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## **Abstract**

The present dissertation is a critical study of Mohsin Hamid's *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* (2007) from Neo-colonialist perspective. The research work basically focuses on the Islamic fundamentalism as a discourse shaped by the voice of political emancipation and a strong anti-imperial spirit. It also dismantles some of the formative principles of Islamic fundamentalism which is often taken as a discourse of a pointless xenophobic hatred on the basis of irrational and eccentric sentiments. It is one of the tumultuous backdrops of the political unrest that followed the attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The dissertation is an elegant and sharp indictment of the clouds of suspicion, representation and an amalgamation of perspectives, multiple meanings and existence of Muslim.

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