

## International Workshop NARRATIVES OF ISLAM-CHRISTIAN AND GENDER VIOLENCE IN CONTEMPORARY AGE

**Date:** October 6th, 2017

**Place:** Room ICS, Institute for Culture and Society, University of Navarra.

**Organize:** Institute for Culture and Society, University of Navarra

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### PRESENTATION

The decline in religious practices in Europe has partly coincided with the arrive of the New Age, as well as with the end of the Cold War – in view of the growing role of the Gulf States in Arab domestic politics, as well as the formation of a 'global Jihad' approach, at the end of the confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union (Soviet-Afghan War 1979-1989) – developing a common denominator through the weakening of curricula of religious knowledge as religious understanding of the contemporary world.

The inability of hermeneutics has clearly emerged and has been overcome by political and economic needs and pressures as well as by the exaggerated media slogan of 'Clash of Civilizations', which is certainly more profitable than that of: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

This workshop seeks to investigate the main risk of contemporary religious violence in the Middle East and Europe. As well as the inability of the same media to correctly interpret the current situation, stimulating an 'overwhelming' representation of Islam and 'Eastern' geography as one of perennial war, barbaric and without any possibility of 'redemption'.

Conversely, a historical approach and, today also, prominently capable of linking past and present, emphasizing the real understanding of all narratives, genuine, utopian and of unreal violence, that have investigated the connection between religious identity, gender violence, incursions and conquests, political control and indirect norms.

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## SCHEDULE

Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

**10.30 Introduction and project presentation**

Dr. Marco Demichelis, Instituto Cultura y Sociedad, Universidad de Navarra.

**10.45 Deconstruction of Islamic supremacism within an historical - Christian perspective**

Dr. Marco Demichelis, Marie Curie Experienced Research Fellow in Islamic Studies and History of Middle East, ICS, University of Navarra.

**11.30 Majorities, Minorities and the Modern State in the Middle East. What role for diversity in contemporary Iraq?**

Dr. Paolo Maggiolini, Research Fellow and Lecturer in History of Islamic Asia, Catholic University of Sacred Heart in Milan.

12.15 Coffee Break

**12.30 Women in post-Islamic Iran. Contrasting state violence through Islamic feminism and social change**

Dr. Sara Hejazi, Research Fellow in Anthropology of Religions, Bruno Kessler Foundation (Trento).

**13.15 Ius soli, between human rights and terrorism prevention**

Dr. Viviana Premazzi, Former Research Fellow in Sociology of Migrations, Dept. of Culture, Politics and Society, University of Turin.

**14.00 Conclusions**

Dr. Montserrat Herrero, principal investigator of the 'Religion and Civil society' project.