
Invitation

Lisa and Heinrich Arnhold Lecture

**THE EVOLUTION OF STATE-MOSQUE RELATIONS IN GERMANY
AND THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION**

Tuesday, November 20, 2012 – 3:00 pm

Location: Technische Universität Dresden, Festsaal Rektoratsgebäude, Mommsenstr. 11

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Introduction by **Hans Vorländer**,

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At the same time that European governments try to bring the practice of Islam in their countries under local oversight – from the *Deutsche Islam Konferenz* to the *Conseil français du culte musulman* – so too are homeland governments increasingly active in the political and religious lives of their immigrant diasporas in Western Europe. Turkey and Morocco offer important, but very different visions of the coexistence of Islam and democracy in the 21st century. The merits and relevance of both models – one a democratic republic and the other a constitutional democratic monarchy – have received increased attention in countries transitioning as a result of the Arab Spring. This lecture investigates the external impact of recent Turkish and Moroccan projections of soft power across the Mediterranean and their increasing involvement in the political and religious lives of immigrant diasporas in Western Europe. By examining the new and ambitious Moroccan and Turkish diaspora outreach policies, Jonathan Laurence describes the evolution of Islam in the West as it relates to recent political developments in the Muslim-majority world.

Jonathan Laurence is associate professor of political science at Boston College and a non-resident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution's Center on the United States and Europe. Laurence's expertise includes French and Italian politics, transatlantic relations, and the integration of Muslims into European politics and society. He is the author of *The Emancipation of Europe's Muslims: The State's Role in Minority Integration* (Princeton University Press, 2012), *Integrating Islam: Political and Religious Challenges in Contemporary France* (with Justin Vaisse, Brookings Press, 2006), and co-editor of *Governments and Muslim Communities in the West* (Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2008). He is a current term member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a frequent contributor to various international policy journals and world-renowned newspapers.

Hans Vorländer has held the Chair of Political Theory and History of Political Thought at Technische Universität Dresden since 1993. Apart from memberships in several national and international Editorial and Advisory Boards, Professor Vorländer was Visiting Professor in Paris and Mexico City, founder and director of the Center for the Study of Constitutionalism and Democracy and currently serves as director and speaker of the Collaborative Research Center 804 *Transcendence and Common Sense*, which he founded in 2009 at Technische Universität Dresden.

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