

Jochen Blaschke (Ed.)

**Multi-Level Discrimination
of Muslim Women in Europe**

Edition Parabolis

Contents

Introduction	15
Project Design	27
Methodology	32
JOCHEN BLASCHKE AND SANELA SABANOVIC	
Multi-level Discrimination of Muslim Women in Germany	37
The Framework of the Research Project	37
Methodology of the Research	40
The Interview Sample	42
Policies and Legislation Regarding Discrimination	47
Islam in Germany	50
Experiences of Discrimination	56
Religious Life and Institutions	56
Family, Ethnic Community and Majority Society	63
<i>The Biographical Perspective</i>	63
<i>Education</i>	63
a) Exclusively Participating in the German School System	64
b) Exclusively Participating in the School System of the Country of Origin	66

c) Participation in Both the School System of the Country of Origin and in Germany	68
<i>Puberty</i>	68
<i>Wedding and Marriage</i>	70
<i>Single Mothers</i>	74
<i>Living Space and Neighbourhood</i>	75
Employment and Work	78
<i>Training and Qualifications</i>	79
<i>Employment and Professional Sectors</i>	83
<i>Unemployment</i>	86
<i>Raising Children</i>	87
<i>Lack of Work Permit</i>	89
<i>Lack of Qualification</i>	90
<i>Compatibility of Job and Family</i>	90
Experiences with Public and Social Institutions	93
<i>Health Care</i>	93
<i>Educational Institutions</i>	97
<i>Kindergarten</i>	97
<i>School</i>	102
<i>Professional Qualifications</i>	109
<i>Local Administration</i>	114
<i>Institutions and Social Assistance</i>	117
<i>Migration Social Work</i>	118
<i>Organisations Targeting their Services to Muslim and non-Muslim Women</i>	121
<i>Associations against Discrimination</i>	123
Conclusion and Final Comments	130

**Multi-level Discrimination
against Muslim Woman in Denmark 139**

Introduction 139

Danish Immigration Policies 140

Danish Anti-Discrimination Legislation 141

Enforcement Mechanisms 144

Methodology and Organisation of the Fieldwork 144

Interviews 145

Plan of the Report 147

Religious Life and Institutions 148

The Issue of Veiling 149

Forms of Discrimination 150

**Family, Community
and the Social Environment 152**

Puberty 152

Muslim Women and Upbringing 156

The Majority Society 158

Associations 161

Forms of Discrimination 162

Muslim Women and Employment 164

Labour Market 165

Forms of Discrimination 171

Public and Social Institutions	172
Health Care	172
Social Services	174
Language Education	178
The State School System	179
Vocational Training	181
Forms of Discrimination	182
Administrations and Non-Governmental Associations ..	185
Conclusion	196
Notes	201

MUHAMMAD ANWAR AND FIRSILA SHAH

Muslim Women and Experiences of Discrimination in Britain	203
--	------------

Introduction	203
Migration Process	204
Demographic Characteristics	205
Economic and Social Position	208
Employment	208
Housing	210
Education	211

Muslims in Birmingham	212
Legislative Framework and Types of Religious Discrimination	212
The Study	214
<i>Sample</i>	214
<i>Methods</i>	215
<i>Time Constraints</i>	216
Main Findings	217
Religious Life and Veiling	217
Family and Community	220
Marriage	226
Education	227
Employment	231
Public and Social Institutions	234
Forms and Definitions of Discrimination	238
Areas of Discrimination	240
Position of Women in Anti-Discrimination Measures	241
Conclusions	244
Recommendations	246
Notes	248

GIOVANNA CAMPANI

**Muslim Women and
Discrimination -The Italian Case 249**

Introduction 249

Women's Migration and Islam in Italy 255

Migrant Women in Italy: Statistical Data 255

Migration and Religion 261

*Religion and Migratory Trajectories
from the Sending Countries to Italy 261*

Religion and Gender 265

Religion and Community Building 267

The Muslim Communities 269

The Islam, the Italian

Constitution and the Italian State 272

The Notion of Discrimination

in Law and in Migration Policies 274

The Research:

Muslim Women in Florence and Rome 275

Methodology 275

The Interviews: General Data 279

*The Countries of Origin,
Citizenship and Place of Residence 279*

Age, Husbands and Children 281

Age Groups 281

Engagements, Marriages,
Divorces, Children 283

The Sojourn Permits (Permits of Stay) 286

<i>Family of Origin and Education</i>	288
<i>Family Life between the Country of Origin and Italy</i>	292
The Islamic Religion – Education, Identities, Practices	299
<i>The Typologies</i>	299
<i>Home Background and Education</i>	303
<i>The Mosque, the Prayers, the Ramadan</i>	304
<i>Positive and Negative Aspects of the Islamic Religion/The Question of the Veil</i>	307
<i>Muslim Women and Employment Discrimination and Issues</i>	310
<i>The Relationship to the Public and Private Institutions</i>	313
<i>The Forms and Situations of Discrimination</i>	314
Institutions, NGOs and Muslim Women in Rome and Florence	317
The Public Services	318
<i>Hospitals and Health Services</i>	318
<i>Other Public Services</i>	321
<i>The Non Governmental Organisations</i>	322
<i>The Islamic Associations</i>	322
<i>A special Case: The Secular Tunisian Association</i>	323
<i>Schools</i>	323
The Difficulties and Discrimination of Muslim Women According to the Public Services and the NGOs	324
Conclusions	327

Forms and Situations of Discrimination /	
Recommendations for the Future	327
<i>Multi-Level Discrimination</i>	<i>327</i>
<i>Different Forms and Situations</i>	
<i>of Discriminations</i>	<i>331</i>
<i>Recommendations</i>	<i>334</i>
Notes	335
List of Interviews with NGOs and Other Associations ..	337

GUNTHER DIETZ

Discrimination of	
Muslim Women in Spain	341
Introduction: The National Framework	341
Definitions of and Policies	
towards Discrimination	342
Islam and Immigration in Spain	344
<i>Immigration to Spain</i>	<i>344</i>
<i>Muslim Communities in Spain</i>	<i>347</i>
<i>The Presence of Muslim Women</i>	<i>348</i>
<i>Muslimophobia</i>	<i>349</i>
Methodology	351
Activities in the Framework of the Project	351
The Interview Sample	354
Muslim Women	354

The Non-Governmental Organizations and Immigrant Associations	356
The Spanish Public Institutions	358
Muslim Women and Religion	359
Religious Identity	359
Religious Life and Institutions	366
Religious Belief and Practice	373
The Issue of Veiling	380
The Public and the Private	387
Birth and Childhood/Education and Puberty	388
Weddings and Marriage	396
Family, Ethnic Community and Majority Society	408
Muslim Women and Employment	422
Qualification and Training	422
Sectors and Kinds of Employment	425
Job and Income Levels	431
Unemployment and the Promotion of Employment Opportunities	433
Family and Work	437
Experiences with Public and Social Institutions	439
General Experiences with Governmental Institutions	439
Health Care	448
Social Services	457

Education and Training Institutions	459
Housing and Neighbourhood	473
Forms of Discrimination	480
Individual Definitions and Experiences of Discrimination	481
Areas and Sources of Discrimination	493
<i>Exogenous forms of Ethno-Religious Discrimination of Muslim Women</i>	<i>493</i>
<i>Endogenous forms of Ethno-Religious Discrimination of Muslim Women</i>	<i>496</i>
<i>Exogenous forms of Gender-Based Discrimination of Muslim Women</i>	<i>498</i>
<i>Endogenous forms of Gender-Based Discrimination of Muslim Women</i>	<i>500</i>
The Public and Social Institutions' Attitudes towards Discrimination	505
The Position of Muslim Women in Existing Anti-Discrimination Measures	512
Notes	520
Comparative Conclusion	521
Living Conditions of Muslim Women	525
Forms and Situations of Discrimination	529
The Multiplicity of Discrimination of Muslim Women in Europe	532
Bibliography	535