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Muslim organizations and the Swedish model of state–civil society relations

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In Sweden, relations between the state and Muslim organizations is currently subject to a crisis of confidence and a heated media debate, where Muslim organizations are e.g. accused of not living up to basic democratic values, to counteract the integration of immigrants and to create platforms for violent extremism. This paper argues that a historical analysis of the establishment and development of state–Muslim relations is key to understanding present-day heated debates. The paper provides with an empirical analysis of how institutionalized state–Muslim relations emerged already in the 1970s, following Sweden’s tradition of democratic neocorporatism, i.e. the institutionalized incorporation of civil society associations in decision-making processes, and it compares this development with international research on state–Muslim relations in other countries.

Metod och Resultat

Konklusion