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Dear Sir, Madam,

The growth of Muslim involvement in chaplaincy in numerous Western countries over recent decades has been the catalyst for the emergence of a new international field of research, namely, Muslim Chaplaincy Studies. In order to strengthen this field of research and bring together actors from academia and practice from different countries, we are happy to announce an international conference which will take place in June 2025 in Fribourg/Switzerland. The conference is co-organised by the Swiss Center for Islam and Society (SZIG/CSIS) and the Centre for the Study of Islam in the UK (Cardiff University). The call for papers is now open (see below) and we are happy to receive your proposals. You are welcome to share the call in your networks and with your colleagues.

Besides the conference, we inform you about a job offer and two publications of the Swiss Center for Islam and Society. We hope that these will be of interest to you.

Hansjörg Schmid and Amir Dziri



Call for Papers: International Conference on Muslim Chaplaincy

From 24 to 26 June 2025, SZIG/CSIS in cooperation with Cardiff University (UK) is organising an international conference on 'Muslim Chaplaincy. Practice, Research and Recognition'. The conference will be held in English and will bring together world-renowned researchers and practitioners. We invite you to send us your proposals for papers, workshops and poster presentations by October 1, 2024.

- [Link to the conference website](#)
- [Link to the Call for Papers / Workshops / Posters](#)



Job offer: Postdoctoral Researcher (80 %)

The Swiss Center for Islam and Society (SZIG/CSIS) at the University of Fribourg/Switzerland is offering a 4-year position starting 1 January 2025 as a Postdoctoral Researcher (80 %) for the project 'Participation in Islamic-social-ethical reflections'. This project is part of the interdisciplinary research 'Practices of Social Participation and Islamic Social Ethics (PSOPIS)' funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) (PI: Prof Dr Hansjörg Schmid).

The project is dedicated to the relationship between 'lived social ethics', which will be empirically investigated on the basis of practices of social participation in the fields of chaplaincy for refugees and social action by Muslim organisations, and the theoretical positioning of Islamic social ethics on social participation. Two doctoral students and one postdoc will be working on the project.

- [Link to the job offer 'Postdoctoral Researcher \(80%\)' in the project 'Participation in Islamic-social-ethical reflections'](#)



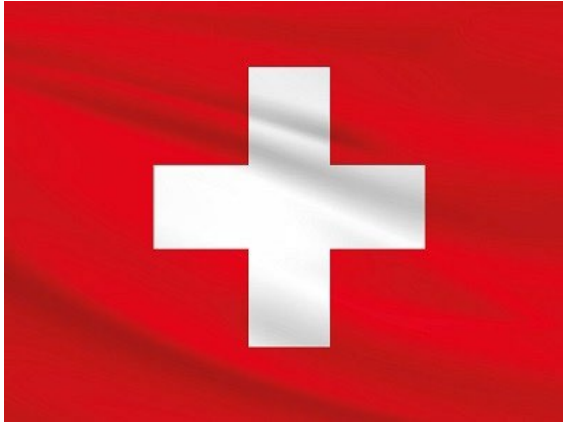
Conference Report on Diversity and Orientation

The AIWG (Academy for Islam in Science and Society) has published a conference report entitled 'Being Muslim in Europe - Orienting oneself in the context of 'good' and 'bad' diversity' as a follow-up to the conference of the same name, which the Academy organised together with SZIG/CSIS in Frankfurt last November.

The report summarises the keynotes and panels of the conference, which was attended by 25 researchers from various European countries. The focus is on the question of the significance of diversity in migration societies and the discrepancy between forms of diversity that are legitimised as 'good' and those with more 'negative' connotations.

The conference is part of the project 'Islamic-Theological Studies: Diversity and Orientation', which is funded by the Mercator Foundation Switzerland. The conference report can be downloaded free of charge from the AIWG website.

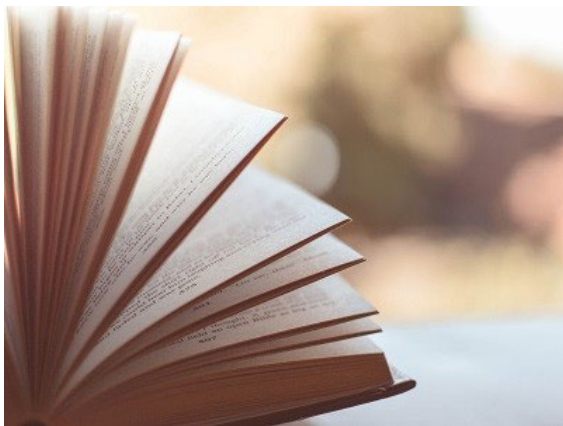
- [Link to the conference report](#)



Country Report on Muslims in Switzerland

Mallory Schneuwly Purdie, senior researcher at the SZIG/CSIS, has been the country expert for the Yearbook of Muslims in Europe since 2014. The article for 2022, which she co-authored with Andreas Tunger-Zanetti, looks back at the most important public debates about Islam and Muslims in Switzerland, legal developments and the activities of the most important Muslim organisations.

- [Link to the Swiss Country Report](#)



Open Access Article on Muslim Religious Professionals in Switzerland

Muslim religious professionals are often caught between the expectations of their own community and those of the society in which they live. In an issue of the journal 'Religions', Noemi Trucco, Hansjörg Schmid and Amir Sheikhzadegan examine how Muslim religious professionals in the canton of Zurich experience these tensions and cope with them. The findings indicate that they face internal community-related challenges, including generational differences, social change, and fragmentation, as well as external influences such as radicalisation and societal challenges.

- [Link to the article](#)

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