**Book proposal**

**Crescents and Croissants:**

**Preaching Islam in France and Italy**

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## General information

**Length of the Manuscript: 173 pages.**

Today Islam is the second-largest religion in Europe. It is the fastest growing religion in the world and according to Pew research centre and BBC monitoring report it is expected to become world’s largest religion by 2070[[1]](#footnote-1).

One of the main reasons for this phenomenal success of Islam in non-Islamic domains is the extensive use of daʻwa - Islamic preaching.

This book encompasses comparative research of the phenomenon of modern Islamic preaching in two different European countries- France and Italy.

The focus of this book is set on the variety of Muslims’ identities in Europe and on the impact the local Islamic daʻwa (preaching) has on forming these identities. The main aim of this book is to shed light on methods of work and courses of action of different daʻwa preachers in their various techniques of bringing Muslims and non-Muslims to a closer understanding of Islam.

**Readership**

The book applies to journalists and decision-makers as well as to students and academic scholars. Primary academic fields to whom it is likely to be relevant are the History of Ideas, Islam and politics, and Preaching Islam in the West. Relevant or typical teaching courses might be Islamic Theology, Muslim Identities in the West, European Islam, Islam in Europe, the Sociology of Islam, Immigration to Europe.

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**Relations to Other Publications, especially in Cambridge University Press:**

This research is unique and currently one of its kind in terms of depth and scale.

It is interdisciplinary and relates to two main fields: Second and Third Generations of Muslim Immigrants in Europe (including Hybrid Identities Formation) and Methods of Islamic Preaching.

This research correlates and corresponds with the works of [Aziz al-Azmeh](https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/islam-in-europe/126D46E2AA8C36780E98269151D79659), [Joel Fetzer](https://www.cambridge.org/il/academic/subjects/politics-international-relations/comparative-politics/muslims-and-state-britain-france-and-germany?format=PB), [John R. Bowen](https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/european-states-and-their-muslim-citizens/E20AD3FBBDFA9913FD7A88AF1A2466CE), [Muhamad Ali](https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/abs/islam-and-colonialism/organising-dawah-and-spreading-reform/0DAAF3A2D3B73C1BEAD0892FA448B177), [Larry Poston](https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/journal-of-the-royal-asiatic-society/article/abs/islamic-dawah-in-the-west-muslim-missionary-activity-and-the-dynamics-of-conversion-to-islam-by-larry-poston-pp-x-220-new-york-and-oxford-oxford-university-press-1992-2500/D757D4F711538C7249B74FF59FAFA88B), [Michael Kenney](https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/abs/islamic-state-in-britain/appendix-dawah-stalls-demonstrations-road-shows-and-private-talks/F12B16EBC0804A352003530FB4EA6F2B), [H.A. Hellyer](https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/muslims-of-europe/56832D1445FAEEC45E2DA562A430791E) and others. It brings a fresh vision of the process and methods of Islamic preaching in European countries, while taking into consideration the various Islamic ideologies and streams that use these methods. The research is based on a unique methodology that combines modern analysis of Islamic scriptures, as they are being used in the techniques of da’wa conveyers, with dozens of interviews conducted by the author with Muslim citizens in France and Italy.

All together this makes innovative wide-scope research with high relevance for a large variety of target-audiences: from journalists and decision-makers to students and academic scholars.

**Author’s Credentials:**

Dr. Dina Lisnyansky is an expert on Islam in Europe.

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Lisnyansky holds a PhD degree from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and completed two Post-Doctoral Fellowships. Author of numerous publications on different aspects of Islam and Muslims in non-Muslim regions, she is also a lecturer on variety of courses, such as “European Muslims in Quest of Identity” and “Islam in Europe: Home and Away”. Being an immigrant from a Muslim republic in former USSR herself, Lisnyansky is a researcher who is fascinated by hybrid identities that combine different cultures and perceptions, such as Muslim minorities in the West.

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1. http://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-39279631/islam-the-world-s-fastest-growing-religion [↑](#footnote-ref-1)