

Typologies of Muslims: Findings from the Islam in Australia Survey

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Numerous researchers in the field of Islamic and Muslim Studies have proposed various typologies to categorise Muslims in relation to their understanding of and identification with Islam. However, to date few studies have conducted the necessary empirical work to determine the numbers of Muslims aligned with the various typologies. Based on the findings of a national survey of Muslim citizens and permanent residents, this presentation examines Muslim Australians across a spectrum of 10 typologies - Cultural Nominalist, Liberal, Secular, Progressive, Ethical Maqasidi, Sufi, Traditionalist, Legalist, Political Islamist, and Militant - in relation to key demographics (age, gender, born Muslim/conversion to Islam, and born in Australia/overseas) as well as questions concerning shariah, political Islam, sources of influence, engaging with non-Muslims, openness to new knowledge about Islam, and views on various ethical, social, and theological issues.

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