

EUROPE TODAY: ENGAGING THE PRESENT

What everyone should know about Islam in Europe

1. **Islam's long history with Europe** - Islam defined the boundaries of the Christendom of the Middle Ages. Islam is the great 'other', the definer of what Europe was not. *Charlemagne sans Mahomet serait inconcevable* - (Pirenne) Charlemagne without Muhammad would have been inconceivable. *Christianias = Europe*
 - A 1300-year old relationship - part of Europe's diversity
 - The world of Islam is as diverse as ever- Granada, Sicily, the Chechens, Tartars, Bosniacs, Albanians, ... Turks in Germany, Pakistanis and Bangladeshis in Britain, Algerians in France, Central Asians in Russia, Moroccans in Holland...

2. **Islamism is not a new phenomenon:** radical Islam has a long pedigree, and tended to resurge when Islam was under threat
- see ww4dec2006 Gates of Vienna

3. **The road to Terror** - how the West fed a monster

4. **The bloody decade:** 9/11, London, Madrid, Amsterdam...
 - a. the changed landscape
 - b. the death of multi-culti

5. Facts & Fiction about Muslims in Europe:

- a. here to stay
- b. **Eurabia?** 'last stages of islamisation' - Wilders?!
- c. **migration:**
- d. **birth rates**
- e. **Muslim?** how to measure?
- f. **diversity**

6. Double identity issue:

- a. for Muslims - who am I?
- b. for other Europeans - who are we?
- c. Islam defines 'European' again? Exposing Europe's spiritual poverty

7. Christian responses to Islam

- a. The Bible and sojourners
- b. sorting out the political, the theological and the personal
- c. A Common Word
- d. Colin Chapman
- e. towards a new social covenant and 'a new we' - Gert-Jan Segers
- f. a personal check list
- g. The imam and the pastor - an African story