



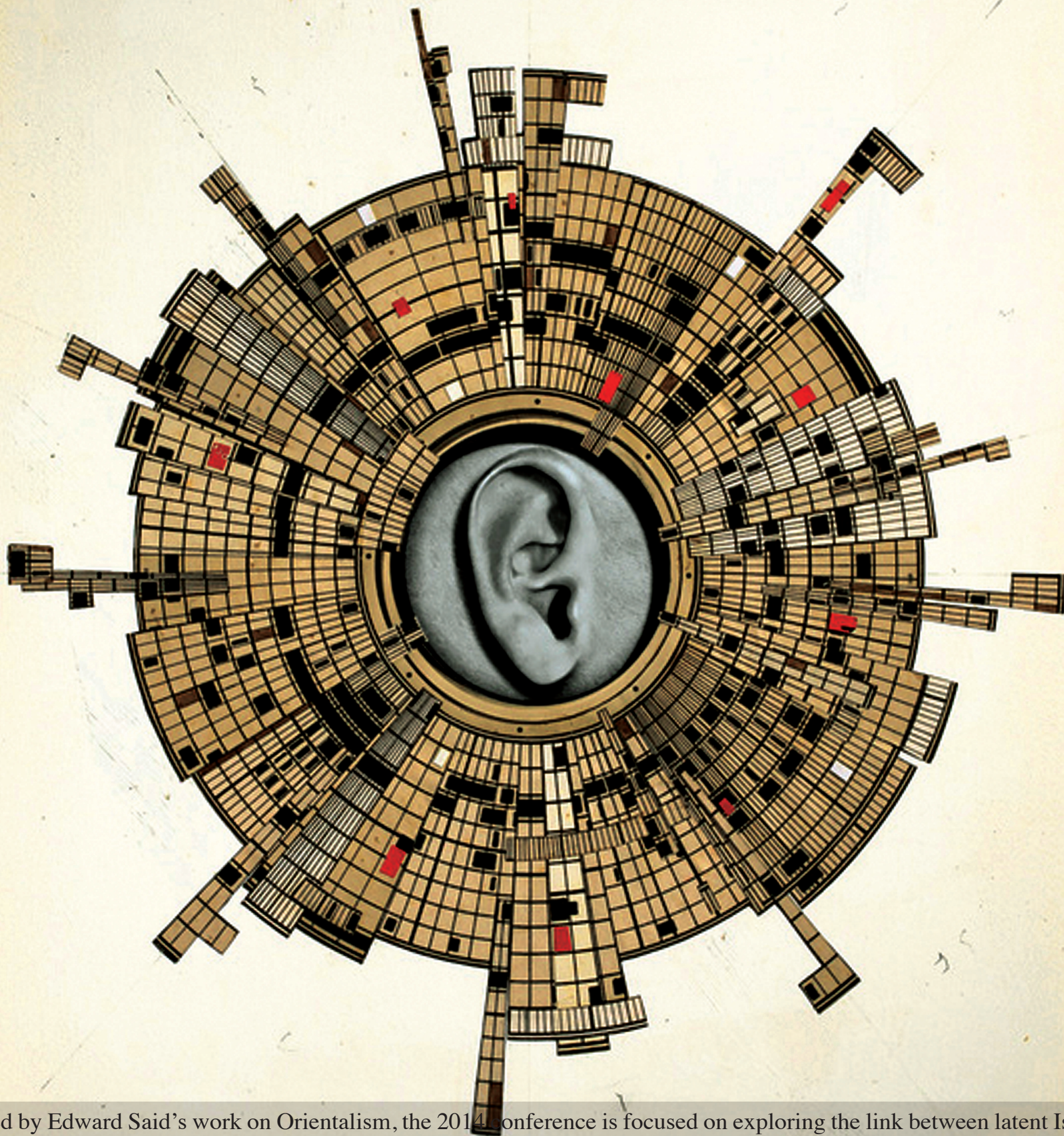
Fifth Annual International Conference on Islamophobia Studies

Conference Dates: April 17, 2014, 12pm
April 18-19, 2014, 9 am - 6pm
Boalt School of Law, UC Berkeley

Benefit Concert: April 18, 2014, 7:30 pm
2401 Le Conte Ave., Berkeley, CA

Latent and Manifest Islamophobia Multimodal Engagements with the Production of Knowledge

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Inspired by Edward Said's work on Orientalism, the 2014 conference is focused on exploring the link between latent Islamophobia and manifest Islamophobia. Latent Islamophobia is founded upon an unquestionable certitude that Muslims trend "towards despotism and away from progress." They are constructed and "judged in terms of, and in comparison to, the West, so it is always the Other, the conquerable, and the inferior." Manifest Islamophobia "is what is spoken and acted upon." For example, the obsessive pre-occupation of everything related to Islam and Muslims, congressional and parliamentary hearings criminalizing Muslims and violations of their civil liberties and rights, domestic and international surveillance programs exclusively on Muslims and Arabs, extra-judicial use of force on Muslims and Arabs, interventions, military campaigns, and policies rationalizing its exercise, are, in essence, what we see and bear witness in the Muslim world.



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