

## Dr Chris Allen



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**Chris Allen, our Lecturer in the School of Social Policy, author of the critically acclaimed book 'Islamophobia' and works closely with the Cross Government Working Group on Anti-Muslim Hatred.**

Dr Chris Allen is a Lecturer in the School of Social Policy at the University of Birmingham. For the past decade, Chris has been at the forefront of academic research into the phenomenon of Islamophobia and his work has been pivotal in challenging religious extremism in the UK.

Chris was the first academic to put forward a full theoretical exposition of Islamophobia in his 2010 book, and in 2011 published a widely acclaimed report challenging perceptions of Muslim communities following the Birmingham riots. He has worked with the House of Lords Select Committee on Religious Offences, the All party Parliamentary Group on Islamophobia & Anti-Muslim Hate Crime, and the Equality & Human Rights Commission.