The Islamic Christian Dialogue and the Role of Formal and Informal Entities after 11 September 2001

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Abstract

Recent estimations show that the Muslims and Christians constitute more than half of the world population. Evoking the fact of sharing borders in different places where one of the most important is the Euro–Mediterranean region, with its wide variations of military confrontations and peaceful relations between both, true interfaith dialogue would be an important indicator for peaceful coexistence.

The study explores the shift that happened to the Islamic Christian dialogue on the different levels after 11 of September 2001; with special reference to the context of the dialogue and the features of its partners. Like wise the study analysis the role of designated formal and informal entities, Al Azhar/ the Vatican and Anna Lindh Foundation. The study pays much attention to the formal publications of these entities trying to detect their general view with regard to the Islamic Christian dialogue especially after 11 of September. Additionally the study attempts to explore the level of engagement of each entity in the process of dialogue and the mechanism undertaken with each to enhance the dialogue, with intention to asses their real role to their general published perspective. Finally the study proposes some recommendations for a better institutionalized dialogue.

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