



Movimenti e tendenze dell'Islam contemporaneo/ PriMED

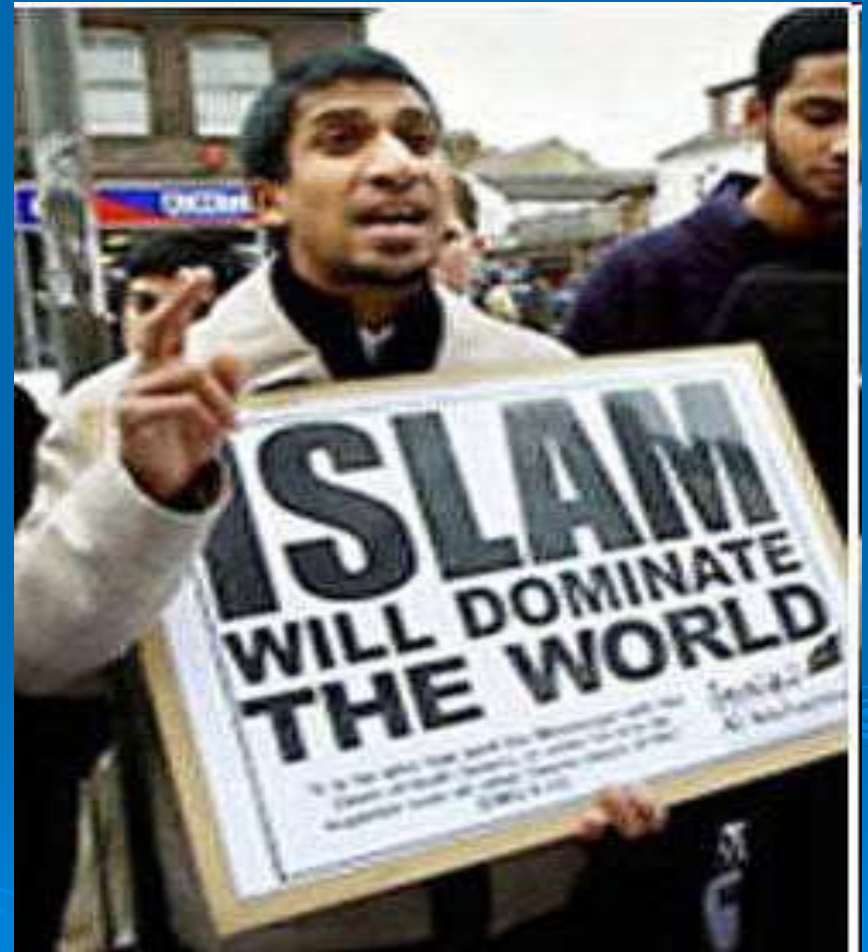
Euro-Islam

Lezione 11



Identità fluide

- 1. From Migrants to Citizens
- 2. From Ethnical to Religious
- Realities vs Representations Vs Self-Representations
- Self Representation is a fundamental factor in building a new identity



Islam in Europe before post-colonial Immigration

- *Al-Andalus* (Spain, Portugal, Sicily, 756-1492)
- Ottoman's capture of the Balkans
- Conquest of Constantinople (1453)
- Bosnia, Albania, Macedonia, Bulgaria. Conversions

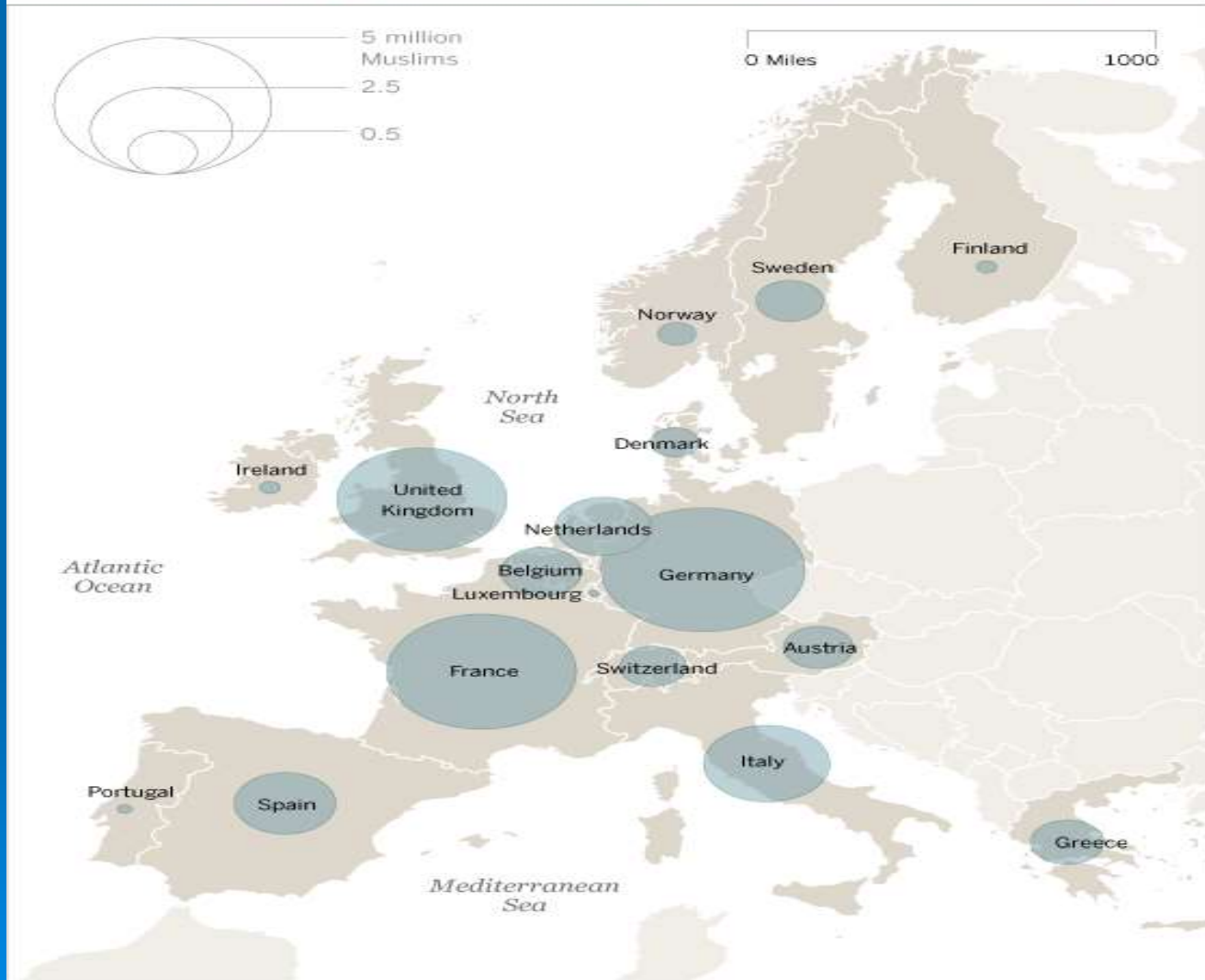


Current Islamic Presence in Europe



L'islam in EU

Distribution of Muslim Population in Europe *(click image to view interactive map)*



Muslims in EU Countries

Among EU member nations, Germany and France have the greatest number of Muslims.



EUROPE

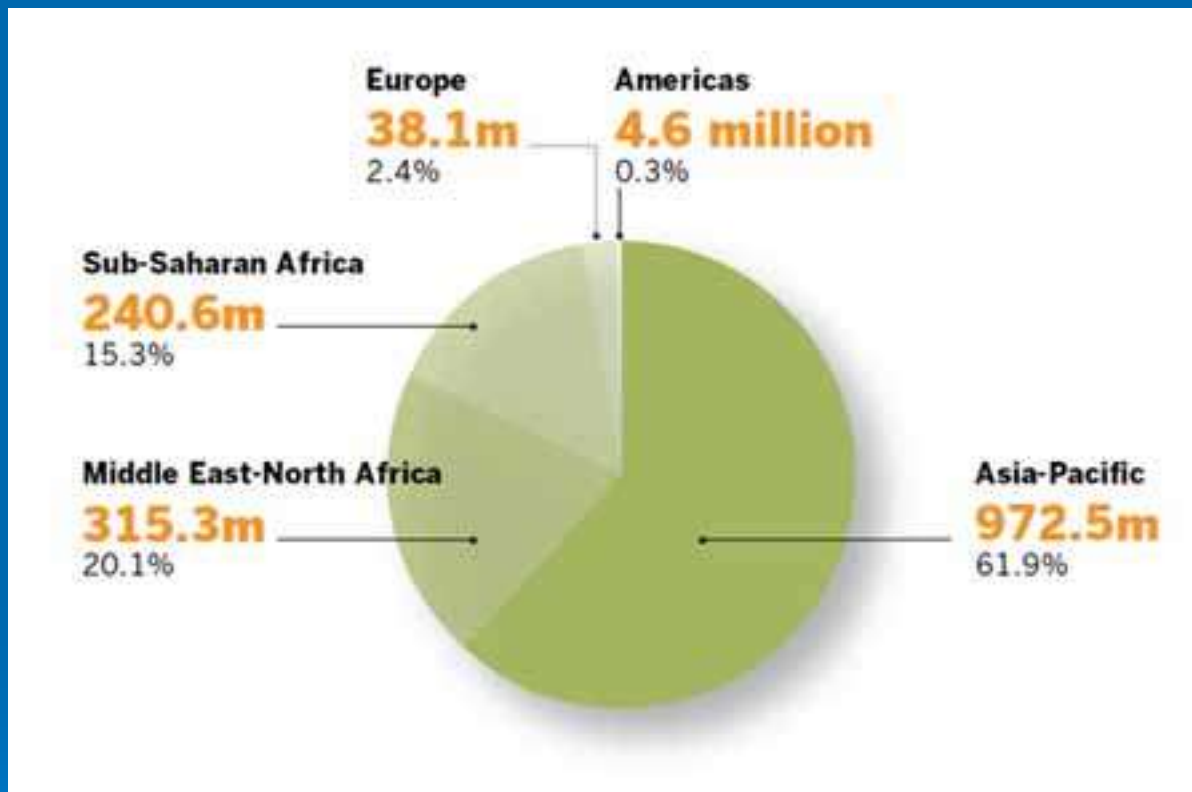
Number of Muslims in Selected Countries

<i>Countries</i>	ESTIMATED MUSLIM POPULATION	ESTIMATED PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION THAT IS MUSLIM	PROJECTED MUSLIM POPULATION	PROJECTED PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION THAT IS MUSLIM
	2010	2010	2030	2030
Austria	475,000	5.7%	799,000	9.3%
Belgium	638,000	6.0	1,149,000	10.2
Denmark	226,000	4.1	317,000	5.6
Finland	42,000	0.8	105,000	1.9
France	4,704,000	7.5	6,860,000	10.3
Germany	4,119,000	5.0	5,545,000	7.1
Greece	527,000	4.7	772,000	6.9
Ireland	43,000	0.9	125,000	2.2
Italy	1,583,000	2.6	3,199,000	5.4
Luxembourg	11,000	2.3	14,000	2.3
Netherlands	914,000	5.5	1,365,000	7.8
Norway	144,000	3.0	359,000	6.5
Portugal	65,000	0.6	65,000	0.6
Spain	1,021,000	2.3	1,859,000	3.7
Sweden	451,000	4.9	993,000	9.9
Switzerland	433,000	5.7	663,000	8.1
United Kingdom	2,869,000	4.6	5,567,000	8.2
Total for these countries	18,267,000	4.5	29,759,000	7.1

Population estimates are rounded to thousands. Percentages are calculated from unrounded numbers. Figures may not add exactly due to rounding. Table shows 17 of the 50 countries and territories in Europe.

Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion & Public Life • *The Future of the Global Muslim Population*, January 2011

➤ Nel mondo



In Italia

- (dati Caritas Migrantes 2018) Oltre 5 milioni di stranieri residenti, con incidenza dell'8,5% sulla popolazione italiana. Ma stima complessiva di 5.364.000 persone.
- il 33% - ovvero circa un milione e mezzo di persone - sono di cultura e religione musulmana, concentrati soprattutto nelle regioni settentrionali e nel Lazio.

Muslim Migrants until the 1970s

- A new *taqiyya* (*'dissimulazione'*).
- Call and Necessity of **Assimilation** (Language, Culture, Identity Capital)
- Ethnic Identity (eg Anglo-Pakistani [*Paki/Wog*], French-Algerian [*Beur*], Turks in Germany (it applies to Kurds too), South Asians, Arabs, etc)
- Lack of Intellectual and Political Debate
- National Culture Imported and 'Cheap Ulama' (from rural areas) imported too
- Multiple Minority **Submerged** Identities

Generations without Name, and the Quest for Identity

- Younger generations assimilated for language but de facto excluded for social and class reasons.
- Gap with older migrant generations; cannot recognise themselves in rural traditional Islam in 'Islamic' languages.
- Late 1970s: Economic Crisis; the Birth of a Subaltern Conscience, and the difficulty of integrating 'Muslim Migrants' in European subaltern ranks (**Racism**)
- 1980s: The Quest for 'Original' Identity

The Islamization of Ethnic minorities

- 1980s, after Iranian Revolution, rise of Islamophobia (Media, popular culture, class allies)
- 1989 The Satanic Verses Controversy
- 1990s Migrants became Muslims
- Muslims in Europe or European Muslims?



The Power of Representation

- Media and Mainstream Discourse 'discover' Muslims in Europe as a not-assimilated Minority
- Arabs, Turks, Iranians, South Asians became Muslim suddenly
- Re-discover of a Militant, Subaltern non-Traditional Muslim Identity very different from older generation's



Souls (and Bodies) For Sale

- Two main currents (and many inbetween):
- 1. There is only an Islamic identity, radically opposed to European values (Hizb ul-Tahrir). Segregation and Separation
- 2. European (and Western) Muslims are part of Europe (and the West) and there is a distinctive Euro-Islam



What is Euro-Islam?

- The Question of Secularism
- Tariq Ramadan (Euro-Sunna):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cLgULV56RjU>

Critics of Ramadan

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LXR10XSFrVY>



Myth or Reality?

- Theological and Legal issues (Europeanisation of Fiqh): European Council for Fatwa and Research (Dublin)
- Cultural Issues
- Citizenship
- A women's Question?
- Rediscovering Sunna ('Sunna in Context'); **ijtihad**
- Islamophobic Muslims?
- The Problem of Essentialising Islam & Muslims