

Socio-economic Status of Australian Muslims: Implications for Citizenship and Social Integration

Speaker

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Abstract

In spite of their very favourable demographic and educational profiles, Australian Muslims continue to experience significant socio-economic disadvantage in Australia. Using 2011 census data, this paper examines various aspects of socio-economic status of Australian Muslims.

The analysis shows that for a significant proportion of Muslims, socio-economic disadvantage may be becoming endemic which would have serious implications for their quality of citizenship and social integration in Australian society. Using a theoretical framework drawn from citizenship and alienation theories, the paper explores ramifications of Muslim disadvantage.



Biography

Riaz Hassan is Emeritus Professor of Sociology at Flinders University and Visiting Research Professor at the Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore. He has also held academic appointments at the University of California, Los Angeles and Yale University. He was a Fulbright Scholar at the Ohio State University from where he received his PhD in sociology.

His publications include: *Inside Muslim Minds* (Melbourne University Press), *Islam and Society: Sociological Explorations* (Melbourne University Press), *Life as a Weapon: The Global Rise of Suicide Bombings* (Routledge), *Faithlines: Muslim Conceptions of Islam and Society* (Oxford University Press). His new co-authored book *Afghanistan: The Next Phase* will be published in December 2014 by Melbourne University Press. He is a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and a Member of the Order of Australia.