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LECTURE

Making Muslim Futures in Europe: Religious Knowledge & Politics

Public lecture by Peter P. Mandaville in the occasion of the conference "Living Islam in Europe: Muslim Traditions in European Contexts"

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Venue:

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The research group "Muslims in Europe and Their Societies of Origin in Asia and Africa" pursues seven studies investigating the role of religious Muslim groups, movements, and institutions in European countries. The project is conducted in collaboration between ZMO (Berlin) and the Universities of Frankfurt (a. d. Oder), Hamburg and Halle.

Peter P. Mandaville is a well-known scholar of international relations and conflict studies. He is currently a Visiting Senior Research Fellow at the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life in Washington DC, where he is directing a research program on Islam in Europe. He is the author of *Global Political Islam* (2007) and *Transnational Muslim Politics: Reimagining the Umma* (2001), which have become a source of frequent reference. He also co-edited several volumes of essays in the fields of global social theory and Islamic studies.

While much of the public discussion of Islam in Europe today focuses on challenges of integration and security, it is possible to identify below the surface a significant shift in the ways in which younger European Muslims in particular approach questions of religious knowledge, authority, and politics. Rather than representing the wholesale rejection of existing traditions or the emergence of entirely new currents of Islamic thought, we see simultaneously today efforts to adapt and reform modern Islamic political ideologies--such as the Muslim Brotherhood and Jama'at-i Islami trends--to the circumstances of contemporary Europe, alongside a renewed interest in centuries-old traditions of religious scholarship--all of which find themselves expressed in new forms (popular culture, Internet, media). The social landscapes of Islam in contemporary Europe must hence also be seen as spaces of significant intellectual and political innovation and reform.

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