



Eurojess 2009

Granada, 25–29 August 2009



Muslim populations
in European societies

Invitation

As President of Eurojess I am happy to present to you the programme of our next congress.

There is no doubt that the theme is highly relevant for many European countries and touches the very heart of our „call to serve faith, promote justice, and dialogue with culture and other religion in the light of the prophetic call to establish right relationship with God, with one another and with creation“ (GC 35).

I think we have succeeded in preparing a programme which is both significant and attractive. And surely, Granada, with its rich heritage of Muslim culture in the European context, will exert its own attraction.

The congress is open to all Jesuits in Europe and their collaborators. I expect that our congress this year will prove of interest to a wider audience than normal. Please therefore forward this information to any friends and colleagues you think might be interested.

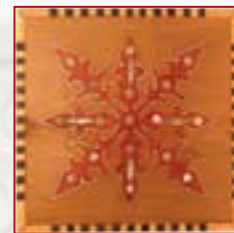
I hope many of you will decide to come to Granada this year: So, see you in August at our Congress,

Every good wish



P. Andreas Gösele SJ

Introduction to the Congress



Recently, the Society of Jesus in Europe has taken several initiatives to face the challenges and issues which have arisen from the growth of Muslim populations in Europe. As most of these demand social research and reflection, Eurojess wishes to organise a specific congress on this subject.

Granada is a most significant and appropriate place for such a congress. Historically, it corresponds to the last Muslim kingdom in Western Europe (15th Century). Nowadays, Andalusia (the Region where Granada is located) has a significant Muslim minority which is important in the Spanish context.

The congress will offer a space for reflection, debate, and encounter, as well as cultural visits - to Granada itself and to Cordoba. The thread of the congress can be summarised as follows:

On the first day, a demographic overview and personal narratives will offer an initial perspective on the experiences of Muslims and non-Muslims in belonging to the same societies.

On the second day, a deeper review will lead us to analyse political ideas and practices, as well as specific challenges at both national and local levels.

On the third day we shall explore the possibilities of action for Jesuit institutions, and of projects that could be understood as seeds of hope.

An optional fourth day will offer to participants a visit to Cordoba, the former capital of the Umayyad Caliphate. During this journey, besides historical sites such as the Cathedral (once a mosque) and Medina Azahara (a former country palace), there will be opportunities to visit Muslim institutions.

Program

25 August - Arrival

Arrival at the Colegio Mayor

19:00 Inauguration - Welcome by the Provincials

26 August - Engaging the reality

Morning session - Lived reality

09:00 Introduction

09:15 *Personal narratives*

Abdullah Trevathan and Muslim guests from Germany and Spain

11:15 Question time

11:45 Groups: *Our own experiences of Muslim presence in Europe*

Afternoon session - Reality in Perspective

15:30 *Demographic view on Muslim populations in Europe*

16:15 Discussion

17:30 *Overview on Muslim populations in Andalucia*

José Luis Sánchez Nogales

18:15 Discussion

19:30 Eucharist

21:30 Meeting of Social Centres

27 August - Political Order and Social narratives

Morning session - Political ideas and practices

09:00 Introduction

09:15 *Muslim ideals of the Social Order, the Case of Secular Turkey*

Jean-Marc Balhan

10:10 *How do Muslims deal with European secular democracies?*

Driss el Yasami, *tbc*

11:30 *How have Catholics historically dealt with these challenges?*

Input and Discussion - Edouard Herr

Afternoon session - Developing local and national policies

15:30 *Workshops on local experiences*

Spain (Valencia): Pep Buades

Macedonia/Kosovo: Stjepan Kusan

Germany (Ludwigshafen/Mannheim): Tobias Specker

Belgium (Brussels): Centre Avec

18:00 *The perspective of labour*, Debate on integration policies
Pierre Martinot-Lagarde

19:30 Eucharist

20:15 Departure: *Evening visit to the Alhambra*

28 August - Seeds of Hope and Action

Morning session - Promising initiatives

09:00 *Initiatives*

Social Centres, Groupe des Deux Rives, a Muslim speaker

10:30 Recapitulation

10:45 *Open debate*

Afternoon session - Closure of the Congress / Eurojess business

15:30 *Final words from the Social Apostolate Delegate and CEP*

16:00 Eurojess: evaluation, next congress

18:00 Eurojess: elections, finances

20:15 Buffet in the garden and evening in the city

29 August - Optional tourist visit to Cordoba

Cathedral (former mosque)

Tower of "La Calahorra"

Arabic House

Former country palace of "Medina Azahara"

Useful information

Dates

Tue, **25 August 2009** (dinner) to Sat, **29 August 2009** (breakfast).
For those participating in the optional excursion: to 30 August (am)

Organisers

EUROJESS (European Jesuits in Social Sciences) with the support of *Grupo de Fomento Social* and *Les Deux Rives*

Participants

Jesuits and their colleagues with a serious interest in the topic

Place

(instructions how to get there will be published on the Eurojess website shortly, see below)

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Fees (payment information to be found on our website)

Participation fee, including accommodation: 230 €

Excursion to Cordoba (incl. the extra night, transport and fees): 80 €

Eurojess membership fee 2009-2011: 15 €

Registration

Online at: <http://eurojess.ocipe.info/registration-2009/>

or via the separate registration form

All further information

at our website: <http://eurojess.ocipe.info>

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