

EUREL NEWSLETTER, n° 7 – avril 2008

Ceci est la septième lettre d'information du site [Eurel](#) (données sociologiques et juridiques sur la religion en Europe), envoyée deux fois par an. *This is the seventh newsletter of the Eurel website (sociological and legal data on religions in Europe) which is sent twice a year.*

Vous y trouverez des informations sur l'actualité du site, ainsi que, pour différents pays, les références des livres et articles récemment parus, les nouveaux sites internet, les derniers sondages, les prochains colloques consacrés à la sociologie et au droit des religions en Europe...

The letter includes information concerning the recent changes in the Eurel website, as well as news concerning different countries of Europe: references of recent books or articles, new websites, latest surveys, and coming meetings concerning sociology and law of religions in Europe...

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1. Actualité en droit et sociologie des religions / News in law and sociology of religion

ALLEMAGNE / GERMANY

Ouvrage / Book

- GABRIELI, Karl, HÖHN, Hans-Joachim (ed.), *Religion heute, öffentlich und politisch. Provokationen, Kontroversen, Perspektiven*. Paderborn: Ferdinand Schöningh, 2008.
- KIPPENBERG, Hans G, *Gewalt als Gottesdienst. Religionskriege im Zeitalter der Globalisierung*. München: C.H. Beck, 2008.
- LADEUR, Karl-Heinz, AUGSBERG, Ino, *Toleranz - Religion - Recht*. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2007.
- RIESEBRODT, Martin, *Cultus und Heilversprechen. Eine Theorie der Religionen*. München: C.H. Beck, 2007.

Sondage / Survey

- The Bertelsmann Foundation has recently published first results of its "Religionsmonitor", a cross-national comparative study of religious beliefs, attitudes, and practices. For further information see:

<http://www.bertelsmann-stiftung.de/cps/rde/xchg/SID-0A000F14-B6E330AA/bst/hs.xls/36787.htm>

Actualité juridique / Legal news

- A court in Hamburg has decided that it is unlawful to exclude a Muslim applicant for a position as social worker within a programme financed by the European Social Fund and run by the welfare agency (Diakonisches Werk) of the Protestant Church in Germany (EKD). In this case the Church's right to self-determination does not justify differential treatment of applicants.
For further details see here ([ArbG Hamburg Urteil](#) vom 4.12.2007, 20 Ca 105/07).

Colloque / Conference

- On the occasion of this year's Symposium of the "Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie" (DGS), which is taking place in Jena in October, the section on sociology of religion is organizing two sessions on "Religion as threat to security?" and "Religion and social capital". For further information see: <http://dgs2008.de/programm/>

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BELGIQUE / BELGIUM

Colloque / Conference

- **15 mai 2008 : 25 ans de pratiques du droit de l'Eglise catholique en Belgique.** Session ouverte au grand public, le jeudi 15 mai de 14h15 à 17h45, Louvain-la-Neuve, auditoire SOCRATE 11. Plus d'informations : <http://www.uclouvain.be/170230.html>

Site Internet / Website

- Le nouveau [site](#) de la Chaire de droit des religions de l'Université de Louvain-la-Neuve, a un [blog](#) d'actualités non exhaustif.

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CHYPRE / CYPRUS

Article

- ROUDOMETOF, Victor, "Greek-Orthodoxy, Territoriality and Globality: Religious Responses and Institutional Disputes," *Sociology of Religion* 69-1, 2008, p. 67-91.

Sondage / Survey

- The 2006 wave of the World Values Survey was conducted on both parts of the island under the direction of Prof. B. Yesilada (Portland St.University). This is the first time that a major international survey about religion was conducted on both parts of the island.

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DANEMARK / DENMARK

Ouvrage / Book

- JENSEN, Tina Gudrun, ØSTERGAARD Kate, *Nye muslimer i Danmark: Møder og omvendelser [New Muslims in Denmark: Meetings and conversions]*. Højbjerg: Forlaget Univers, 2007.

First major study of Danish converts to Islam. Based on interviews, participant observation, and two smaller surveys. The book gives a description of those Danes who have converted to Islam in recent years and provides in depth knowledge of the reasons for conversion.

Actualité juridique / Legal news

- In February 2008 the Danish Muhammad cartoons have been reprinted in several Danish newspapers after an alleged plot to murder one of the cartoonists behind the original cartoons has been unveiled by the Danish secret police (Politiets Efterretningstjeneste) [Kristeligt Dagblad, February 13 • 2008, page 2].
According to the police three individuals had planned to murder Kurt Westergaard, the cartoonist behind the most famous of the Muhammad cartoons, the one showing Muhammad with a bomb in his turban. No charges will be brought against the individuals although two of them will be deported without trial [Jyllands-Posten, February 13• 2008, section 1, page 1].

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FRANCE

Ouvrage / Book

- FREGOSI, Franck, *Penser l'islam dans la laïcité : les musulmans de France et la République*. Paris: Fayard, 2008. (Les dieux dans la cité)
- LAMBERT, Yves, *La naissance des religions : de la préhistoire aux religions universalistes*. Paris: Armand Colin, 2007.

Sondages

- [Les Français, la laïcité et le rôle des religions](#)
Enquête IFOP pour La Croix (6 au 7 mars 2008)
- [Les Français et la laïcité](#)
Enquête IFOP pour Valeurs actuelles (21-22 janv. 2008)
- [1989 – 2007 : Enquête sur l'évolution de l'islam de France](#)
Sondage Ifop pour La Croix (8 au 17 déc. 2007)
- [L'avenir du christianisme](#)
Enquête IFOP pour La Croix (12 novembre 2007)

Colloque / Conference

- **25-26 septembre 2008**, Colloque international *Le chiisme et les communautés chiites en Europe*, organisé à Strasbourg par PRISME – Société, Droit et religion en Europe.

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IRLANDE / REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Ouvrage / Book

- O'LEARY, Richard and LI, Lan, *Mainland Chinese Students and Immigrants in Ireland and their engagement with Christianity, Churches and Irish Society*. Dublin: DUFEM, 2008
Major Report based on a survey and interviews with Chinese immigrants

Actualité juridique / Legal news

- The Irish Minister for Justice is presenting in April 2008 draft legislation on Civil Partnerships which would provide legal recognition for same-sex couples. There has hitherto been no legal recognition by the Irish state of same-sex couples. There is debate within the Coalition government parties about the provision for adoption by gay parents.

Colloque / Conference

- **23-24th May 2008, Secularism and Globalization in Ireland and France.** 4th Congress of the National Centre for Franco-Irish Studies, Dublin. Taking place at Université Rennes 2, France. (Laïcité et mondialisation en Irlande et en France)

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ITALIE / ITALY

- Le *Law & Religion Programme* de l'Université de Sienne (Département de droit public) organise une école d'été sur « Women and religions » :
<http://www.biolaw.it/SummerSchool/index.htm>

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ROYAUME-UNI / UNITED KINGDOM

Ouvrages/ Books

- AL-AZMEH, A. and FOKAS, E. (eds.), *Islam in Europe: Diversity, Identity and Influence*. Cambridge University Press, 2007.
- ANDERSON, J. (ed.), *Religion, Democracy and Democratization*. Routledge, 2007.
Includes chapters on the Czech Republic and Hungary.
- BANCHOFF, T. (ed.), *Democracy and the New Religious Pluralism*. Oxford University Press, 2007.
Overview of the increase in religious diversity in the US and Western Europe.
- BECKFORD, J. A. and DEMERATH, N. Jay, *The SAGE Handbook of the Sociology of Religion*. Sage, 2007.
Comprehensive overview, with case studies of China, Japan, Israel, Mexico and Eastern Europe.
- DAVIE, G., *The Sociology of Religion*. Sage, 2007.
An expert survey of the subject, together with a critical evaluation of the discipline and its prospects.
- JAMES, H. (ed.), *Civil Society, Religion and Global Governance Paradigms of Power and Persuasion*. Routledge, 2007.
Explores human rights, the civil state and civil religion via a wide range of case studies.
- JOHNSTONE, R. L., *Religion in Society: A Sociology of Religion*. Prentice Hall, 2007.
- POLLACK, D. and OLSON, D. V. A. (eds.), *The Role of Religion in Modern Societies*. Routledge, 2007.
Edited collection straddling political science, history and sociology, reporting empirical research into a range of societies on the question of whether modernisation leads to the decline of religion.
- TRIGG, R. *Religion in Public Life: Must Faith be Privatized?* Oxford University Press, 2007.
Political philosophy work considering the public recognition of religion in pluralist society.

Articles

- FIELD, C. D., "Islamophobia in Contemporary Britain: the Evidence of the Opinion Polls, 1988-2006", *Islam and Christian Muslim Relations* (2007), 18/4, pp. 447-477.

- HOUTMAN, D. and AUPERS, S., "The Spiritual Turn and the Decline of Tradition: The Spread of Post-Christian Spirituality in 14 Western Countries, 1981–2000", *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 46/3 (September 2007), pp. 305-320.
- POLLACK, D. and PICKEL, G., "Religious individualization or secularization? Testing hypotheses of religious change – the case of Eastern and Western Germany", *British Journal of Sociology* (December 2007), 58/4, pp. 603-632.
- PURDAM, K., AFKHAMI, R., CROCKETT, A., and OLSEN, W., "Religion in the UK: An Overview of Equality Statistics and Evidence Gaps", *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, 22/2 (May 2007), pp. 147 – 168.
- RAMJI, H., "Dynamics of Religion and Gender amongst Young British Muslims", *Sociology* (December 2007), vol. 41, pp. 1171-1189.

Sondage / Survey

- Jayaweera and T. Choudhury, *Immigration, faith and cohesion: Evidence from local areas with significant Muslim populations* (Joseph Rowntree Foundation, March 2008).
Fieldwork was conducted in Newham, Birmingham and Bradford in 2006-07. Respondents comprised 155 recent Muslim migrants, 74 established Muslims, 44 recent non-Muslim migrants and 46 UK-born non-Muslims.
See <http://www.jrf.org.uk/bookshop/details.asp?pubid=947>.
- Gweini: The Council of the Christian Voluntary Sector in Wales and Wales Council for Voluntary Action, *Faith in Wales: Counting for Communities*. Questionnaire-based survey of faith communities with analysis of their social and economic impact.
See http://www.gweini.org.uk/download/English%2003_03%20comp%20smaller.pdf
- ComRes, *Taking the Pulse; Is the Bible alive and well in the Church today?*
A survey of 3,000 church leaders and members for the Bible Society, of how the Bible is used by churches.
See <http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/bibleandchurchsurvey.pdf>
- M. Mirza, A. Senthilkumaran and Z. Ja'far, *Living Apart Together: British Muslims and the Paradox of Multiculturalism* (Policy Exchange, 2007).
A survey of attitudes among young Muslims and analysis of their growing religiosity.

Colloque / Conference

- **8-10 April 2008.** The British Sociological Association Sociology of Religion Study Group is hosting its annual conference in Birmingham. The programme and abstracts, with author contact details, can be found at: <http://www.socrel.org.uk/>

Actualité juridique / Legal news

The following public policy and legal reports have appeared:

- Communities and Local Government, *Guidance on New Measures to Outlaw Discrimination on Grounds of Religion or Belief in the Provision of Goods, Facilities and Services* (Part 2, Equality Act 2006), April 2007.
- Department for Schools, Children and Families, *Faith in the System: The Role of Schools with a Religious Character in English Education and Society* (2007). A report on the operation and future of denominational schools in England.
- The Fraudulent Mediums Act 1951 is due to be repealed on 26 May 2008, and replaced by the new EC-wide Consumer Protection Regulations. This may require spiritualists and faith healers which charge for services to issue disclaimers in order to avoid charges of unfair or bogus trading. Spiritualists claim that this will have an adverse effect on their religious practice. See *The Observer*, 6 April 2008, p. 21.

Site Internet / Website

- The Religion and Society Research Programme
<http://www.religionandsociety.org.uk/>

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SLOVAQUIE / SLOVAKIA

Ouvrage / Book

- MORAVCIKOVA, Michaela, GRESKOVA, Lucia (eds.) *Women and Religions*. Bratislava, 2007.
- MORAVCIKOVA, Michaela (ed.), *Religions in the Balkans*. Bratislava, 2007.

Articles

- MORAVCIKOVA, Michaela, "Slovak-Hungarian relations, Catholicism and Christian democracy" in JEVTIĆ, Miroljub (ed.), *Politics and Religion*. Volume II. Belgrade : Center for Study of Religion and Religious Tolerance, 2007, pp. 5-28.
- MORAVCIKOVA, Michaela, "Likening to God by Creating Man - Jewish Mystical Ritual of Creation of Golem", in LITTA, Vladimir, MIKULÁŠ, Dalibor (eds.), *Bioethics Challenges of the Present Times*. Ruzomberok, 2007, pp. 13-26.

Colloque / Conference

- March 31st 2008, International Conference *Diversity connects - Intercultural Dialogue 2008*, Ministry of Culture of the Slovac Republic

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SUEDE / SWEDEN

Ouvrage / Book

- AHLSTRAND, Kajsa, GUNNER Göran, (ed.), *Guds Närmaste Stad - En Studie om religionernas betydelse i ett svenskt samhälle i början av 2000-talet* eng. [God's nearest town - A Study of the Importance of the Religions in a Swedish Town in the beginning of the 2000s.] Häftad. Verbum Förlag, 2007.

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TURQUIE / TURKEY

Ouvrage / Book

- BOZDEMIR, Michel, *Turquie : entre Islam et Europe*. Paris : Ellipses, 2007.
- LUIZARD, Pierre-Jean, *Laïcités autoritaires en terres d'islam*, Paris : Fayard, 2008.
- CIZRE, Ümit, *Secular and Islamic Politics in Turkey*, London, Routledge, 2008.

Sondage / Survey

- *Les débats sur la laïcité et le foulard islamique dans la vie quotidienne*, une enquête de Konda (en turc)

<http://www.konda.com.tr/html/dosyalar/ghdl&t.pdf>

Actualité juridique / Legal news

- Le 31 mars 2008, la cour constitutionnelle a déclaré recevable la demande d'ouverture d'un procès à l'encontre du Parti de la Justice et du Développement actuellement au pouvoir. Le procureur général de la Haute cour demande la fermeture du parti et la suspension des droits civils des dirigeants pour « activités contraires à la laïcité ». Le procureur accuse l'AKP d'être le « centre des activités visant à changer la nature laïque du régime ». A la tête de ces activités, le procureur vise le récent changement constitutionnel visant à supprimer l'interdiction d'accéder à

l'université avec un foulard. Ce changement constitutionnel est une affaire pendante devant la Cour constitutionnelle.

Colloque / Conference

- **7-11 juillet 2008**, *Etre en société : le lien social à l'épreuve des cultures*, Congrès de l'Association internationale des sociologues de langue française, Istanbul, Université de Galatasaray.

Site Internet / Website

- Turquie européenne : sélection d'articles sur la Turquie publiés dans les médias internationaux
<http://www.turquieeuropeenne.eu/>

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EUROPE

Ouvrage / Book

- MASSIGNON, Bérangère, *Des dieux et des fonctionnaires : religions et laïcités face au défi de la construction européenne*. Presses universitaires de Rennes, 2007. (Sciences des religions)

Colloque / Conference

- **8 mai 2008**: *European Studies on Church and State Interactions*. Meeting du réseau européen [Euresis Net](#) financé par la Commission européenne, et piloté par l'Université de Thessalonique. La journée principale se tiendra à l'UCL (Louvain-la-Neuve) le 8 mai 2008 : *Teaching and Research on State and Religions in the Scope of the EU*.
- **31 May-2 June 2008**: *Teaching religion in a multicultural European society* (TRES network). Nijmegen Conference
<http://www.student.teol.uu.se/tres/mod/resource/view.php?id=96>

2. Actualité du site Eurel / News of the Eurel website

- Le **Portugal** et la **Lettonie** ont été intégrés dans la version anglaise du site Eurel ; correspondants : Paulo Jorge Soares PINTO (Universidade Lusófona, Lisbonne) et Ringolds BALODIS (Latvijas Universitātē, Rīga)
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