

**Conference of the Yearbook of Muslims in Europe  
Vienna, 4-6 June 2012.**

**“Muslims in Europe – challenges of identity and quantity”**

Currently, a number of countries are conducting official censuses. Many of them include a question on religion. Where they don't, a question on ethnicity or 'nationality' is often used by researchers to estimate figures on religious belonging. Such censuses and other attempts to give Muslim population figures have their technical problems. But they also raise more profound issues of quantification and identification, not least of which is the question of political power: the role of the state (or the researcher or the media) in determining the categorisations which are important. Within this hides the more complex question of how people identify themselves, and why they do it the way they do.

The purpose of this conference is two-fold:

1. To consider these and closely associated issues in the perspectives of the whole of Europe.
2. To give the contributors and editors of the *Yearbook of Muslims in Europe* the possibility of meeting and discussing the project and possibilities which it may give rise to.

The conference takes place in Vienna because of its ease of communication and its central historical location – and it happens to be the centenary of the 1912 law which recognised Islam in the Habsburg dual monarchy of Austria-Hungary.

The conference is being organised by the Centre for European Islamic Thought (CEIT), University of Copenhagen, in cooperation with the Renner Institut, Vienna, and the departments of political and social sciences and the Islamic education programme in the Faculty of Education, all of the University of Vienna. The conference will take place at the Renner Institut (<http://www.renner-institut.at/>).

The conference will start with lunch on Monday 4 June and end with lunch on Wednesday 6 June. CEIT will purchase flights for participants and cover the costs of the necessary accommodation in Vienna. Participants will pay the costs of their own transport to and from airports, including between Vienna Airport and the conference hotel (local train costs 7.50 Euros each way; detailed instructions will be sent nearer the date). Participants will also be expected to cover the costs of any extended hotel stay and the costs of any spouse/partner they may wish to bring. Accommodation will be reserved in the Gartenhotel Altmannsdorf (<http://www.gartenhotel.com/>) which is a neighbour to the Renner Institut. The cost per night for a single room is 79.00 Euros.

Participants are responsible for determining whether they need a visa for entry into Austria; the Renner Institute will provide a letter of invitation if required.

*Please complete the attached form* and return it as soon as possible to Emil Saggau: [esa@teol.ku.dk](mailto:esa@teol.ku.dk). Emil will be in touch regarding all practical matters.

## Form for the Vienna Conference d. 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> june

Please fill out the entire form. CEIT will provide accommodation for the 4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> and flights. We do not reimburse any travel cost to and from the airport in your home country or in Vienna (a ticket from the airport to Gartenhotel with S- and U-bahn in Vienna cost € 3.60 ).

**Passport name:**

*(We will order the ticket in this name, so if it does not correspond exactly to your passport it might cause you trouble. Remember to inform us if you need a visa to Austria)*

**I want to fly to Vienna from this airport, country:**

**Date of travel:**

**And back to this airport, country:**

**Date of travel:**

**Will you be accompanied by a partner and require a double room? If so, give name of partner and dates of arrival and departure if different from above:**

**Please note if you need any special diet – *(all meals will include halal alternative)***

**Any other requirements (e.g. physical disability):**

**Signed:**

**Date:**