

12:15 pm

Session 6: Training Imams in Europe (continued)

Juan Ferreiro Galguera, "Imam's Training in Spain"
Cédric Bayloqç, "A Critical Imâm inside the Brotherhood Network"

Mansur Ali, "British Imams in Chaplaincy: Working at the Interface of 'Public' and 'Private'"

Chair: **Jan Jaap de Ruiter**, University of Tilburg

1:30 pm

Lunch (speakers only)

End of the conference

Grants:

A small amount of grants are available for doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers. To apply for a grant, contact Mohammed Hashas, hashasmohammed@gmail.com, and Niels Valdemar Vinding, lbm993@hum.ku.dk, by 30 September 2014.

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Registration:

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Imams in Western Europe
Authority, Training, and Institutional Challenges
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the Department of Cross Cultural Studies at the University of Copenhagen, and the Department of Political Science and International Affairs, at John Cabot University

Conveners:

Mohammed Hashas, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Political Science, LUISS Guido Carli University of Rome.
Niels Valdemar Vinding, Assistant Professor, Department of Cross Cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen.

Co-conveners:

Khalid Hajji, Secretary General of the European Council of Moroccan Oulema and Associate Professor at Mohamed I University in Oujda
Jan Jaap de Ruiter, Assistant professor, Department of Cultural Studies, Tilburg University.
Tom Bailey, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Philosophy, John Cabot University
Michael Driessen, Assistant Professor of Political Science & International Affairs, John Cabot university

Keynote speakers:

Hilary Kalmbach (Sussex University, UK)
Jasser Auda (European Council for Fatwa and Research, Ireland)
Jonathan Laurence (Boston College, USA)
Jorgen Nielsen (University of Copenhagen)
Marco Ventura (Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium)
Stefano Allievi (University of Padua, Italy)

Conceptual Framework

The social facts of globalization, transnational migration and the various interpretations of secularism have challenged the visibility of religion in the public sphere in "Western" societies. This has most importantly and urgently required religious authorities to revisit their organization, governance and internal hierarchy, which link believers and their community to God. Islamic religious authority is no exception. All over the Islamic world and Europe, Islamic religious authority is still struggling to negotiate its place among the institutions of the modern state. The imamate is one of the institutions that is experiencing a shift in roles and functions in society amidst these institutions.

This conference will examine the following major themes:

- Imams in Islamic scholarship: intellectual requirements and the scope of action within religious scholarly authority
- Muslim religious authority and their representative bodies in Western Europe
- The Muslim community's authority over the Imam: the social stratum
- The importation of Imams and their geographical distribution in Western Europe
- The prospects of developing "home-grown" Imams: mosques, Islamic schools, university departments of theology, and possible partnerships
- Imams' training and the job market
- Imams, politics, and the media
- Imams and civic engagement: ethics, spirituality, environment, social justice, multiculturalism, etc.
- Comparative perspectives: best practices of religious national institutions and Imam training in Western Europe

Conference Programme

Wednesday, November 5

LUISS Guido Carli University (Viale Pola 12, Aula Magna)

1:15 pm Registration

Welcome session

2pm Welcome by LUISS School of Government:
Giovanni Orsina
Francesca Corrao, director of MISLAM Master

	Welcome by the conveners: Mohammed Hashas , LUISS Guido Carli Niels Valdemar Vinding , University of Copenhagen Khalid Hajji , CEOM Jan Jaap de Ruiter , NISIS		Francesco Alicino , “Imams and other Religious Authorities in Italy: A Comparative Perspective” Yahya Pallavicini , “The Training of a New Generation of European Imams in Italy” Chair: Antonio La Spina , LUISS Guido Carli	4:30 pm	Session 4: Making Islam Work in Europe: Aesthetics and Authority
		10:00 am	Coffee break		Thijl Sunier , “Aesthetics of Islamic Authority: Making Islam Work in Europe” Farid El Asri , “Modèle(s) de formations des imams en Europe” Tuomas Martikainen , “Efforts to Establish Imam Training in Finland” Chair: Oliver Scharbrodt, University of Chester
	Public Opening Session: Religious Authority in Secular Societies	10:30 am	Keynote 4: Hilary Kalmbach , Sussex University, UK “Authority in Islam: Men, Women, and Religious Leadership in Europe” Discussant: Riem Spielhaus , University of Erlangen-Nurnberg Questions and comments Chair: Ersilia Francesca , L'Orientale University of Naples	5:45 pm	Roundtable 2: Jonathan Laurence, Hilary Kalmbach, Riita Latvio (Forum for Culture and Religion FOKUS,Finland), Shaukat Warraich (Faith Associates and Imams on Line Programme CEO, UK), Solenne Jouanneau (University of Strasbourg) Chair: Federico Cresti , University of Catania
2:30 pm	Keynote 1: Jasser Auda , European Council for Fatwa and Research, Ireland "Imams in the West: Challenges of New Fatwa and Community Leadership" Discussant: Mohammed Hashas , LUISS Guido Carli Questions and comments Chair: Giovanni Orsina , LUISS Guido Carli				
		11:30 am	Session 2: Giving voice to religious authority	6:45 pm	End of the day’s programme
3:30 pm	Keynote 2: Jorgen Nielsen , University of Copenhagen "Imams in Europe: the Confusions of a Title" Discussant: Oliver Scharbrodt , University of Chester Questions and comments Chair: Carmela Decaro , LUISS Guido Carli		Melanie Kamp , “Religious Authority and Media Practices of Imams and Du'at - A Case Study from Germany” Sara Silvestri , “ISIS’ Caliphate: What Authority for Muslims in the West?” Sara Borrillo , “Murshidat in Moroccan Mosques: A New Female Religious Authority?” Chair: Zaid Eyadat , University of Jordan	7 pm	Dinner (speakers only)
4:30 pm	Coffee break				Friday, November 7 John Cabot University (Lungotevere Raffaello Sanzio, 12, Room TG4)
5:00 pm	Keynote 3: Stefano Allievi , University of Padova “Precarious Reality, Distorted Visibility: Mosques, Imams and Preachers in Italy” Discussant: Thijl Sunier , University of Amsterdam Questions and comments Chair: Raffaele Marchetti , LUISS Guido Carli	12:45 pm	Lunch (speakers only)	9:30 am	Keynote 6: Marco Ventura , University of Louvain, “Training Religious Personnel in Europe: The Islamic Challenge” Discussant: Domenico Melidoro , LUISS Guido Carli Chair: Tom Bailey , John Cabot University
			The State and the Imamate: Negotiating Authority, Recognizing Institutionalizations	10:30 am	Coffee break
6:00 pm	Roundtable 1: Jasser Auda, Jorgen Nielsen, Stefano Allievi, Khalid Hajji, Abdellah Redouane (Secretary General of the Islamic Cultural Center of Rome), Francesco Zannini (PISAI, Rome) Chair: Francesca Corrao , LUISS Guido Carli	2 pm	Keynote 5: Jonathan Laurence , Boston College, “The Imam and the State” Discussant: Niels Valdemar Vinding , University of Copenhagen Chair: Michael Driessen , John Cabot University	10:45 am	Session 5: Training Imams in Europe
		3 pm	Session 3: Imams and the Struggle for Recognition in Europe		Atif Imtiaz , “Contextualising Islam in the United Kingdom: A Matter of Confidence?” Riem Spielhaus , “The Longing for Homegrown Imams and the Establishment of Islamic Theology in Germany” Kirstine Sinclair , “Islamic Universities in the West and Questions of Authenticity: Educating Tomorrow’s Muslim Community Leadership” Chair: Khalid Hajji , CEOM
6:45 pm	End of the day’s programme				
7 pm	Dinner (speakers only)		Jan Jaap de Ruiter , “The ideological struggle of Imams in the Netherlands” Evrım Ersan Akkilic , “Imams in Austria: The crucial role of Imams in the integration process” Romain Sèze , “For a visible Islam: The emergence of a protest speech in French mosques?”	12:00 pm	Coffee Break
Thursday, November 6 LUISS Guido Carli University (Viale Pola 12, Aula Magna)					
8:30 AM	Session 1: The Imamate in Italy: The Status Quo and the Way Ahead		Chair: Samim Akgönül ,Marc Bloch University in Strasbourg		
	Paolo Branca , “Imams in Italy: Children of a Lesser God?” Valentina Gentile , “Religious Institutions and Multiple Establishment: The Future of Religious Freedom in Italy”	4:15 pm	Coffee break		