

[The Muslim Memories of Europe: Circulation and Politics of Remembrance](#)

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This online workshop organized by David Do Paço is part of the work of the Centre d'Histoire de Sciences Po's seminar in European History and of the activities of the Cost-Action (CA 18140) *People in Motion: Entangled Histories of Displacement across the Mediterranean* (PIMo). It analyses the place of Islam and Muslims in European history and European national, regional and local politics of remembrance.

Like the national narratives with which they dialogue and from which they sometimes differ, the memories of Europe are constantly reinventing themselves. This process reveals tensions between groups with different, sometimes antagonistic views of the past, in the service of an ideology often based on a particular set of interests. In this sense, memory and the politics of remembrance that give memory its substance exclude individuals and groups of people in order to preserve the political privileges of a community. The latter adjusts its national, religious, gender or racial affiliation criteria according to what its members believe is necessary for its preservation. Nevertheless, memory, which is always negotiated, can also be the product of inclusive policies. The capacity of the politics of remembrance to renew themselves and to include forgotten or inaudible memories, or erased or stigmatised memories, is part of the vitality of a democracy. Studying this capacity contributes to the diagnosis of the state of health of European societies.

This workshop brings together historians whose fields of study are located throughout Europe and whose research invites to approach from a new angle the place held by Muslims and Islam in European memories from the Renaissance to the present day. It thus proposes to go beyond a caricatured and artificial distinction made between "Europe" and "Islam". Its work examines in particular the dynamics that have led to the constitution of a knowledge free from religious divisions, the place of Islam in European historiography, and the progressive affirmation and institutionalisation of the Muslim memories of Europe.

The discussions will be held via Zoom in English and French and the schedule indicated is that of Paris (UTC+1)

To join the conference, please contact the organiser: david.dopaco@sciencespo.fr

9:30 Opening session

Marc Lazar (Sciences Po, CHSP)
Welcome and introduction speech

David Do Paço (Sciences Po, CHSP)
Muslims in Early Modern and Modern European History: a Apolitical Population?

10:30 Panel 1 | An intellectual legacy

Joanna Musiatewicz (Uniwersytet Warszawski)
Splendid and Irritating. The Image of Europe and the Europeans in the Works of Ahmad Faris al-Shidyaq

Chiara Petrolini (Universität Wien)
An eloquent reticence: Vienna and the Islamic World in the papers of the imperial librarian Sebastian Tengenagel (1565-1636)

Antoine Perrier (Casa de Velázquez, Madrid)
A protected Sovereign in Paris. The journey of the bey Aḥmad II in the chronicle of Muḥammad al-Miqdād al-Wartānī (1934)

Chair: **Nadia Al-Bagdadi** (CEU)

12:30 Break

14:00 Panel 2 | Political Historiographies

Markus Koller (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)
The memory of the Ottoman rule in Southeastern Europe - current trends in the historiography.

M'hamed Oualdi (Sciences Po, CHSP & ERC SlaveVoices)
Writing Petitions in the late 18th century Mediterranean: European Captives in the Maghreb and Maghrebi Slaves in Europe

Chair: **Dónal Hassett** (University College Cork)

15:30 Break

15:45 Panel 3 | Entangled memories

Luc Chantre (Université Rennes 2)

Quand l'Europe séjournait à La Mecque : Peut-on parler d'une mémoire européenne du hajj ?

Dónal Hassett (University College Cork)

'I spilled my blood for France and hope now she will not let me die of hunger': Mobilizing the Memory of the Great War in Colonial Algeria

Jakob Vogel (Centre Marc Bloch/Sciences Po)

A chatoyant object: trying to make sense of Muslim memories in Europa - Notre histoire

Chair: **Ann Thomson** (EUI)

17:45 Conclusion

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