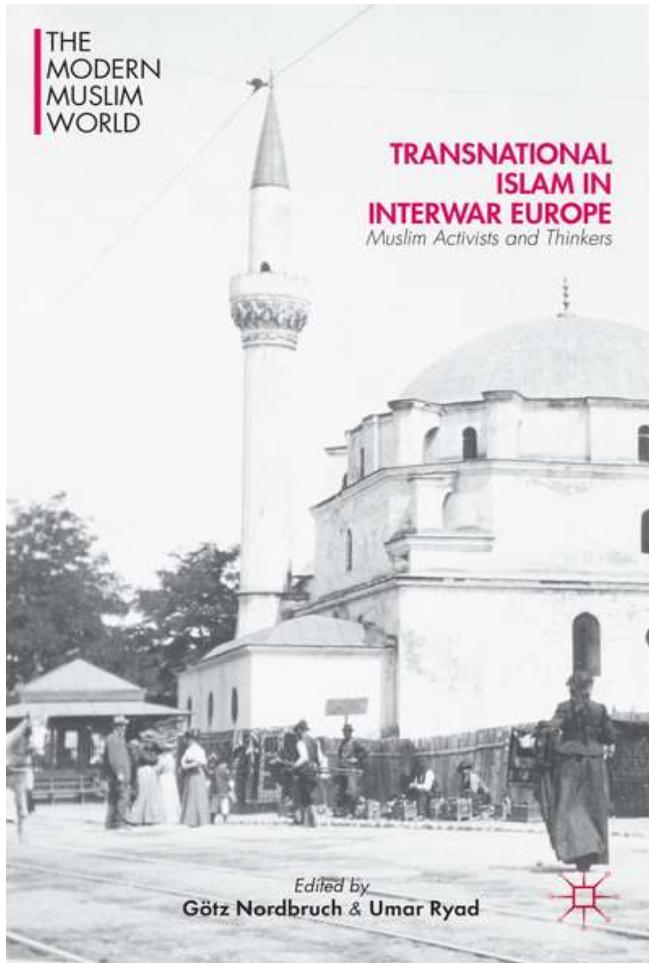




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ERC Starting Grant: Muslims in interwar Europe



### **Book Presentation**

***Transnational Islam in interwar Europe: Muslim Activists and Thinkers*** - Edited by Götz Nordbruch & Umar Ryad (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014)

### **Lecture**

***The Making of Muslim Communities in Western Europe, 1918-1939*** by David Motadel

In most Western European metropolises, Muslim life flourished and was institutionalised for the first time during the inter-war period. In France, the Grande Mosquée de Paris was inaugurated in July 1926, immediately causing debates in London about launching a similar project: the London Central Mosque. In 1928, the first mosque opened in Berlin-Wilmersdorf. Muslims in Western Europe began to organise themselves, setting up institutions varying from mosques and *halal* butchers to schools, cemeteries, and publications. The lecture will provide an overview of the making of Muslim communities in Great Britain, France, and Germany after the First World War. More generally, it will explore how the history of Muslim minorities in Western Europe can contribute to our understanding of diaspora communities, cross-cultural migration, and religious minorities in the global age.

**David Motadel** is a Research Fellow in History at Gonville and Caius College, University of Cambridge. He is the author of 'Islam and Nazi Germany's War' (Harvard University Press, 2014), and editor of 'Islam and the European Empires' (Oxford University Press, 2014).

### **Time**

**15 October 2014**

**15:00-17:00**

### **Avenue**

**University of Utrecht**

**Drift 25, zaal 0.02**

**Everybody is welcome!**