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### **Muslim American Hyphenation**

s Springer  
Nature

Der Islam in  
Deutschland  
blickt auf eine  
über 50jährige  
Geschichte  
zurück, die  
wesentlich auf  
die  
Arbeitsmigrati  
on aus  
islamisch  
geprägten  
Ländern  
zurückgeht.  
Obwohl die  
Zahl der  
Muslime und  
ihre religiösen  
Organisatione  
n bereits seit  
den 1970er

Jahren stark  
zugenommen  
hat, sind  
islamkonnotier  
te Themen  
und Debatten  
erst zu Beginn  
der 2000er  
Jahre zu  
verzeichnen.  
Zum einen ist  
diese  
Entwicklung  
im Kontext  
globaler und  
europäischer  
Prozesse zu  
bewerten.  
Zum anderen  
aber auch die  
Tatsache,  
dass infolge  
der  
quantitativen  
und  
qualitativen  
Relevanz der  
muslimischen  
Minorität die  
Politik den  
Islam im  
integrations-

und  
bildungspolitis  
chen Kontext  
nicht mehr  
ausblenden  
konnte. Vor  
dem  
Hintergrund  
dieser  
ambivalenten  
Entwicklung  
hat sich der  
vorliegende  
Band zum Ziel  
gesetzt, eine  
Bestandsaufn  
ahme der  
50jährigen  
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Geschichte im  
Kontext der  
Arbeitsmigrati  
on vorzulegen.  
In fünf  
zentralen  
Themenschwe  
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das Leben der  
Muslime in  
Deutschland  
analysiert  
werden, um

ein  
Gesamtbild zu  
erarbeiten.  
Reality  
Television and  
Arab Politics  
PL Academic  
Research is  
New Media  
and Religious  
Transformatio  
ns in Africa  
casts a critical  
look at Africa's  
rapidly  
evolving  
religious  
media scene.  
Following  
political  
liberalization,  
media  
deregulation,  
and the  
proliferation of  
new media  
technologies,  
many African  
religious  
leaders and  
activists have  
appropriated

such media to  
strengthen  
and expand  
their  
communities  
and gain  
public  
recognition.  
Media have  
also been  
used to  
marginalize  
and restrict  
the activities  
of other  
groups, which  
has  
sometimes led  
to tension,  
conflict, and  
even violence.  
Showing how  
media are  
rarely neutral  
vehicles of  
expression,  
the  
contributors to  
this  
multidisciplina  
ry volume  
analyze the

mutual  
imbrications  
of media and  
religion during  
times of rapid  
technological  
and social  
change in  
various places  
throughout  
Africa.  
*Cinema in the*  
*Arab World*  
American Univ  
in Cairo Press  
For many  
years before  
and after the  
establishment  
of the state of  
Israel, the  
belief that  
Israel is a  
western state  
remained  
unchallenged.  
This belief was  
founded on  
the  
predominantly  
western  
composition of

the pre-statehood Jewish community known as the Yishuv. The relatively homogenous membership of Israeli/Jewish society as it then existed was soon altered with the arrival of hundreds of thousands of Jewish immigrants from Middle Eastern countries during the early years of statehood. Seeking to retain the western character of the Jewish state, the

Israeli government initiated a massive acculturation project aimed at westernizing the newcomers. More recently, scholars and intellectuals began to question the validity and logic of that campaign. With the emergence of new forms of identity, or identities, two central questions emerged: to what extent can we accept the ways in which people define themselves?

And on a more fundamental level, what weight should we give to the ways in which people define themselves? This book suggests ways of tackling these questions and provides varying perspectives on identity, put forward by scholars interested in the changing nature of Israeli identity. Their observations and conclusions are not exclusive, but inclusive, suggesting that there

cannot be one single Israeli identity, but several. Tackling the issue of identity, this multidisciplinary approach is an important contribution to existing literature and will be invaluable for scholars and students interested in cultural studies, Israel, and the wider Middle East. *Branding Faith* American Univ in Cairo Press This volume of Transnational Broadcasting Studies (TBS) examines the hottest trends and

controversies on satellite TV in the Arab and Muslim worlds. Provocatively titled *The Real (Arab) World: Is Reality TV Democratizing the Middle East?*, this edition includes articles by political scientists and media experts Marc Lynch and Marwan Kreidy, as well as interviews with some of the Arab media's leading figures. It also features a wide range of essays on other media-related topics,

including the question of anti-Americanism on Arab TV by former US Ambassador William Rugh, the impact of satellite TV in Iran by Yehia Kamalipour, and an article by TBS senior editor Lawrence Pintak about how the Palestinian issue became a marker of Muslim identity in Indonesia. **Foundations of Global Communication** on John Wiley & Sons This handbook provides the

first comprehensive reference book in English about the development of mass and social media in all Arab countries. Capturing the historical as well as current developments in the media scene, this collection maps the role of media in social and political movements. Contributors include specialists in the field from North America, Europe, and the Middle East. Each

chapter provides an overview of the history, regulatory frameworks and laws governing the press, and socio-political functions of the media. While the geopolitical complexities of the region have been reflected in the expert analyses collectively, the focus is always the local context of each member state. All 38 chapters consider the specific historical, political, and

media trajectories in each country, to provide a contextual background and foundation for further study about single states or comparative analysis in two or more Arab states. Capturing significant technological developments and the widespread use of social media, this all-inclusive volume on Arab media is a key resource for students and scholars interested in journalism, media, and

Middle East studies.  
**New Media and Religious Transformations in Africa**  
Routledge Challenging Ideas is a selection of articles which address the intersections between theory and empirical research. In general, the contributions to the volume focus on how imaginations of the temporal relationship between past and present might inform theory as well as empirical research. It is

divided into two parts, the first of which, Memory, looks at the memory turn in the discipline of history, and includes investigations into the relationship between past and present in the working through of trauma and reflections on the relationship between media memory, collective memory and trauma. The second part of the volume, History looks at the intersections

between social science, political theory and the writing of history. This section includes reflections on how the historian's archival work might inform the construction of social and political theory and explorations of the temporal relationship between past and present at work in the archives. The contributions to this volume encourage historically oriented scholars to

approach their work with an active interest in disciplines close to their topic and a reflexive attentiveness to the broader power relations within which they work. They offer different perspectives on the intrinsic relationship between past and present at work in the interactions between theory and empirical research, and thereby give impetus to challenging ideas and to the

challenging of ideas in the social sciences and in the humanities. *Directory of Speakers* Cambridge University Press From the mid-90s to the present, television drama with religious content has come to reflect the growing cultural divide between white middle-America and concentrated urban elites. As author Charlotte E. Howell argues in this book, by 2016,

television narratives of white Christianity had become entirely disconnected from the religion they were meant to represent. Programming labeled 'family-friendly' became a euphemism for white, middlebrow America, and developing audience niches became increasingly significant to serial dramatic television. Utilizing original case studies and

interviews, Divine Programming investigates the development, writing, producing, marketing, and positioning of key series including 7th Heaven, Friday Night Lights, Rectify, Supernatural, Jane the Virgin, Daredevil, and Preacher. As this book shows, there has historically been a deep ambivalence among television production cultures regarding

religion and Christianity more specifically. It illustrates how middle-American television audiences lost significance within the Hollywood television industry and how this in turn has informed and continues to inform television programming on a larger scale. In recent years, upscale audience niches have aligned with the perceived tastes of affluent, educated,

multicultural, and- importantly- secular elites. As a result, the televised representation of white Christianity had to be othered, and shifted into the unreality of fantastic genres to appeal to niche audiences. To examine this effect, Howell looks at religious representation through four approaches - establishment, distancing, displacement, and use - and looks at series across a variety of

genres and outlets in order to provide varied analyses of each theme.

Screen Culture  
 Psychology  
 Press  
 A look at some of the raging debates in the arts in Egypt

*Grundlagen der globalen Kommunikation*  
 Springer-Verlag

This volume provides a comparative analysis of media systems in the Arab world, based on criteria informed by the historical, political, social, and economic

factors influencing a country's media.

Reaching beyond classical western media system typologies, Arab Media Systems brings together contributions from experts in the field of media in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) to provide valuable insights into the heterogeneity of this region's media systems. It focuses on trends in government

stances towards media, media ownership models, technological innovation, and the role of transnational mobility in shaping media structure and practices.

Each chapter in the volume traces a specific country's media – from Lebanon to Morocco – and assesses its media system in terms of historical roots, political and legal frameworks, media economy and ownership patterns,

technology and infrastructure, and social factors (including diversity and equality in gender, age, ethnicities, religions, and languages). This book is a welcome contribution to the field of media studies, constituting the only edited collection in recent years to provide a comprehensive and systematic overview of Arab media systems. As such, it will be of great use to students and

scholars in media, journalism and communication studies, as well as political scientists, sociologists, and anthropologists with an interest in the MENA region. Arab TV-audiences Routledge This book provides a wide-ranging theoretical and empirical overview of the disparate achievements and shortcomings of global communication. This exceptionally ambitious and

systematic project takes a critical perspective on the globalization of communication. Uniquely, it sets media globalization alongside a plethora of other globalized forms of communication, ranging from the individual to groups, civil society groupings, commercial enterprises and political formations. The result is a sophisticated and impressive overview of

globalized communication across various facets, assessing the phenomena for the extent to which they live up to the much-hyped claims of globalization's potential to create a globally interdependent society. The setbacks of globalization, such as right-wing populism and religious fundamentalism, can only be understood if the shortcomings of global communication are taken more seriously.

Covering all types of cross-border global communication in media, political and economic systems, civil societies, social media and lifeworlds of the individual, this unique book is invaluable for students and researchers in media, communication, globalization and related areas. *Children's TV and Digital Media in the Arab World* Routledge In this expansive historical synthesis,

Richard Butsch integrates social, economic, and political history to offer a comprehensive and cohesive examination of screen media and screen culture globally – from film and television to computers and smart phones – as they have evolved through the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Drawing on an enormous trove of research on the USA,

Britain, France, Egypt, West Africa, India, China, and other nations, Butsch tells the stories of how media have developed in these nations and what global forces linked them. He assesses the global ebb and flow of media hegemony and the cultural differences in audiences' use of media. Comparisons across time and space reveal two linked developments : the rise and

fall of American cultural hegemony, and the consistency among audiences from different countries in the way they incorporate screen entertainment s into their own cultures. Screen Culture offers a masterful, integrated global history that invites media scholars to see this landscape in a new light. Deeply engaging, the book is also suitable for students and

interested general readers.  
**The Handbook of Religion and Communicati**  
**on** John Wiley & Sons  
This ground-breaking work presents original research on cultural politics and battles in Egypt at the turn of the twenty first century. It deconstructs the boundaries between 'high' and 'low' culture drawing on conceptual tools in cultural studies,

translation studies and gender studies to analyze debates in the fields of literature, cinema, mass media and the plastic arts. Anchored in the Egyptian historical and social contexts and inspired by the influential work of Pierre Bourdieu, it rigorously places these debates and battles within the larger framework of a set of questions about the relationship between the cultural and

political fields in Egypt. **Egypt's Culture Wars** Cambridge Scholars Publishing This anthology examines how immigrants and their US-born children use media to negotiate their American identity and how audiences engage with mediated narratives about the immigrant experience (cultural adjustments, language use, and the like). Where this work diverges from other collections

and monographs is the area is its intentional focus on how both first- and second-generation Americans' complex identities and hybrid cultures interact with mediated narratives in general, alongside the extent to which these narratives reflect their experience. In a three-part structure, the collection examines representations, "zooms in" to explore the reception of these

narratives through autoethnographic essays, and concludes in a section of analysis and critique of specific media.

**The Washington Post Index**

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Have you hit a wall with your church, ministry or non-profit organization? In spite of a genuine calling, an exceptional team and solid investment in the vision, have you noticed that the spark never catches fire? Media

and marketing expert Phil Cooke wants every ministry to ask, Who are we? By identifying what makes your organization different from the thousands clamoring for attention, you can get your message heard. Cooke has consulted with many of the most recognized churches and non-profits in the world, and in Branding Faith; Why Some Ministries Impact Culture and Others Don't, he shares his

road-tested strategies for using media and marketing to make your mark on people's minds and hearts. Whatever the size of your organization, his helpful hints and insider know-how will give you the tools to set your ministry's strategies ablaze.  
**Muslims in Deutschland**  
Taylor & Francis  
Beginning around 2003, the growth of interest in the genre of reality shows has

dominated the field of television studies. However, concentrating on this genre has tended to sideline the even more significant emergence of the program format as a central mode of business and culture in the new television landscape. TV Formats Worldwide redresses this balance and heralds the emergence of an important, exciting, and challenging area of television studies. Topics

explored include reality TV, makeover programs, sitcoms, talent shows, and fiction serials, as well as broadcaster management policies, production decision chains, and audience participation processes. This seminal work will be of considerable interest to media scholars worldwide. Religious Television and Pious Authority in Pakistan Greenwood This book explores the

significance of sport in the understanding of past and current societal dynamics in the Arab world. It examines sport in relation to cultural, political and economic changes in the Arab World, including nation-state building, the formation of national identity and international relations in post-colonial context. **Divine Programmin** g Indiana University Press

The development of new and social networking sites, as well as the growth of transnational Arab television, has triggered a debate about the rise in transnational political and religious identification, as individuals and groups negotiate this new triad of media, religion and culture. This book examines the implications of new media on the rise of political Islam and on Islamic religious identity in the Arab Middle East and North Africa, as well as among Muslim Arab Diasporas. Undoubtedly, the process of globalization, especially in the field of media and ICTs, challenges the cultural and religious systems, particularly in terms of identity formation. Across the world, Arab Muslims have embraced new media not only as a source of information but also as a source of guidance and fatwas, thereby transforming Muslim practices and rituals. This volume brings together chapters from a range of specialists working in the field, presenting a variety of case studies on new media, identity formation and political Islam in Muslim communities both within and beyond the MENA region. Offering new insight into the influence

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Immigrant Generations, Media Representations, and Audiences

Bloomsbury Publishing  
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cultural boundaries of the Islamic identity, this book is a valuable resource for students and scholars of Middle Eastern politics, specifically political Islam and political communication. *Lifestyle Media in Asia* Open Book Publishers In Pakistan, religious talk shows emerged as a popular television genre following the 2002 media liberalization reforms. Since then, these

shows have become important platforms where ideas about Islam and religious authority in Pakistan are developed and argued. In *Religious Television and Pious Authority in Pakistan*, Taha Kazi reveals how these talk shows mediate changes in power, belief, and practice. She also identifies the sacrifices and compromises that religious scholars feel compelled to make in order to ensure their

presence on television. These scholars, of varying doctrinal and educational backgrounds—including madrasa-educated scholars and self-taught celebrity preachers—are given screen time to debate and issue religious edicts on the authenticity and contemporary application of Islamic concepts and practices. In response, viewers are sometimes allowed to call in live with

questions. Kazi maintains that these featured debates inspire viewers to reevaluate the status of scholarly edicts, thereby fragmenting religious authority. By exploring how programming decisions inadvertently affect viewer engagements with Islam, *Religious Television and Pious Authority in Pakistan* looks beyond the revivalist impact of religious media and

highlights the prominence of religious talk shows in disrupting expectations about faith. [Arab Television Industries](#) Routledge The volume examines Arab audiences and religion in today's Arab media. Religion is a topic in more than 1300 Arab mainstream and religious satellite TV channels as well as in popular culture. The case studies explore how Arab

audiences  
make use of  
mediated

religion in  
negotiations  
of identity and  
belonging in

different  
national  
contexts.