

Theme 5: Religion and Politics

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Paper for the Conference:

Secularism and media representations of Islam, a case study: the position of Muslim women in the 1920s and 1930s

(Working) Title of dissertation

Secularism and media representations of Muslims and Islam: a historical comparison between France and the Netherlands

Supervisor(s)

Prof. Laura Downs



Short Biography

Koen Docter is a doctoral researcher at the Department of History and Civilization of the European University Institute in Florence. He studied human geography (research master) and French language and culture at Utrecht University, completing two bachelors and two masters cum laude. He won the Hans Vliegthart Thesis Award 2011, for the best master thesis of the year at Utrecht University. For three years, Koen Docter worked as lecturer at Utrecht University's Faculty of Geosciences. Having won the Prix de Paris 2012, he spent a year at the École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS) in Paris. Since September 2013, he is working on his dissertation at the EUI.

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2. Leonard van 't Hul

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Paper for the Conference:

Sauce for the goose, and sauce for the gander. A historic-sociological study of governmental policy towards faith-based organizations in the Netherlands since the 1960s

(Working) Title of dissertation

Religion Renegotiated: state-religion interlocution in the Netherlands since the 1960s

Supervisor(s)

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Short Biography

Leonard obtained a Bachelor in Sociology at Utrecht University in 2008, and graduated in 2009 from the University of Amsterdam in the academic master Social Theory and Public Affairs on a study of Modern Witchcraft and Wicca in the Netherlands. Subsequently, after having worked for some years as a lecturer at the sociology departments of Utrecht and the Erasmus University Rotterdam, he graduated in 2013 from the latter University in the Research Master Sociology of Culture, Media and the Arts. His main research interests circle around cultural, political and religious change in contemporary Western Societies, with special emphasis on trajectories of identity reshaping of individuals and religious/secular organizations. Leonard is currently employed as a PhD-candidate at the History department of the University of Amsterdam in a multi-disciplinary research project that seeks to understand the dynamics between Faith-based organizations and the state since the 1960s by combining insights from history, sociology and law

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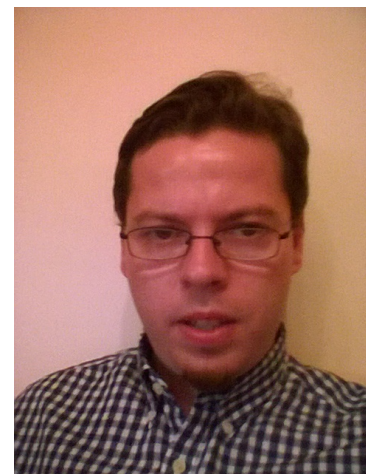
Babes-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca

Paper for the Conference:

Politics and Spirituality Khomeinism between Transcendence and Imanentizatio

(Working) Title of dissertation

The messianic triangle: exploring the political thought behind the clash of civilizations (Israel, USA, Iran)



Supervisor(s)

Vasile Boari

Short Biography

Ion Josan is a PhD candidate in Political Science at the Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca. He holds a B.A in contemporary History at the same University. His interests are related to political ideologies, the relationship between politics and religions in the contemporary World, the state of religion in Modernity. In the last two years he has studied the development of political Islam, taking a closer to Shi'ia Islam and the Iranian Revolution. In his current Doctoral thesis he explores how the messianic component of the Abrahamic traditions has influenced the contemporary political culture of the U.S, Israel and Iran.

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