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# ISLAM AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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**Prof. Charalambos Papastathis  
in Memoriam**

**The Conference is organised by:**

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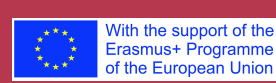
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Friday 24 September 2021

AUTH, Faculty of Philosophy, Conference Hall (1st floor)

Open sessions

10.00 – 10.15 *Greetings*

- Nikos Papaioannou, Rector of AUTH
- Philippe Poirier, President of the Consortium
- Panayotis Glavinis, Dean of the Faculty of Law
- Nikos Maghioros, Head of the School of Theology

10.15 – 11.30 2nd session

*Muslims in Europe and in the Islamic world*

Chair: Philippe Poirier, President of the Consortium

10.15 – 10.30 Evangelos Venizelos

Faculty of Law AUTH, Former Vice-President of the Greek Government

*A general introduction to the topic and a note in memory of Prof. Papastathis*

10.30 – 11.00 Keynote speaker Christos Stylianides

Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief outside the EU

*The role of the EU as a “soft power” in promoting freedom of religion and reconciliation among religious communities*

11.00 – 11.15 Ali Rashid Al Nuaimi

Chairman of the World Muslim Communities Council / International Center of Excellence for Countering Violent Extremism

*When History Cripples Future*

11.15 – 11.30 Silvio Ferrari, Milano

*Presentation about Islam in Europe based on the data of the Atlas of minorities*

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 13.15 3rd session

*Exercise of religious freedom and other cultural rights of Muslims*

Chair: Angeliki Ziaka, Thessaloniki

12.00 – 12.15 Agustin Motilla De La Calle, Madrid

*Muslims in Europe: between religious freedom and securitization*

12.15 – 12.30 Hamza Osman, Mufti of Didymoticho

*Application of Sharia in Thrace*

12.30 – 12.45 Niels Valdemar Vinding, Cardiff

*Diverse interpretations of the exercise of religious freedom for Muslims in Europe*

12.45– 13.15 Discussion on sessions 2 and 3

13.15 - 15.30 Lunch break





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15.30 – 16.45 4th session

*Religious freedom, Islamophobia and discrimination of Muslims*

Chair: Marco Ventura, Siena

15.30 – 15.45 Maurits S. Berger, Leiden

*Two Responses to the Freedom of Religion for Muslims in Europe*

15.45 – 16.00 Samia Bano, London

*Muslims in Europe: gender, sexuality and the Law*

16.00 – 16.15 Khalid Alyabhouni, Abu Dhabi

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16.15 - 16.45 Discussion

16.45 – 17.15 Coffee break

17.15 – 18.30 5th session

*Islam before the European supranational courts*

Chair: Merilin Kiviorg, Tartu

17.15 – 17.30 Vincent de Gaetano

former Judge of the ECtHR, Malta

*Veils and other headgear associated with Islam and Islamic sects, the case law of the ECtHR*

17.30 – 17.45 Wolfgang Wieshaider, Vienna

*The CJEU case-law*

17.45 - 18.00 Enrica Martinelli, Ferrara

*Muslim Minors: education and policies for social integration*

18.00 – 18.30 Discussion





**Saturday 25 September 2021**  
Capsis Hotel, VIP Lounge “Alexander the Great”  
Closed session

10.00 – 11.00 6th session

*Securitisation of religion*

Moderator: Lars Friedner, Member of the Executive Committee of the Consortium

10.00 – 10.15 Merilin Kiviorg, Tartu

*Security and liberty in the light of Islam(ophobia)*

10.15 – 10.30 Konstantinos Papastathis and Anastasia Litina, Thessaloniki

*Islamophobia, anti-immigrant attitudes and religion*

10.30 – 11.00 Discussion

**11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break**

11.30 – 13.00 7th session

*Challenges posed by Islam in the traditional understanding and application of democracy and rights in Europe*

Chair: Brigitte Basdevant-Gaudemet, Paris

11.30 – 11.45 Silvio Ferrari, Milano

*Which model of co-existence?*

11.45 – 12.45 Discussion

12.45 – 13.00 Mark Hill, London

*Summary and reflections*

