

Call for papers: “Muslims and political participation in Europe” Copenhagen, 21-22 April 2010

Papers are invited for an international conference to be jointly organized by:

- the Eurislam network, based at the University of Strasbourg (http://www.eurislam.info/index_EN.html)
- the Centre for European Islamic Thought (CEIT), at the University of Copenhagen (http://www.teol.ku.dk/english/dept/ceit_eng/)

The conference will take place through Wednesday 21 April and Thursday 22 April 2010 in Copenhagen.

The theme is understood to focus on these overlapping and interlocking dimensions:

- The processes and realities of Muslim participation in local and national politics: Voting patterns and representation in local and national assemblies; the place of Islam as an identifying factor – do candidates highlight or marginalize their ‘Muslimness’ (and what is ‘Muslim’ in this context?); the relationship between Muslim and ethnic identities in the political processes.
- Internal Muslim debates about political participation in Europe: attitudes of Muslims to the democratic processes; views for and against political participation in non-Muslim society; who can/should represent Muslims, or are there other priorities?
- Public discourses about Muslim participation: political participation as a method or consequence of integration; relationship between participation and citizenship; is Muslim participation welcomed or contingent on privatizing the faith?

Scholars wishing to present a paper should send an abstract and a brief CV to the address below as soon as possible and not later than 1 February 2010 to the address below. The abstract will be reviewed by colleagues at Copenhagen and Strasbourg and a response will be sent as soon as possible. Authors of accepted papers will have the costs of their accommodation in Copenhagen covered but will need to cover their own travel costs.

A conference website will be established by the end of October 2009.

Paper abstracts and CVs should be sent to:

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