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MEL-net (Portuguese abbreviation for Muslims in Lusophone Spaces) is an **international research network** dedicated to questions related to **Islam and Muslims** in Portuguese speaking areas, namely **Portugal, Brazil, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau, Angola, Cape Verde, São Tomé e Príncipe, Macau, East Timor, Goa, Damão and Díu.**

The idea of MEL-net (Muçulmanos em Espaços Lusófonos) emerged from the desire and necessity to facilitate academic exchange among scholars who work on Islam and Muslim-related questions in Portuguese-speaking countries and/or about Portuguese-speaking Muslims living elsewhere. MEL-net was conceived in January 2005, when it was filed as a project co-ordinated by Nina Clara Tiesler, hosted at ICS-UL. At its current stage of development, around 35 international scholars have contributed in various ways to MEL-net, and have been committed to establishing this new interdisciplinary research network, which was officially launched at the XIXth Congress of Afeman (ASSOCIATION FRANÇAISE POUR L'ÉTUDE DU MONDE ARABE ET MUSULMAN) in Strasbourg, France, 7-9th of July 2005.

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- MEL-net: research network & programme
- MEL-mail: mailinglist
- MEL-site: internetforum, website
- MEL-doc: PhD- and Mastergroup
- MEL-pub: programme of publications

During the last two years, MEL-net has realised specific conference panels in France, Portugal and Angola (abstracts available at our website), MEL-doc workshops and is currently preparing a bibliographical database on the subject. MEL-pub has recently released its first extensive print publication in collaboration with the

peer-reviewed, tri-lingual journal *LUSOTPIE* (Brill), a special issue titled **Islam in Portuguese-speaking Areas**:

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