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Islam & Belonging



The notion of belonging offers the double advantage of being less unyielding than the concept of identity and closer to the phenomena of "recompositions". The notion may lead our reflection to sociological, political and theological fields, which is specific to modernity. Indeed, contemporary transformations need to be dealt with through the modes of transition, rupture and antagonisms that interact with tradition and modernity. From this perspective of unity/diversity,

uniqueness/multiplicity, how are the notions of singular and plural linked to the theme of belonging? How can we grasp the multiple characteristics of modern pluralism, and the plurality of belongings and opinions within Islam? Contrary to totalizing discourses that consider Islam as a global referent, the modes of belonging to Islam are, on the contrary, as rich as they are diversified. In other words, plurality is not the privilege of modernity, insofar as it can obey other logics.

From this synthetic introduction, three main themes emerge: citizenship, territory(ies), community(ies).

I – Membership(s) and Citizenship

Comparative Study Among European States
Comparative Study Among Southern Mediterranean Countries
Comparative Study Among Muslim authors and/or actors

II – Belonging(s) and Territory(ies)

Concepts and Categories
Interreligious Dialogue and Territory
Geopolitics and Territory

III – Belonging(s) and Community(ies)

Community(ies), plurality, alterity
Community(ies) and fraternity
Community(ies) under reconstruction

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TUESDAY, JUNE 26TH

6:00 pm | Words of Welcome
Rector of the Gregorian University / **P. Nuno da Silva Gonçalves**
President of the PISAI / **Valentino Cottini**
Président of the FUCE / **Thierry Magnin**

Opening Speech
John L. Esposito : « The Challenge of Global Religious Pluralism in the 21st Century: Redefining Religious Identities »

Chairman: **Tobias Specker**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27TH

9:00-9:30 | General introduction
Leïla Babès

9:30-10:30 | Plenary conference
Ghaleb Bencheikh : « The question of Community Belonging and its Current Ambiguities »

Chairman: **Michel Younès**

11:00-1:00 pm | Panel discussion – **Belongings and Communities**

- **Emmanuel Pisani**: « Al-Wala wa-el-bara: an Issue of Controversy in Contemporary Islam About the Perception and the Status of the Other »
- **Dirk Ansoorge**: « Religious Affiliation, Belonging and Apostasy: a Case study of Christian and Moslem conceptions »
- **Jaume Flaquer**: « Islamic Religious Education in Public schools. A study on its Implementation, Curriculum and Social impact on the Spanish case »
- **Marco Demichelis**: « When religion Divides the «Community». Dynamics of violence and Pacification within Arab Levant »

Moderator: **Roula Talhouk**

3:00-5:00 pm | Panel discussion – **Belongings and Territories**

- **Ali Mostfa**: « Islam and Belonging: Between Continuity and Rupture »
- **Gonzalo Villagran**: « A Comparative Approach to the Concepts of the Common Good and Maslaha »
- **Wael Saleh**: « Belonging(s) and Territory(ies) Through the Prism of Religion »
- **Alessandro Ferrari**: « Religious Freedom: an Instrument for Managing (Citizen) Pluralism on Both Sides of the Mediterranean »

Moderator: **Michel Younès**

5:30-7:00 pm | Workshops (PLURIEL Network Researchers)
1st Group : Sociological Approach - Thom Sicking
2nd Group : Geopolitical Approach - Gonzalo Villagran
3rd Group : Theological Approach - Tobias Specker

THURSDAY, JUNE 28TH

9:00-10:30 | Plenary Conference
Gianluca Parolin: « The Jinsiyya Obsession and the Muwatana Veil: The Constitutional Politics of Citizenship in the 21st Century »

Chairman: **Diego Sarrio**

11:00-1:00 pm | Panel discussion – **Belongings and Citizenships**

- **Michaela Neulinger**: « No belonging for believers? A comparative study of Talal Asad's and Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na'im's discussions of Muslims and their (non-)Belonging in the Secular-liberal state »
- **José Luis Llaquet**: « Contextualising Islam in Contemporary Spain by Focusing on the Existing Network of Associations and Muslim Foundations »
- **Anja Zalta**: « House of Agreement - the Islamic Tradition of Bosniaks and its Europeaness »
- **Anna Hager**: « The foundations of Citizenship of non-Muslims - Contemporary Readings of Egypt and Lebanon »

Moderator: **Thom Sicking**

3:00-3:30 pm | Closing Remarks and End of Congress
Laurent Basanèse

3:30-4:00 pm | Final Lecture
Cardinal Tauran

