



ISNO Lecture Series HS23: Teaching Islam: Negotiating Muslim Identities in Europe and the Middle East

In the last decades, Islamic religious education has been the focus of growing attention by part of academic research and state policies in Europe and in Muslim majority countries. In a world characterized by the increasing interaction between the local and the global, this lecture series aims at exploring how knowledge about Islam is negotiated in different educational settings and by different actors, crossing the borders of Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East. For example, we will look at how the image of Muslims and Islam is constructed, de-constructed and transmitted through educational media in European public schools, at how such image is differently shaped by institutions for the study of Islamic theology in Europe (as in the case of Switzerland) and how representations of Islam and Muslim identity are negotiated in educational settings in the Arab world, against the background of political changes in the region.

The lecture series is open to the public and will be streamed entirely via Zoom or take place on-site at the University of Bern with the option of joining it online.

Tuesday, 16:15 – 18h, Room: F013, Unitobler, Lerchenweg 36, 3012 Bern

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19.09.2023 16h15 - 18h00

Political challenges and educational reforms for Muslim youth: an introduction to the field

Prof. Dr. Nijmi Edres (University of Bern)

10.10.2023 16h15 - 18h00

Representations of «Islam» and «Muslim» pupils among primary school teachers in Switzerland

Prof. Dr. Petra Bleisch (University of teacher education Fribourg)

24.10.2023 16h15 - 18h00

Education for (whose?) liberation: the Islamic training program of the Muslim Youth Movement of South Africa (MYMSA) and the rise of the gender jihad

Dr. Margherita Picchi (University of Cape Town)

07.11.2023 18h15 - 20h00

Negotiating Islamicity in a new context: Approaches of Muslim Theology in Switzerland

Prof. Dr. Amir Dziri (University of Fribourg)

21.11.2023 16h15 - 18h00

Beyond al-Azhar: Tracing religion in Egypt's changing educational landscape

Dr. Noha Roushdy (University of Bern)

28.11.2023 16h15 - 18h00

Teaching Islam in Germany/Lower Saxony: insights from the IRU-AVA project

Prof. Dr. Riem Spielhaus (University of Goettingen, Leibniz Institute for Educational Media- Georg Eckert Institute)

12.12.2023 16h15 - 18h00

Perplexing Fellows: Gnosis ('Irfan) and Sufism in the Early Modern and Modern Twelver Shi'i Discourse on Religious Education.

Dr. Alessandro Cancian (The Institute of Ismaili Studies, London)

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