



*Spring 2009 Course Spotlight...*

## European Civilization in World Context: Islam in Europe HWC 430 ~ EURS 430

### *Course Information*

Term: Spring 2009

Instructor: Dale Urie

Time: Wednesdays 3:00-5:30pm

Place: 202 Bailey

### *Course Description*

Islam has long been an important cultural force in Europe. Recently, however, it has become a more powerful political, economic and religious force as well. This course will look at the migration of Muslims into Europe, why they came and what their lives are like in various European countries.

In recent years the day-to-day intersection between Muslims and Europeans has become increasingly tense because of the radicalization of some second and third generation Muslims. Students will also explore the sources of radicalization and other issues that create tension and address the question: is there a “clash of civilizations” in Europe?



### *Course Details*

We will read and discuss biographies of individual Muslims, works by those trying to reform Islam and reports by Muslims about their lives in Europe. We will also stream Islamic television from Europe and watch other films. The course will include an introduction to Islam, as a religion, and a brief history of the early interaction between the West and the Islamic world.