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# Muslims in Europe and Their Societies of Origin in Asia and Africa: Diversity and Consequences of Religious Faith and Practice in Different Contexts

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## Islamism, the Reform of Islam, and Civil Religion in France

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The research project is concerned with discourses and organisational structures in the predominantly Franco-Maghrebi *federation "Union des organisations islamiques de France"* (UOIF, founded in 1983). Today, groups and institutions federated in the UOIF are important sites for debates and practices through which a variety of actors embedded in transnational networks engage with the laicist context of France. Taking inspiration from Bourdieu's field concept, this project aims to situate and analyse the UOIF in relation to the emerging Muslim field in France. Particular attention will be paid to relating the reform projects circulating within the UOIF to understandings of correct Islamic belief and practice in other Muslim groups. The study will question common assumptions on the impact of the French "secular context" on Islam and seeks to contribute to a better understanding of the spatial configuration of Islam in France.



President Sarkozy during his time as Minister of the interior with the president of the UOIF, Lhaj Thami Brèze

## Pioneers of "Euro-Islam"? Muslim Women in the Milli Görüş

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The project analyses religiously authorised gender discourses in the Islamic milieu in Germany, concentrating on female and male actors in the Turkish-Islamic organisation Milli Görüş. By combining data gathered in Germany with gender discourses and practices in the Islamic context, the project attempts to provide a transnational research perspective. It thus analyses the dynamics of Islam in Europe under the aspect of continuities and discontinuities Islamic traditions might experience as a result of lasting Muslim presence in the European context.



Islamic Community Milli Görüş (IGMG), Meeting of Women

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## The Ahmadiya in Germany - Areas of Conflict between Islamic Identity and Secular Embed

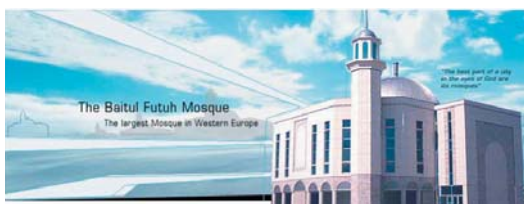
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The core of this project is the Islamic reformist movement of the Ahmadiya in Germany. It originated in South Asia, where it was founded by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad at the end of the 19th century. Based on the analysis of material published by and about the Ahmadiya, the first research phase deals with its image in German society in general and the German media in particular. Its perception of Germany's attitude to the movement will be discussed in retrospect, as will its relationship to pluralism and the secular environment. Finally, a comparison with the movement in Great Britain, India and Pakistan will be undertaken in the context of the above-mentioned issues, which will include legal and interreligious aspects, as well as the approach of the countries concerned to Islamic minorities.



Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, founder of the Ahmadiya



Baitul Futuh Mosque of the Ahmadiya in London, the biggest mosque in western Europe



Ahmadis performing their purification act at a meeting in Germany

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