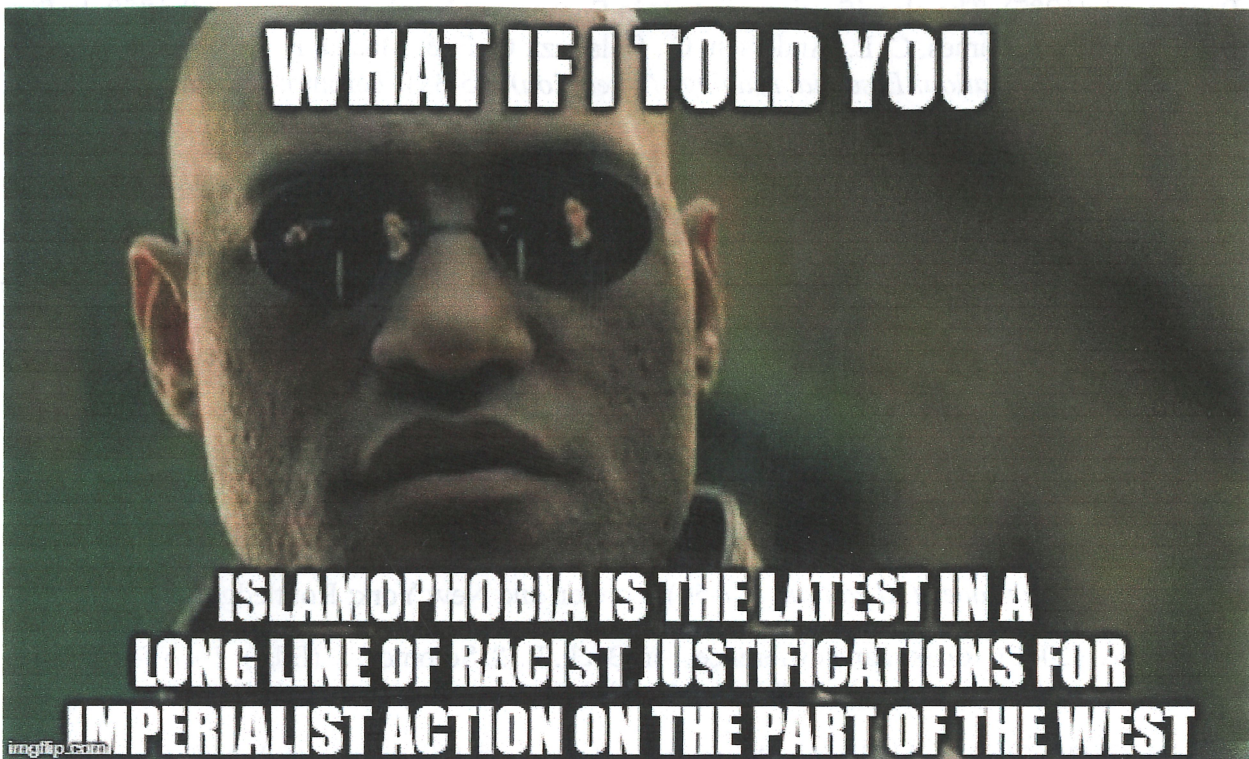


Islamophobia and Anti-South Asian Racisms



In our discussion of Islamophobia (Sitara, 2019) and after viewing the film *Reel Bad Arabs: How Hollywood Vilifies a People* (2006) I drew some parallels between historical imperial and colonial projects (which were justified by the supposed savagery of people of colour, while being driven by economic interests) with modern “wars on terror”. It seemed to me that Islamophobia had taken the place of traditional blatant racism and was now being used as a justification for the invasion of countries in order to assert power and extract resources.