

# International Conference

## To be or to belong? Identity and the Process of Belonging of Muslim Communities in Pluralistic Societies

**Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

Location Room KH 1.011, Senatssaal/Kollegienhaus,  
Universitätsstraße 15, 91054 Erlangen

- 6:15 pm Welcoming and Introduction**  
**Prof. Dr. Rainer Trinczek**  
(Dean of the Faculty of Humanities at FAU)  
**Prof. Dr. Sobhi Rayan**  
(Al-Qasemi College)  
**Prof. Dr. Mohammed Nekroumi**  
(FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg)  
**6:45 pm Keynote Lecture**  
**Prof. Dr. Asma Barlas**  
(Ithaca College, New York): Out of Place:  
Reflections on Identity, Belonging and Difference  
**7.30 pm Dinner and Get together with Speakers of the Conference**

**Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

- Location Room 3.101, Nägelsbachstraße 25, 91052 Erlangen
- 09:00 am Panel 1 – Dispersed in socio-political interactions**  
Short Introduction and Moderation:  
**Mohammed Nekroumi** (FAU-Erlangen-Nürnberg)  
**Hisham Abu Rayya** (University of Haifa):  
A social psychological perspective on Muslim youths' Integration in  
Western contexts  
**Muhammad Amara** (Beit Berl College; Al-Qasemi):  
Examining collective identity through the labels to the Palestinians  
in Israel: Language, Identity and Conflict  
**Abderrahmane Ammar** (Journalist & Sociologist-Berlin):  
The construction of national and religious identities of German-Morocans.  
A sociological analysis  
**10:30 am Coffee break**  
**10:45 am Panel 2 – After Virtue: Identity and moral values**  
Moderation:  
**Imane El Guennouni** (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg)  
**Azzelarabe Lahkim Bennani** (USMBA Fes):  
Moral theory, Identity and otherness  
**Mohammed Nekroumi** (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg): Qur'anic concept  
of the selfhood and narrated Identity  
**Amir Dziri** (Université de Fribourg): One God, one Truth, one Islam:  
Perceptions of truth and perceptions of the self as a precondition  
for orientation in society  
**12:30 pm Lunch**

**2:00 pm Panel 3 – Oneself as another?**

Moderation:  
**Melisa Muminovic** (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg)

- Karim Ifrak** (CNRS Paris): The fragmented identity or the inconsolable quest for identity of Muslims in France  
**Ednan Aslan** (University of Vienna): The position of religion and religious rituals in the everyday life of Muslims in Europe using the example of Muslims in Austria  
**Sobhi Rayan** (Al-Qasemi College): Islamic Identity in Israel: Challenges and Prospects

**3:30 pm Coffee break**

**3:45 pm Panel 4 – Collective Identity and Citizenship**

Moderation:  
**Abderrahmane Ammar** (Journalist & Sociologist-Berlin)

- Mansour Abbas** (Knesset): The Islamic Movement and Political Participation in Israel  
**Derya Buğur** (Philipps-Universität Marburg): Identity between state and religion in modern Turkey  
**Rassem Khamaisi** (University of Haifa): Shifting paradigm; from discourse of identities to values and morality cross borders of identities and its spatial consequences

**7.00 pm guided walk in the City of Erlangen (optional)**

**Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- Location Room 3.101, Nägelsbachstraße 25, 91052 Erlangen
- 11:30 am Panel Discussion: The role of religion in defining Identity**  
Moderation:  
**Mohammed Nekroumi** (FAU-Erlangen-Nürnberg)  
with:  
**Lamyia Kaddor** (The German Bundestag) (via Zoom)  
**Mansour Abbas** (Knesset)  
**Derya Buğur** (University of Marburg)  
**Mathias Rohe** (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg)  
**Asma Barlas** (Ithaca College, New York)

**1:00 pm End of the Conference**

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