



The tragic terror attacks in France and in Denmark (2015), perpetrated by radicalized Muslims, born and raised in Europe, have triggered a heated debate on a wide range of issues, such as the role of Muslim citizens in Europe, identity, inclusion, religiosity, secularism, extremism, radicalization and islamophobia, among others.

Despite the growing amount of literature, reports and articles published on the matter, the various public policies implemented and different initiatives from concerned stakeholders, at the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed) we believe that there is an urgent need to share and exchange ideas, opinions and practices from an interdisciplinary perspective.

Therefore, with the present seminar, which will gather scholars, experts and practitioners from all over Europe mainly but also from other regions of the world, we intend to analyse from a comparative perspective both transversal issues and case-studies. On the one hand, the panels proposed will explore public policies, regulation and legal frameworks, representation and institutionalization, social and civic engagement of Muslim European citizens as well as the current challenges they face, linked both to their daily lives as well as to global threats. On the other hand, roundtable discussions will allow participants to focus on specific issues and case-related studies that will extend the debate to more specific questions.





15th December, 2015

09.30 **Accreditations**

10.00-10.30 **Opening session**

Welcome address

Senén Florensa, Executive President, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed)

Introductory remarks

Bichara Khader, Founder of the CERMAC (Centre d'Études et de Recherches sur le Monde Arabe Contemporain), Université Catholique de Louvain and IEMed's scientific advisor

Keynote speeches

10.30-12.00 **Living Islam in Europe**

What is the assessment of the different legal frameworks applied in Europe with respect to Islam? How this different legislation affects the availability of mosques, oratories, cemeteries and places of worship for Muslim citizens? In which cases and how Islam has been progressively institutionalized? What is or should be the role of Muslim representatives and imams? How non-European countries and Muslim representatives, as well as transnational networks influence Muslims of Europe? To what extent converts to Islam could or should have role in the debate over religious practices and institutional organization?

Chair

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Speakers

Rachid Benzine, Associate Researcher to the Religion's Observatory and Professor at the Institut d'Études Politiques, Aix-en-Provence, and at the Faculté Théologique Protestante de Paris

Stephane Lathion, Co-Founder and Coordinator of GRIS (Groupe de Recherche sur l'Islam en Suisse); Adjunct Researcher at Religion and Society Research Centre, University Western Sidney



Jordi Moreras, Researcher and Professor of Anthropology, Rovira i Virgili University

Corinne Torrekens, Managing Director of DiverCity and Member of the Groupe d'études sur l'Ethnicité, le Racisme, les Migrations et l'Exclusion (GERME) at the Université Libre de Bruxelles

12.00-12.30

Coffee break

12.30-14.00

Muslim youth in Europe: torn between?

What values, religious principles, identity issues, cultural references and framing characterize Muslim youth in Europe? What is the role of education, labour markets, civic involvement and media practices in the configuration of this European Muslim youth?

Chair

Said El Kadaoui Moussaoui, Writer and Psychologist at Fundació Orienta

Speakers

Stefano Allievi, Professor of Sociology, University of Padova

Moussa Bourekba, Researcher and Project Manager for SAHWA, CIDOB

Sadek Hamid, British Academy Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Liverpool Hope University

Virtudes Telléz, Professor, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED)

14.00-15.30

Lunch

15.30-17.00

Political and social participation of Muslims in Europe

What is the degree of involvement of Muslim citizens in political affairs and their engagement in social dynamics (social movements, civil society organizations) in Europe? How do Muslim elites impact European social and political institutions and what is the interaction with Muslim communities? How is the Muslim women question dealt with in Europe? Are European Muslim women organized or transforming family structures or social values? What are the risks of instrumentalizing the "gender issue"?



Chair

Sònia Parella, Associate Professor of Sociology and Researcher at GEDIME (Group of Studies on Immigration and Ethnic Minorities)/CER-Migrations, Autonomous University of Barcelona

Speakers

Valérie Amiraux, Professor of Sociology, University of Montréal

Hassan Boussetta, Professor at the Université de Liège and Researcher at the Fonds Nationale de Recherche Scientifique

Timothy Peace, Lecturer in Comparative European Politics, University of Stirling

Ángeles Ramírez, Professor, Department of Social Anthropology and Spanish Philosophical Thought, Autonomous University of Madrid

17.00-18.30

Roundtable discussion on the legal and social status of Muslims

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Najat Driouech Ben Moussa, Employability and Training Officer, Masnou City Council

Speakers

Narzanin Massoumi, Teaching Fellow in Sociology, Department of Sociology and Policy Sciences, University of Bath

Laura Mijares, Associate Professor of Arab and Islamic Studies, Universidad Complutense de Madrid

Jorgen Nielsen, Professor of Islamic Studies, University of Copenhagen

Ana Planet, Professor, Arab and Islamic Studies Department, Autonomous University of Madrid



16th December, 2015

9.30-11.00

Managing diverse societies: Integration, assimilation or communitarism

Which models are applied across Europe to manage multicultural societies and state accommodation of 'difference'? What public policies are implemented in order to address religious diversity and to ensure social inclusion, belonging, tolerance, equality, cohesion and full citizenship participation?

Chair

Anna Terrón, Former Secretary of State for Immigration and Emigration of the Government of Spain (2010-2011) and President of InStrategies

Speakers

Christian Joppke, Chair in Sociology at the University of Bern

Varun Uberoi, Senior Lecturer in Political Theory and Public Policy at Brunel University

Catherine Wihtol de Wenden, Senior Research Fellow, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS)

Ricard Zapata, Professor of Political Sciences at Universitat Pompeu Fabra and Director of GRITIM-UPF (Interdisciplinary Research Group on Immigration)

11.00-11.30

Coffee break

11.30-13.00

Roundtable discussion: Islamophobia or the construction of the 'Muslim enemy'

What are the main causes and factors of growing Islamophobia in Europe? How can the construction of the "Muslim enemy" be framed in its historical context? How islamophobia has entered the political debate and is institutionalized in the political and social narratives? What is the relationship between islamophobia and radicalization? What is – or should be – the role of media when dealing with hate speech? How media is consciously or unconsciously promoting islamophobia?

Chair

Najat El Hachmi, writer



Speakers

Fernando Bravo, Researcher, Taller de Estudios Internacionales y Mediterráneos - TEIM, Autonomous University of Madrid

Bernabé López, Emeritus Professor of Contemporary History of Islam, Autonomous University of Madrid

Kai Hafez, Full Professor (Chair) for International and Comparative Communication Studies, Department of Media and Communication, University of Erfurt

Udo Steinbach, Professor, Center for Near and Middle East Studies, Philipps University Marburg

13.00-14.30

Lunch break

14.30-16.00

Misguided paths: Radicalisation and Deradicalisation

How do transnational networks influence Muslim citizens of Europe and what is their implantation in European territories? How can faith-based violence be approached and prevented? Can we already analyze success or failure of deradicalization programs and prevention policies?

Chair

Lurdes Vidal, Editor-in-Chief of afkar/ideas and Head of the Arab and Mediterranean World Department, IEMed

Speakers

Dounia Bouzar, Anthropologist of Religion and expert at the National Observatory of Secularism; Founder of the Center for the Prevention of Islamic Related Sects (CPDSI)

Tufyal Choudhury, Lecturer in Durham Law School, Durham University

Farhad Khosrokhavar, Director, Centre d'Analyse et d'Intervention Sociologiques (CADIS, EHESS-CNRS), Paris

Elyamine Settoul, Researcher at the Centre de Recherches Internationales, Sciences-Po

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Closing session

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