

Migration, feelings of belonging to the land and the Universality of Islam

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In this paper, I will elaborate on the concept of migration in Islam, give examples of and reasons for early migrations of Muslims, and show how migration was perceived in Islamic teachings as a positive element in the service of humanity. A special emphasis will be given to the Prophet's declaration of brotherhood between immigrants and residents in the city of Medina. While discussing this, I will examine the famous statement which is known as a Hadith "the love of country/land comes from faith" and juxtapose the common understanding of this statement with the universality of Islam. Therefore, I will attempt to answer the question of whether or not a feeling of belonging to a land contradicts the universality of Islam. This paper also aims to give some theological foundations for Muslim immigrants in Europe and their feelings towards both their country of origin and their country of residence.