robinson as leader of anti-Islam protest group the English Defence League, and whether he or the movement now have a political future. We also discuss the fortunes and prospects of the British far right more generally, as well as those who seek to thwart it.

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As well as Islamophobia his other research interests include: the role of faith and religion in the public and political spaces; issues around diversity, multiculturalism and super-diversity; equalities legislation, policy and practice; inclusion, exclusion, integration and cohesion.

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The English Defence League: A postmodern political movement?

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