

UC Fellow Lecture

From the Gates of Vienna to the Gates at Heathrow: Christian Soldiers and the Islamic "Invasions" of the New Europe

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Eleanor Roosevelt College Room, Price Center West

Over the past few decades there has emerged a new and crucial concern over whether Islam can "fit" in Europe -- whether this religion can be harmonized with European culture, European law, and European ideas about democracy and human rights. Prof. Patrick Patterson's research in Eastern Europe seeks to determine how and why those Europeans who base their politics in Christian commitments have welcomed or rejected the new presence of Muslims, and how they have used "history" in doing so -- in other words, how they have mobilized for political purposes a potent collection of centuries-old images, fears, remembrances, stereotypes, and history-laden received traditions concerning the nature of Islam and its followers.

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