



## **ISLAM IN EUROPE**

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### **Biography**

**Amanda Figueras (Spain)** is a reporter, a passionate journalist with extensive experience working in traditional media and Internet.

Formerly she was a staff reporter at the Foreign Desk of the leading Spanish daily national newspaper, EL MUNDO. A veteran in the coverage of European Union affairs, Figueras founded the 'Eurocámara', a EU section in ELMUNDO's website, which was twice the recipient of grant from the European Parliament.

As part of her work at EL MUNDO, Figueras contributed to enhance the synergies between print and online editions in an age of multiplatform information access. She was working in the Finance section and the Breaking news department before joining the International section. Figueras also has experience in visual media content, having travelled throughout the European continent to produce special video reports.

Raised in Madrid, Amanda Figueras holds a degree in Journalism from the Universidad Complutense (Madrid), complimented with additional studies undertaken at Universidade Catolica (Lisbon, Portugal), due to an Erasmus Grant.

Figueras is a participant in the Abraham Interfaith Forum, and since 2004 she has undertaken informal studies of Islamic culture and she has researched in numerous countries, a fact reflected by her numerous reports on Muslim affairs.

In 2012 Figueras was chosen as one of the twelve United Nation Alliance of Civilizations fellows (UNAOC). She is a new Muslim.