

Muslim groups and organisations respond to the needs of their members by offering consultation services, childcare, educational programmes, spiritual care and material assistance and thus contribute to welfare production in Western societies. Although in many cases these activities can be characterised as a community-oriented help, more often than not, they go beyond the boundaries of Muslim communities to benefit society as a whole. Muslim actors are also starting to professionalise their services and to negotiate the ways in which they can become fully recognised service-providers within the welfare state. In contrast to the widespread processes of secularisation of social work and its separation from religious communities, new types of activities are now emerging, which bring back to the public arena both an increased sensitivity to the religious identities of the beneficiaries and the religious motivations of the benefactors. This development raises a myriad of theoretical and empirical questions like: What is the relationship between social commitment and religious motivations from Muslim actors' perspectives? How is Islamic social work linked to the mainstream social work provided by the State or other non-profit organisations and how can it go beyond the conventional models to develop a different social work? How can Islamic social work promote self-esteem of its clients while avoiding the emergence or reinforcement of solitaristic religious identities? What is the contribution of reflections in the social field for the development of an Islamic practical theology?

The topic of the conference is not only a field of action and debate in the context of different welfare regimes, but also an expanding subject of academic research. Therefore it has been chosen for this year's annual international conference of the Swiss Center for Islam and Society (SCIS). Linked with the postgraduate programme "Islam and Society: Islamic-Theological Studies" of the SCIS the multidisciplinary conferences focus on topics that lie at the interface of Islamic-Theological Studies and social issues. Hence, graduate and postgraduate students of related disciplines as well as practitioners are highly encouraged to participate.

Registration (only required for the 12.09.19):

Please register by 04.09.2019 - Registration form
Fee 50.- Lunch and coffee breaks included
Evening public lectures free of charge

Poster exhibition:

Participants are invited to display research posters

Location:

Université de Fribourg
Boulevard de Pérolles 90
CH-1700 Fribourg

Access:

From Fribourg train station: Bus no 1 (direction Marly-Gérine), no 3 (direction Pérolles) or no 7 (direction Cliniques). Exit at Pérolles Charmettes
On foot: 15 min. from the train station

Hotels:

For accommodation options:
<http://www.fribourgtourisme.ch/>

Scientific direction:

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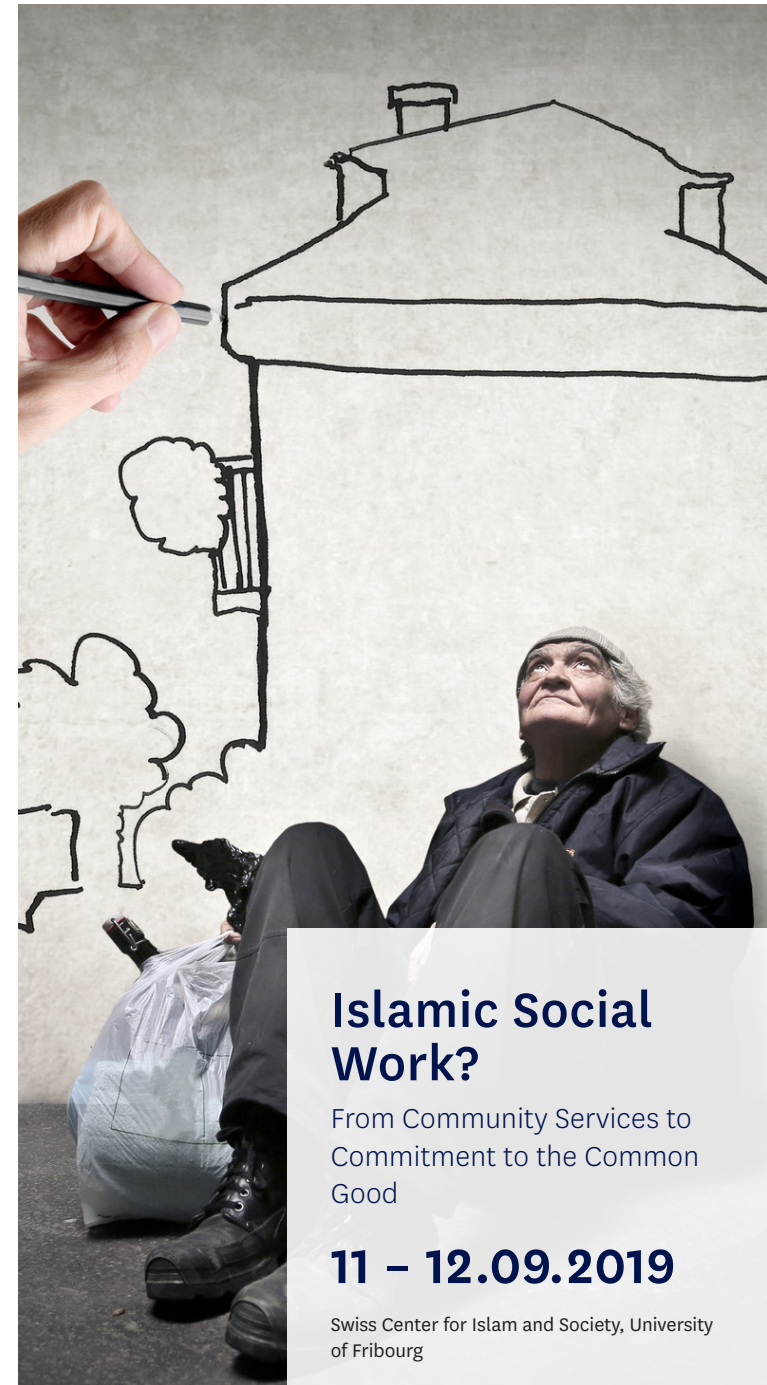
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Islamic Social Work?

From Community Services to Commitment to the Common Good

11 – 12.09.2019

Swiss Center for Islam and Society, University of Fribourg

11.09.19-Room A140

17.00–19.00h

Public Lectures (in French):

Face à la radicalisation : Contre-discours et action sociale islamiques

(Facing Radicalization: Islamic Counter-Speech and Social Work)

Dr. Mohamed Bajrafil, Imam, Paris

Prof. Dr. Michel Younès, Lyon Catholic University

Chair: Prof. Dr. Hansjörg Schmid, University of Fribourg

12.09.19-Room C230

8.45–10.15h

Keynote: Islamic Social Work as a Contribution to the Common Good

Prof. Dr. Serdar Kurnaz, University of Hamburg

The Maqāsid-cum-maṣlaḥa Approach as Theological Basis of Islamic Social Work – A Critical Analysis and an Alternative Proposal

Response

Dilwar Hussain, New Horizons, London/Coventry University

Chair: Prof. Dr. Amir Dziri, University of Fribourg

10.15–10.45h – Coffee break

10.45–12.15h

Panel 1: Islamic Social Work in (Post-) Secular Spaces

Prof. Dr. Daniel Verba, Sorbonne Paris 13 Cité University

Social Work through the Prism of the Religious Facts: Islam in Questions

Prof. Dr. Sara Ashencaen Crabtree, University of Bournemouth

Islamic Social Work – a Potential Response to Marginalisation

Chair: Dr. Amir Sheikhzadegan, University of Fribourg

12.15–13.15h – Lunch (Buffet)

12.09.19-Room C230

13.15–14.45h

Panel 2: Field of Action: Youth and Family

Dr. Aylin Yanik-Şenay, Cologne

Family Counselling as a Field of Islamic Social Work

Dr. Abdullah Sahin, University of Warwick

Human Dignity, Common Good and Social Welfare: towards an Islamic Relational Social Ethics

Chair: Nadire Mustafi M.A., University of Fribourg

14.45–15.15h – Coffee break

15.15–16.45h

Panel 3: Field of Action: Exclusion and Resocialization

Baptiste Brodard M.A., University of Fribourg

Helping the Muslims or Contributing to Society? Insight into the Paradoxes of Islamic Social Work and Aid through Concrete Cases

Dr. Lamia Irfan, SOAS London

The Religious Community - A Space that Facilitates Successful Resettlement for Muslim Offenders

Chair: Arlinda Amiti M.A., University of Fribourg

16.45–17.00h – Coffee Break

17.00–18.30h

Panel 4: Towards a Practical Theology in Islam

Dr. Nazila Isgandarova, University of Toronto

“Epistemic Weight” of Praxis in the Production and Teaching of New Knowledge in Islamic Practical Theology

Prof. Dr. Tarek Badawia, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg

Islamic Practical Theology: A Socio-ethical and Interdisciplinary Approach

Chair: Dilek Ucak Ekinci M.A., University of Fribourg