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The “Arab Spring” has become the “Arab Nightmare” – Sharia law is not part of Germany

Christine Schirmmacher spoke at Kripo International conference in Brussels in association with the EU Commission

Conclusions of the Symposium has been published in CICERO magazine

(Bonn, 13.12.2016) Within the framework of the Kripo International Conference entitled “Fighting Terrorism in the Regions of Europe: Threat Scenarios, Strategies, and Recommendations for Action” at the EU Commission in Brussels, Christine Schirmmacher gave a talk on “The Rule of the Islamic State and the Consequences of the Syrian Crisis for Europe.” Representatives of European and German police and security, and intelligence authorities were among the speakers and attendees. Also in attendance were staff from the terrorism unit and crisis management for the EU Commission and the European coordination office for intelligence services.



Christine Schirmmacher during her talk © BQ/Warnecke

While the Federation of German Police (Bund Deutscher Kriminalbeamter, or BDK) had published the basic structure of Christine Schirmmacher's lecture in the October edition of its journal, *Der Kriminalist* (10/2016), the conclusions of the highly acclaimed lecture appeared in the November edition of the magazine *CICERO* (11/2016).

In her lecture, the Islamic scholar differentiated between an Islam characterized by Sharia law, which owing to its political claims is irreconcilable with democracy and a constitutional state, and a form of Islam which is solely lived out of a religious confession and for that reason does not collide with basic civil rights and democracy.

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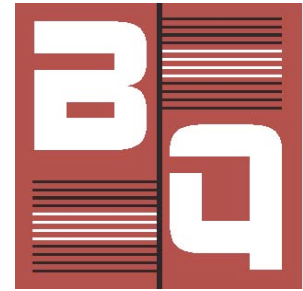
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An understanding of Islam, which either affirms the exercise of force for the “defense” of Islam or makes a call to implement Islam both politically and socially and by doing so views the classical interpretation of Sharia law as binding, does not fit with Europe: This is on account of the fact that in the middle of theology as established through a classical interpretation of Sharia law the following is foreseen: only limited rights for women, the death penalty for



The meeting room of the EU Commission during the talk
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“apostates” from Islam (atheists, converts), and the status of subjugated individuals for Jews and Christians. Whoever views the established theocracy Muhammad had in place in Medina as a paradigm that cannot be renounced for the present can only view democracy as a temporary stopgap solution. A “contract” can perhaps be concluded with democracy, but over the long term it is to be superseded by an Islamic form of order (whichever shape that might take).

For that reason, it is therefore necessary to refrain from mistrust against all those powers which live out an Islam compatible with democracy and support those who are defenders of democracy and freedom. However, limits are to be imposed upon all those forms of Islam seeking to subordinate democracy to Sharia law. There needs to be more careful and better informed differentiation within politics and society between “Islam” and “political Islam.” Then a declaration of belief in and active advocacy of human rights, democracy, the rule of law, tolerance, and rights of freedom and equality can and should be called for.

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- Conference program:
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