



OCCHIALÌ – RIVISTA SUL MEDITERRANEO ISLAMICO

Call for Papers

The Minorities

What is a minority? The topic of minorities, despite its being abundantly discussed, takes often for granted the very definition of its subject: is it the majority which defines the minority ideologically, legally and institutionally, or is it the minority which defines itself? Is being a minority necessarily tied to a claim?

«What matters is not the fact that the claims of this or that minority group be more or less justified by the standards of an objective evaluation: what matters is that, from one side to the other, the Mediterranean is run by tensions born out of the conviction, rooted in minority groups, of being treated in a less-than-fair way by the majorities among which they live. It is this conviction of being discriminated against because of being different due to language, ethnic descent, religion or – in a broad sense – culture that pushes the most diverse minority groups to present, by the power of persuasion or that of arms, claims ranging from an equal treatment within the existing State's frame to a request of autonomy and of breaking the present order of things through a declaration of independence» (Pier Giovanni Donini, *Le Minoranze*, Jaca Book, Milano 1998, p. 10)

Starting from these thoughts, “Occhiali – Rivista sul Mediterraneo islamico” intends to promote the debate on minorities starting from the Muslim phenomenon and declining it in multidisciplinary terms according to the following axes of development:

- Theoretical definitions, methodological instruments and historical processes (minorities/majorities; hegemony/subalternity; legal definitions; genealogies).
- Islamic and non-Islamic minorities within the Muslim world (schisms; confessional communities; *dhimmis*; atheism and apostasies).
- Muslim communities within non-Islamic contexts (historical and diasporic communities; forms of institutionalization, legal tools; examples of enculturation).
- Political minorities (minority parties; ideological experiments).
- Ethnic and linguistic minorities (languages and linguistic and literary contaminations; non-Arab and non-Arabophone communities).

To these topics “Occhiali – Rivista sul Mediterraneo islamico” will dedicate a monographic issue to be published in July 2018.



The articles must be sent by **31/05/2018** in a format compatible with the procedure of *blind review*: in the first page, the author's name, surname, email address, a brief biographical note and the paper's title and abstract; in the following pages, title, text and notes. Papers will be accepted in Italian, English and French and in compliance with the editorial rules laid out on the website (<http://phi.unical.it/wp34/occhiali/>) and should not be longer than 30,000 characters including spaces (and including the notes and an English abstract not longer than 150 words), excluding bibliography.

Both the article and the abstract must be sent in a single file (.doc or .docx) to the email address laboratorio.occhiali@gmail.com