

Sociology of Islam – Reflection, Revision & Reorientation

Conference of the Section Sociology of Religion
in the German Sociological Association

in Cooperation with the

Centre for Religious Studies (CERES)

Ruhr-University Bochum

25 - 27 June 2015

Conference Venue: Ruhr-University Bochum

Thursday 25 June

1.00 pm **Arrival/Registration**

2.00 pm **Volkhard Krech** Address of Welcome
Christel Gärtner Introduction

2.30 – 4.00 pm **Keynote**
Moderation: Heidmarie Winkel

Bryan Turner (CUNY/ACU, Melbourne)
*Does the Sociology of Islam have a Future? Post-Orientalism,
Methodological Nationalism and Globalization*

4.00 – 4.30 pm **Coffee Break**

4.30 – 6.00 pm **Panel *Active Role of Muslims in the Media and the Public***
Moderation: Heidmarie Winkel

Anne-Sophie Lamine (Université de Strasbourg)
*Cultivating a Common World Although from a Specific Place. The Case of
Muslim Internet Media in France*

Mario Peucker (University of Melbourne)
Islamic Faith as Motive and Resource for Active Citizenship

Aletta Diefenbach (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main)
*Unchallenged Boundaries: “Progressive Muslims” and Public Reasoning in
New York City*

Reception

Friday 26 June

9.00 – 11.00 am

Panel *Islamic Knowledge Production in Germany between Mosque and Academization*
Moderation: Levent Tezcan

Fatih Abay (Europa-University Viadrina Frankfurt/Oder & EHESS Paris)
The ‘Secular-Liberal’ Muslim within the German Public Sphere – Contesting a Category from a Socio-Anthropological Perspective

Ayse Almila Akca (FU Berlin)

„Gottes Religion“ vs. „Religion der Vorfahren“: ein ethnographischer Blick auf die Konstruktionen von wahrem Islam in einer deutschen Moscheegemeinde

Anne Schönfeld (FU Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures & Societies)
Regulierung durch Anerkennung: Die ‚Akademisierung‘ islamischer Wissensproduktion in Deutschland

Miriam Schader (Westfälische Wilhelms-University Münster)

„Islam ist Barmherzigkeit“: Der inner-islamische Streit um das Zentrum für Islamische Theologie in Münster

11.00 am

Coffee Break

11.30 – 1.00 pm

Panel *Islamic Reformers*
Moderation: Christel Gärtner

Johannes Twardella (Goethe-University Frankfurt)

Bildung als Heilsweg. Soziologische Analyse der Religiosität Fethullah M. Gülens

Aziz Chahir (IRFC & UIR, Rabat)

Reformist Islamists in Morocco (PJD) to the Test of Modernization: Political Rationalization and Religious Ethics

1:00 – 2.30 pm

Lunch Break

2.30 – 4.45 pm

Panel *Theoretical Approaches*
Moderation: Kornelia Sammet

Youssef Dennaoui (Käte Hamburger Kolleg „Recht als Kultur“, Bonn)
Islam and Modern Society: On the Sociological Reconstruction of an Old Misunderstanding

Piro Rexhepi (New York University)

Unmapping Islam in Eastern Europe: Periodization and Muslim Subjectivities in the Balkans

Reik Kirchhof (Berlin/University of Erfurt)

Reconstructing Sharia: A Sociological Analysis of Sharia and Islamic Jurisprudence Based on New Social Science Theories about Transnational Normative Orders

4.45 pm

Coffee Break

5 – 6.30 pm **Lecture**
Moderation: Levent Tezcan

Mustafa Sen (METU Ankara)

Turkish Paradox: State Control of Religion or State's Religion. Reflections on the Relationship between State and Religion

6:30 pm **General Assembly**

8:00 pm **Dinner**

Saturday 27 June

9.00 – 10.30 am **Panel Gender**
Moderation: Christel Gärtner

Emanuela Buscemi (American University of Kuwait/University of Aberdeen)
Silent Resistance and Creative Delegitimation. Kuwaiti Women's Cultural Articulation of Dissent

Faiza Hussain (University of Erfurt)
The Spin-Off Effects of Proselytizing: Studying the Female Madrasa Movement as a Feminist Wave

Ulrike Qubaja (WWU Münster/Hebron University)
Clan-Based Reconciliation (Şulh) in Cases of Domestic Violence

10.30 am **Coffee break**

11.00 – 12.30 pm **Panel Islamic Intellectuals**
Moderation: Uta Karstein

Abbas Mehregan (University of Cologne)
Islamic Religious Intellectualism and its Political and Cultural Challenges

Isabella Schwaderer (University of Erfurt)
Kamel Daoud, the Colonizer and the „Fatwa“. Negotiating Islam Today in Algeria

Sana Chavoshian (Joh. Gutenberg University Mainz)
Modernity and Martyrdom: al-Hallaj and Iran at the Core of Islamic Rebellion

12.30 **Concluding Reflections on the Sociology of Islam**

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