

GS 197 – Kebab, Charlie, Burkini, and Hijab: Islam in Contemporary Europe

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Sessions: Worlding of Islam, Europe, & Conceptualizing a ‘European Islam’

The world as subject matter of the ‘international’ is so complex to understand, and yet only handful paradigms dominated how it should be understood through various traditions of social sciences. With colonial legacies, political might, expansive English language, and material resources of increased institutional support (coming from Western states, universities, academic organizations, etc.), Euro-American narratives commanded an enterprise of theories, praxes, empiricism, and methods for the study of the ‘international’ or for a surgical analysis of ‘worlding’ that constituted multidisciplinary approaches.

The sessions constitute three overarching topics as highlighted below with related sub-topical articles. Close reading of each article is imperative to develop deeper and critical understanding of localities, situations, roles and exchanges of Islam and of Muslims in Europe, and vice-versa.

Worlding from Islam to Europe

Lectures and discussions on Islamic contributions to the intellectual, scientific, socio-political, and technological progress of Europe that became a world civilization.

1. Robert D. Kaplan’s *How Islam Created Europe* (2016)
 - A short essay on Islam’s defining Europe from historical past to contemporary ages.
2. Nicolas Pelhamis’ *The People who shaped Islamic Civilization* (2016)
 - A short essay on Muslim scholars and figures that shaped Europe.
3. George Saliba’s *Islamic Science and Renaissance Europe: The Copernican Connection* (2007)
 - Empirical evidences of Islamic Science’s contributions to the emergence of renaissance in Europe.
4. Nassef M. Adiong’s *Muslim Agents of Statecrafting a Civilization* (2016)
 - Muslim scholars’ ideals on authority which emulated by European medieval scholars.
5. Nassef M. Adiong’s *Contemporary Muslim Insights on Muslim Governance and International Relations* (2016)
 - Overview of Muslim governance, its international exchanges with Europe, and transition of Muslim polities as a result of European colonization.

Worlding from Europe to Islam

Lectures and discussions on European responses to Islam and European colonizers’ influence to Muslim societies.

6. Marshall G. S. Hodgson’s *Modernity and the Islamic Heritage* (1993)
 - Transformation of Muslim communities because of European hegemon on historical and social materialism.
7. Nassef M. Adiong’s *Nation-State in IR and Islam* (2013)
 - Comparative study of nation-state between European and Islamic polities.

8. Robert J. Pauly, Jr.'s *Islam in Europe: Past, Present and Future* (2004)
 - An evaluation of the present realities of, and related future prospects for, the relationship between Christianity and Islam in Western Europe.
9. Ari Varon's *Islamic Identity Politics and European Polity* (2013)
 - Presenting a framework composed of four interrelated levels of analysis comparing and contrasting the various interpretations of Islamic identity in Europe.
10. Neslihan Cevik's *Conclusion: Muslimism in Turkey and Beyond* (2016)
 - Empirically identified the rise of a new religious orthodoxy called *Muslimism*, which embraces aspects of modern life while submitting to a religiously pious life.

Conceptualizing a 'European Islam'

Context of Europeanizing Islam by means of integrating Muslims to European's secularizing norms and progressive values.

11. Jorgen S. Nielsen's *Introduction* in *Towards a European Islam* (1999)
 - Jorgen opined that Europeanizing Islam requires changes in inter/intra-Muslim relations between sexes, individuals, families, and to non-Muslims and to secular state system.
12. Jorgen S. Nielsen's *The Question of Euro-Islam: Restriction or Opportunity?* (2007)
 - Various forms of restriction and putative opportunity of integrating Islam to modern values of Europe.
13. Marian Burchardt and Ines Michalowski's *After Integration: Islam, Conviviality and Contentious Politics in Europe* (2015)
 - Political discourses of Muslim immigrants' integration to European socio-political system and lifestyle.
14. Xavier Bougarel's *Bosnian Islam as 'European Islam': Limits and Shifts of a Concept* (2007)
 - Balancing pre-modern and modern Islam in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
15. Spyros A. Sofos and Roza Tsagarousianou's *Is There a Space for European Muslims?* (2013)
 - To end the sessions, a fitting question will be discussed, the possibility of Muslims' genuine inclusion in the present politico-spatiality of Europe despite the dominance of radicalism/extremism and terrorism in public domain.

Key scholars of 'European Islam': Tariq Ramadan, Bassam Tibi, Jørgen S. Nielsen, Jocelyne Cesari, Maria Luisa Maniscalco, Xavier Bougarel, etc.

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