



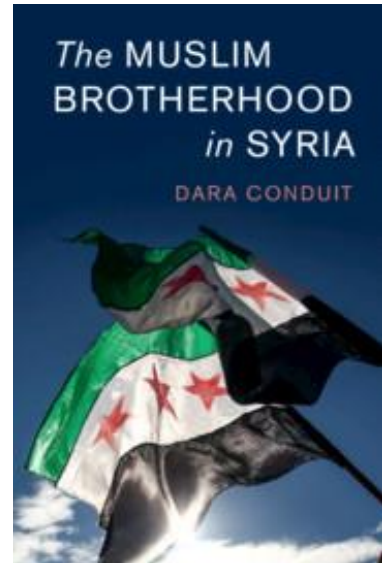
The Muslim Brotherhood in Syria

Dr Dara Conduit, Book Launch

Thursday 31 October 2019: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Having played a role in every iteration of Syrian politics since the country gained independence in 1946, the Muslim Brotherhood were the most prominent opposition group in Syria on the eve of the 2011 uprising. But when unrest broke out in March 2011, few Brotherhood flags and slogans were to be found within the burgeoning protest movement.

Drawing on extensive primary research including interviews with Brotherhood members, Dara Conduit looks to the group's history to understand why it failed to capitalise on this advantage as the conflict unfolded, addressing significant gaps in accounts of the group's past to assess whether its reputation for violence and dogmatism is justified.



In doing so, Dara Conduit reveals a party that was neither as violent nor as undemocratic as expected, but whose potential to stage a long-awaited comeback was hampered by the shadow of its own history.

AIIA Victoria, co-hosting with the [Middle East Studies Forum](#) at Deakin University welcomes Assoc. Prof. Ben MacQueen of Monash University to launch Dr Dara Conduit's book *The Muslim Brotherhood in Syria* (Cambridge University Press, July 2019).



Dr Dara Conduit is an Associate Research Fellow in the Middle East Studies Forum at the Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation, where she works on authoritarianism and opposition. She has also been published in journals including *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, *the Middle East Journal*, *Journal of Contemporary China* and *the British Journal of Middle East Studies*. Dr Conduit holds a PhD from Monash University, a M. Litt from the University of St. Andrews, was a Visiting Scholar at the University of Cambridge in 2015 and has provided advice to the UN OHCHR's Working Group on Mercenaries.

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