
Foreword

On the basis of the book “Islam und Politik” (Meyer/Schubert 2011), the SpringerVS Publishers Wiesbaden, asked me to produce a corresponding short book series. The aim and task are to take up the central questions and current discussions on this topic and to make the available social and political-scientific results accessible in concentrated form.

Although this book series concentrates on the German speaking market, this volume “After Integration: Islam, Conviviality and Contentious Politics in Europe”, edited by Marian Burchardt and Ines Michalowski, is published in English. On the one hand this is to reach a broader audience. But equally important this decision was made to attract highly qualified authors from many European countries. The book starts from the convincing assumption that the Muslim population and Islam religion is well established in Europe and “that on legal, political and organizational levels integration has already taken place”. This fresh and fact-oriented starting point allows the authors to demonstrate the plurality of theoretical approaches and to show the great many different realities of “Muslim life in Europe”. I am delighted that the editors succeeded in this form in bringing together numerous experts and great expertise to contribute to this volume.

Even if many colleagues feel pressured by the scientific community to write exclusively for “A list” journals, then the joint collaboration of this volume makes it clear that other scientific media also make an essential contribution to stimulating scientific communication and discussion. Accordingly both editors and the contributing authors are due the utmost respect and recognition.

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