

## A NEW RELIGIOUS PRACTICE OF THE MUSLIM “ADVENT CALENDAR” AMONG THE GERMAN MUSLIMS IN MODERN GERMANY

*This study describes the so-called “new” Muslims, Germans who have converted to Islam. The subject of the article is the new religious practice of the Muslim “Advent calendar” created by Germans who have undergone religious conversion. The author applied field ethnographic observation and unformalized interviews with informants. The “snowball” sampling method was used to select respondents. The present study is the first attempt in Russian historiography to address the issue of newly converted Germans based on field materials. The author comes to the following conclusions: in case of religious alternation, converts can change religious practices, that is, they can transform them or construct completely new ones. In our study, this is the Muslim “Advent calendar”. The construction of a new religious practice can be influenced by personal experiences, fashion or the personal creativity of the convert. The use of the Muslim “Advent calendar” not only by converts, but also by other German Muslims forms a new ummah in Germany.*

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