

# Islam in/and/of Europe?

Perspectives from the Middle Ages to the Post-Secular Age

8-10 October 2015, Trento, Italy

**Concept** – The growth of a strong criticism regarding the idea of Europe leads to question the nature, coexistence, and mutual influence of the diverse identities which shape the European space. At the same time, in several European countries religion is assuming an increasing and yet not well-defined role in the public sphere. In this pluralistic and post-secular context, the long-lasting historical interaction between Europe and Islam as well as the substantial presence of Muslims in contemporary Europe, raise questions about the significance of Islam for the so-called common destiny of Europe. How does Islam define itself as a religion “in” Europe? Are Europe “and” Islam referring to two different identities? What does a possible Islam “of” Europe imply in terms of institutional and political challenges and opportunities? The conference aims at discussing these questions and establishing ground for continued debate.

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Dipartimento di Sociologia e Ricerca Sociale, Aula Kessler – Via Verdi 26, Trento

# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER

**3:30pm**      *Arrival and Registration*

**4:00pm**      **Institutional Greetings**

Andrea Carboni (Club Alpbach Trentino)  
Paolo Collini (Rector, University of Trento)  
Lejla Demiri (University of Tübingen)

**Introduction**

Davide Scotto / Ruggero Vimercati Sanseverino  
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**4:30pm**      **Opening Plenary Session**

Franco Cardini (Istituto Italiano di Scienze Umane, Firenze/Pisa)  
*Europe and Islam. The Myth of the 'Clash of Civilizations'*

Stefan Schreiner (University of Tübingen)  
*Islam and Europe – their Second Encounter  
or the East European Chapter of Muslim-European Relations*

Massimo Campanini (University of Trento)  
*Muslim Thinkers Face European Modernity:  
Laroui, Fazlur Rahman and Hanafi from Reform to Revolution*

Chair: Lejla Demiri (University of Tübingen)

**6:30pm**      *End Opening Session*

**7:00pm**      **Side Event**

*Ipocrisia dell'Occidente? Sguardi sul mondo arabo-islamico tra storia e politica*  
Organised by Club Alpbach Trentino (In Italian)

**8:00pm**      *Dinner*

FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER

**9:00am**      **Session One: Islam “and” Europe: Shaping Religious and Cultural Identities  
– Panel One**

Nora Berend (University of Cambridge)  
*Muslims in Hungary: Self-perceptions and Relations with the Christian Majority*

Filomena Barros (University of Évora)  
*Muslim Minority in Medieval Portugal: Identity and Interactions*

Chair: Davide Scotto (University of Tübingen)

**10:30pm**      *Coffee Break*

- 11:00am**      **Session One: Islam “and” Europe: Shaping Religious and Cultural Identities – Panel Two**
- Gerard Wiegers (University of Amsterdam)  
*Islam and Europe: The Expulsion of the Moriscos from Spain and their Exile in North Africa*
- Humayun Ansari (Royal Holloway, University of London)  
*British Muslims, Contested Loyalties and the First World War*
- Chair: Amina Nawaz (University of Tübingen)
- 12:30pm**      *End Session One, Lunch*
- 3:00pm**      **Session Two: Islam “in” Europe: Developing Religious Education in Secular Contexts – Panel One**
- Agata Nalborczyk (University of Warsaw)  
*The Content of Polish Muslim Tatars’ Religious Education Textbooks: Preservation and Dissemination of Knowledge and Identity*
- Galina Miskiniene (University of Vilnius)  
*Lithuanian Tatars: The Oldest Muslim Community in Europe on the Edge of Self-possession and Disappearance in the World of Globalization*
- Chair: Olga Bombardelli (Jean Monnet European Centre, Trento)
- 4:30pm**      *Coffee Break*
- 5:00pm**      **Session Two: Islam “in” Europe: Developing Religious Education in Secular Contexts – Panel Two**
- Ahmet Alibasic (University of Sarajevo)  
*Islamic Literature in Bosnian Language 1990-2012: Production and Dissemination of Islamic Knowledge at the Periphery*
- Mujadad Zaman (University of Cambridge)  
*Twilight or Renaissance?: The Development of Islamic Institutions of Higher Learning in 21st century Europe*
- Chair: Yazid Said (University of Tübingen)
- 6:30pm**      *End Session Two*
- 8:00pm**      *Dinner*

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER

**9:00am**      **Session Three: Islam “of” Europe:  
Negotiating a Common Space – Panel One**

Umar Ryad (University of Utrecht)  
*Muslims in Interwar Europe: A Trans-cultural Historical Perspective*

Enes Karic (University of Sarajevo)  
*The Role of European Muslims in Building a Judeo-Christian-Muslim  
Culture and Civilisation*

Chair: Vincent Della Sala (University of Trento)

**10:30am**      *Coffee break*

**11:00am**      **Session Three: Islam “of” Europe:  
Negotiating a Common Space – Panel Two**

Cédric Bayloq (Centre Jacques Berque, CNRS)  
*A Secularization of Islamic Theology and Practices?  
Contemporary Debates in France*

Dan Madigan (Georgetown University)  
*Re-opening an Interrupted Conversation:  
New Possibilities for Conversational Theology in Contemporary Europe*

Chair: Ruggero Vimercati Sanseverino (University of Tübingen)

**12:30pm**      **Conclusion Session and Discussion**

Chair: Amina Nawaz (University of Tübingen)

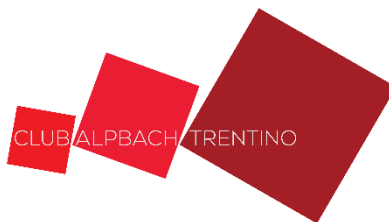
**1:00pm**      *End Session Three, Lunch, and Departure*

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