Abstract

Drawing from empirical research on Internet use among young Muslim women in Denmark, Britain, and the US the PhD thesis analyzes the ways in which young Muslim women connect to the localities and places in which they live. The thesis addresses the question of how we are to understand ideas of “belonging” and “home” among young Muslim women living in non-Muslim majority societies, and under which circumstances such ideas are affected by widespread patterns of changes in communication and mobility facilitated by the Internet. The PhD thesis focuses on Muslims’ own perceptions of the social spaces and communities they consider themselves to be part of and points to a pattern of describing Internet use and online interactions as activities interrelated with one’s experience of being in place and processes of globalization. Given this pattern, the thesis suggests that we look at young Muslims’ Internet use as an activity involving the simultaneous connection to several different geographical scales and social spaces.

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