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**Guest Lecture**

# *Orientalism and Terrorism*

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In the immediate aftermath of 9/11 attacks, the discourse of Orientalism became synonymous with the discourse of terrorism. Although literary studies, including postcolonial novels and criticism, have staged a strong resistance to the presumed ideological complicity between the two discourses, select strands of news and digital media, "embedded journalism", and state-sponsored "think tanks" continue to reinforce the jaded conception of the Orient as a fertile ground for irrational religious zealots and terrorists. This talk offers a diagnosis as well as a critique of this phenomenon.

Organized by Prof. Ana Sobral as part of the lecture "Introduction to Postcolonial Studies".

***All interested students, members of staff and other guests are cordially invited!***