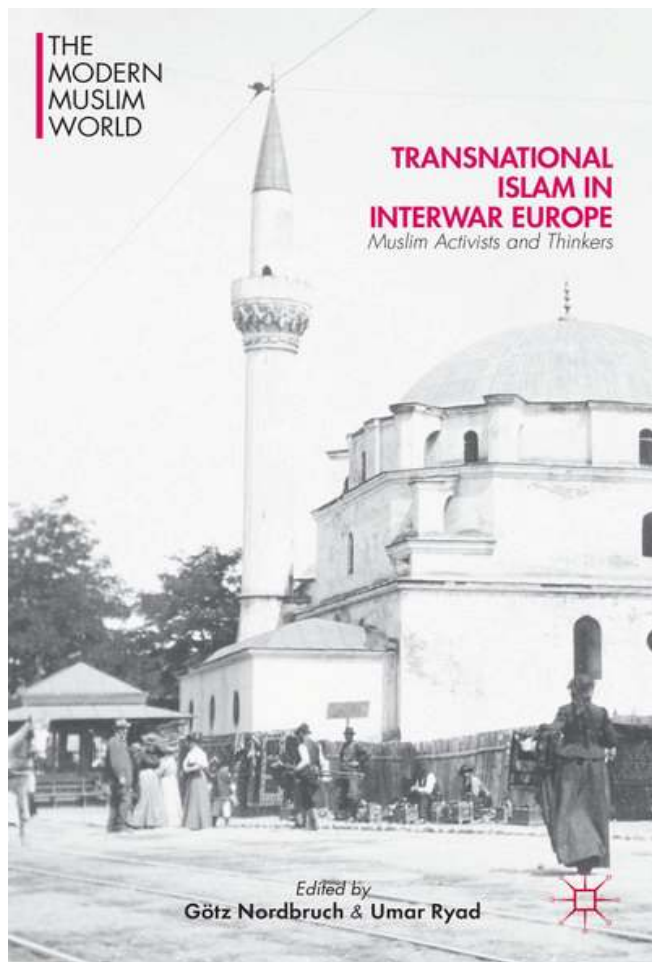




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ERC Starting Grant: Muslims in interwar Europe



Time

16 October 2014 (10:00-12:00 & 13:00-15:00)

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Drift 23, room 0.13

Entrance Free, but reservation is necessary!

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Lecture-cum-Seminar Series

Muslims under German Rule, 1941-1945

In this seminar, we will discuss the history of Muslims who lived under Nazi rule during the Second World War. At the height of the war, German troops encountered large Muslim populations in North Africa, the Balkans, the Crimea, and the Caucasus. Nazi officials saw Islam as a powerful force and one hostile to the same enemies as Germany: the British Empire, the Soviet Union, and Jews. In the seminar we will not only discuss Berlin's attempts to promote Nazi Germany as a patron of Islam, but also show that the realities on the ground were often very complex: In the first weeks of the Barbarossa campaign, for instance, thousands of Muslims, specifically prisoners of war, were executed by SS squads on the assumption that their circumcision proved that they were Jewish. In North Africa, the Balkans, and the Eastern front, German soldiers were confronted with diverse Muslim populations, including Muslim Roma and Jewish converts to Islam.

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