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Preliminary Programme

Thursday, 07 May 2009 at 19.30

Keynote Lecture

Making Muslim Futures in Europe: Religious Knowledge & Politics

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Venue:

Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin
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Friday, 08 May 2009, 9.00 – 19.00

9.00 – 9.45	Registration
9.45 – 10.00	Welcome and Introduction by <i>Kai Kresse</i> (vice director of the ZMO) and <i>Dietrich Reetz</i> (head of the research group “Muslims in Europe”, ZMO)

Section One

Islamic Actors and Institutions in Europe

Panel 1: Islamic Mission

Abstract:

The new Islamic presence in Europe owes its visibility partly to the Muslim missionary movements, which have proven specific strengths in shaping the Islamic-religious fields in the diaspora communities in European countries. The contributions in this panel will deal with the specific strategies and activities of mobilization unfolded by different agents of Islamic missionary projects as well as with the concepts they developed specifically for the European context.

Convenor:	<i>Thomas K. Gugler</i>
10.00 – 10.05	Chair: <i>Aslam Fataar</i> (University of the Western Cape)
10.05 – 10.20	<i>Dietrich Reetz</i> (ZMO, Berlin): Public Piety Among European Diversity: The Tablighi Jamaat between Traditionalism and Transformation
10.20 – 10.35	<i>Thomas K. Gugler</i> (ZMO, Berlin): Marketing Muhammad and Madinah: Competing Sunnah-Brands on Post-Modern Islamic Identity Markets. The Barelwi Tablighi Jama'at Da'wat-e Islami
10.35 – 10.50	<i>Andrea Lathan</i> (University of Halle): The Ahmadiya in Germany
10.50 – 11.05	<i>Sadek Hamid</i> (University of Chester): 'Taking Islam to the People': Young Muslims UK, British Muslim - Youth and the 'Islamization of Space'
11.05 – 11.20	<i>Nina Wiedl</i> (Ben Gurion University, Beer-Sheva): 'Da'wa (the Call to Islam) in Contemporary European Islamic Thought'
11.20 – 11.35	Discussant: <i>Abdulkader Tayob</i> (University of Cape Town)
11.35 – 12.00	Open Discussion
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch-Reception

Panel 2: Islamic Education

Abstract:

The transmission of Islamic knowledge and the institutionalisation of Islamic education became highly debated issues in Europe in recent years. The contributions in this panel will deal with different forms and institutions of Islamic education. Based on empirical studies and data from countries like Germany, Great Britain, France and the Netherlands they will discuss Islamic religious education for children either at school or in the mosque, the training of religious personnel

like imams or teachers for Islamic instruction, as well as the establishment of faith based Islamic schools or Islamic institutions of higher learning in Europe.

Convenors:	<i>Melanie Kamp, Inga Niehaus</i>
13.30– 13.35	Chair: <i>Wolfram Weiße (University of Hamburg)</i>
13.35 – 13.50	<i>Firdaous Oueslati (ISIM, Leiden): Religious Authority at Islamic Institutions of Higher Education in Western Europe</i>
13.50 – 14.05	<i>Jeannette Spenlen (Frankfurt): Reflections on Muslim Extracurricular Religious Education in Germany</i>
14.05 – 14.20	<i>Inga Niehaus (University of Hamburg): Islamic schools in Europe: Religious Identity Formation and Democratic Citizenship</i>
14.20 – 14.35	<i>Melanie Kamp (ZMO, Berlin): Teaching Islam and Interreligious Pedagogy and Didactics in Germany: A Comparison of Two Different Training Programmes for Adults</i>
14.35 – 14.50	Discussant: <i>Yusef Waghid (Stellenbosch University)</i>
14.50 – 15.30	Open Discussion
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break

Panel 3: Islamic Practice of Organized Muslims

Abstract:

This panel aims to discuss selected manifestations of Islamic practice throughout Europe; by tracing them various aspects become apparent that have been mostly neglected so far by recent discourses: the diversity of authorities European Muslims are following, the scope of practicing *ijtihad* and the consideration of multiple identities. The latter is gaining importance due to increasing tendencies of “Islamization” of identities, disregarding other crucial aspects such as socialization, culture or ethnicity.

Convenor:	<i>Andrea Lathan</i>
16.00 – 16.05	Chair: <i>Melanie Kamp (ZMO, Berlin)</i>
16.05 – 16.20	<i>Mohammad Amer Morgahi (ISIM, Leiden): Pilgrimage to a Shrine: Recreation of a Sufi Lodge in the UK</i>
16.20 – 16.35	<i>Nathal M. Dessing (University of Leiden): Forms and Elements of Islam in Europe: Muslim Women’s Groups and their Views on What an Islamic Marriage Should Be Like</i>
16.35 – 16.50	<i>Susanne Kröhnert-Othman (University of Bielefeld, Germany): The Reification of Ethnic Ties in an “Arab” Mosque and in Civil Society</i>
16.50 – 17.05	<i>Esra Özyürek (UC San Diego): Ethnically German and Muslim: Religious Conversion and the Formation of Indigenous Muslim Communities in Europe</i>
17.05 – 17.20	Discussant: <i>Rahul Peter Das (University of Halle)</i>
17.20 – 18.00	Open Discussion

20.00

Dinner
Venue: To be announced

Saturday, 09 May 2009, 9.00 – 18.00

Section Two

On the European and Translocal Character of Islamic Mobilisation

Convenors for all three Panels: *Frank Peter, Schirin Amir-Moazami*

Panel 1: European Nation-States and Their Modes of Governance of Islam

Abstract:

This panel deals with social, political and legal conditions under which Muslim communities have settled within European public spheres. From a comparative perspective the papers address questions of historically shaped conceptions of state, religion and nationhood as much as policies of immigration within different European contexts and ask how these have shaped contemporary forms of political governance of Muslim minorities.

Convenors:	<i>Frank Peter, Schirin Amir-Moazami</i>
09.00 – 09.05	Chair: <i>Frank Peter (Viadrina University, Frankfurt/Oder)</i>
09.05 – 09.20	<i>Tuomas Martikainen (Åbo Akademi University, Finland):</i> Reframing Islam and Muslim Identities: Neoliberalism, Minority Governance and Welfare State
09.20 – 09.35	<i>Melanie Adrian (Harvard University):</i> France, the Veil and Religious Freedom
09.35 – 09.50	<i>Annalisa Frisina (University of Padova):</i> Italian Secularism Revisited? Muslims Claims in the Public Sphere and the Long Struggle towards Religious Equality
09.50 – 10.05	<i>Loubna el-Morabet (ISIM, Leiden):</i> ‘Muslim Students’ Associations in the United Kingdom and in the Netherlands: Producing Better Muslims, a Comparison Between Two Cases <i>Malcolm Voyce (Macquarie University, Sydney):</i> Muslim Women and Traditional Norms of Married Property: Divorce, Property and the Role of Religious Law in Australia (‘tabled’ Paper)
10.05 – 10.20	Discussant: <i>Christine Jacobson (University of Oslo)</i>
10.20 – 11.00	Open Discussion
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee Break

Panel 2: (Trans)nationality, Immigration and the Securitization of Islam in Europe

Abstract:

This panel looks at recent shifts in political strategies emerging from enhanced security measures and efforts to “integrate” Muslim minorities into European secular orders. It also tackles the impact of transnational dynamics within these processes. The paper focuses on security discourses and measures in specific national European settings and looks at the responses of Muslim communities towards the recently emerging policy shifts.

Convenors:	<i>Frank Peter, Schirin Amir-Moazami</i>
11.15 – 11.20	Chair: <i>Schirin Amir-Moazami (Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder)</i>
11.20 – 11.35	<i>Kerstin Rosenow (Ruhr-University, Bochum): Muslim Migrant Organizations and the Security Discussions in Germany after 9/11 - a Neoinstitutional Perspective</i>
11.35 – 11.50	<i>James Gibbon (Princeton University): Religion, Immigration, and the Turkish Government in Germany</i>
11.50 - 12.05	<i>Ahmet Yükleven / Gökçe Yurdakul (University of Mississippi / Humboldt University, Berlin): Piety, Loyalty and Integration: Turkish Islamic Associations in Germany</i>
12.05 – 12.20	Discussant: <i>Werner Schiffauer (Viadrina University, Frankfurt/Oder)</i>
12.20 – 13.00	Open Discussion
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch

Panel 3: Muslim Subjectivities in European Liberal Public Spheres

Abstract:

The focus of this panel is placed on the interrelationship between historically shaped and newly emerging forms of governance of Islam *and* Muslim subjectivities in European public spheres. The papers deal with both translocal processes of community formation amongst Muslim actors and with ways in which Muslim groups and individuals alike respond to secular forms of governance in various European settings.

Convenors:	<i>Frank Peter, Schirin Amir-Moazami</i>
14.30 – 14.35	Chair: <i>Dietrich Reetz (ZMO)</i>
14.35 – 14.50	<i>Pia Karlsson Minganti (Stockholm University): Secular Feminism and Muslim Women Activists in Sweden</i>
14.50 – 15.05	<i>Riem Spielhaus (Humboldt University, Berlin): The Genesis of a Muslim Consciousness in Germany</i>
15.05 – 15.20	<i>Schirin Amir-Moazami (Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder): Gendered Islam under State Surveillance. The Case of Milli Görüs in Germany</i>
15.20 – 15.35	<i>Frank Peter (Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder): Making Visible the Fruits of Faith: Islamic Activism in the French banlieue.</i>
15.35 – 15.50	Discussant: <i>Willfried Spohn (University of Göttingen)</i>
15.50 – 16.30	Open Discussion

16.30 – 17.00	Tea Break
17.00 – 18.00	Final Discussion

Venue:

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