



Cultural Studies Association of Australasia

Statement Addressing President Trump’s “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States” Executive Order

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We write to publicly express our condemnation of President Donald J. Trump’s Executive Order “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States”, which was issued on 27 January 2017 by the White House.

This Executive Order temporarily ceases admission of refugees to the United States of America, as well as aims to ban entry for all immigrant and non-immigrant visitors, including naturalised American citizens, from any of the seven so-called “countries of concern”.

The Cultural Studies Association of Australasia—as a disciplinary association organised around not simply the scholarly foci, but also the values of diversity, democracy, inclusivity, and advocacy—hereby stands against this Executive Order and strongly urges President Trump and his advisors to rescind the Order as a matter of the utmost urgency.

There is no circumstance in which the abandonment of democratic practice or the marginalisation and policing, let alone the institutionalised exclusion, of diverse peoples can ever be anything other than profoundly damaging and destructive.

If you are (or know of) a member of the Cultural Studies Association of Australasia who is affected by this Executive Order, please get in touch with us. We will do everything we can to support, assist, and advocate on your behalf.

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