By studying how highly popular critics of Islam position Muslims in relation to the memory of National Socialism in Germany, Esra Özyürek, Associate Professor and Chair for Contemporary Turkish Studies at the European Institute, London School of Economics, asks what kind of transformation (and reproduction) German Holocaust memory and public political culture are undergoing in its perception of its relationship with its Nazi past on the one hand and its multi-ethnic present and future on the other. She also asks what role Muslims and other minorities play in shaping, reacting to, and corresponding with these transformations. By focusing on the unlikely promise of inclusion of the Muslim minority in the German national temporality through path dependent repetition, she argues that national memory cultures are formed in relation to and with the help of minorities who are being simultaneously incorporated and excluded from the present at once.

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