Can We Speak About a "Clash of Civilizations" in the Twenty-First Century?

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Abstract

Nowadays, in the context of the growing migration of the Muslim population in Europe, caused by the wars in Syria and other areas, the question is increasingly being asked whether there is a danger of "Islamization of Europe" following the "clash of civilizations". The last formula is not new. It created a real dispute in the past. But the discussions must also take into account other questions that are currently being asked: is there still a Christian Europe? Is it possible to speak of an intrinsic conflict between Christianity and Islam, which erupts at certain periods of time?

In this study we will focus on the topic of "clash of civilizations", the impact that this formula had in the world at the end of the twentieth century and the connotations it has for our times. The topic of research starts from the realities that no one can dispute, globally emphasizing the problems that affect people: conflicts in various territories, difficult economic situations in certain regions of the world, reaching financial crises and important social changes, in which the majority populations have to live with minorities that, most of the time, they do not know and do not accept.