



HASSEN CHALGHOUMI

Imam & Chairman of the Conference of European Imams
Author, Speaker

Presentation

“ My essential mission is to promote an open Islam, compatible with republican values, by encouraging inter-religious dialogue and combating extremism. Every action I take is aimed at building a harmonious way of living together in diversity”

PROFILE

Born in 1972 in Tunisia, Hassen Chalghoumi is a Franco-Tunisian imam recognized as one of the most committed voices for an open, republican and modern Islam in France and Europe. An emblematic figure of interfaith dialogue, he embodies “living together” and stands out for his determined fight against extremism and communitarianism.

Trained at the Alawi Institute in Tunis, the Islamic University Al-Fateh in Damascus, and the universities of Punjab and Lahore (Pakistan) and India, he combines a solid classical Islamic education with a strong international outlook.

Main Positions

- President of the European Conference of Imams (CEI)
- President of the Conference of Imams of France (CIF since 2008)
- Founder of the Forum of Imams of France (2008)
- President of the Union of Peoples for Peace, Coexistence and Religious Dialogue (since 2014)



PROFILE

Commitment to Peace and Dialogue

For over twenty years, he has actively worked for interfaith dialogue through concrete and symbolic initiatives:

- Organizing youth trips between Israel and Palestine
- Gatherings of imams at the Shoah Memorial in Drancy (fight against antisemitism)
- Participation in major demonstrations following the Charlie Hebdo and Bataclan attacks
- International meetings (White House, Shimon Peres, Vatican)

Awards

- Copernicus Peace Prize (2013)
- Louis Blum Prize (2016)
- Wiesenthal Institute Peace Prize (2016, Los Angeles)



MY MISSION

Hassan Chalghoumi is dedicated to promoting interfaith dialogue, peaceful coexistence and the fight against violence and terrorism, drawing on his Franco-Tunisian identity. He participates in global conferences, travelling across America, Europe, the Middle East and Africa to inspire and raise awareness. His initiatives include organising youth trips between Israel and Palestine to build bridges of mutual understanding.

His efforts are also visible through interfaith meetings, global rallies against violence and television sessions on Nessma and Al Janoubia. As a university lecturer at PSP and the Sorbonne, he shares his knowledge and aims to enlighten academic thought, dreaming of a world where diversity is celebrated, mutual understanding is achieved, and dialogue is the key to peaceful coexistence.

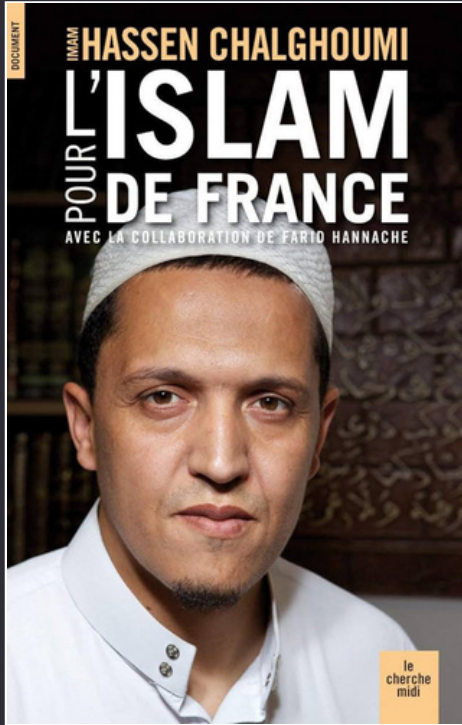




MY PHILOSOPHY

Hassan Chalghoumi expresses his mission and commitment through his writings, embodying his vision of an open Islam in line with French republican values. His books aim to raise public awareness of critical issues such as extremism and communitarianism, while emphasising the importance of interfaith dialogue.

Through his books, Chalghoumi shares his experiences, vision and thoughts, contributing to constructive dialogue and promoting mutual understanding. He aspires to build a harmonious and inclusive society, where diversity is celebrated and mutual understanding is the norm. His writings reflect his deep conviction that cultural and religious diversity is an asset to be valued.



2010

Passionate fight against extremism. Imam Hassen Chalghoumi, a man of faith, defies fascism and fundamentalism, promoting an open Islam in his book «Pour L'Islam de France».

2013

The tragedies of Montauban and Toulouse in 2012: criminal behaviour by young Muslims. Imam Hassen Chalghoumi warns of the dangers of communitarianism and calls for secularism.

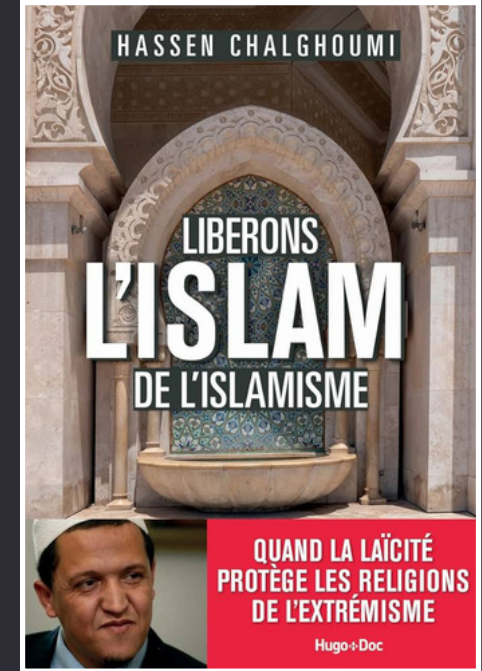


2015

The Charlie Hebdo attacks have plunged us into mourning. In his book, Hassen Chalghoumi denounces the hijacking of Islam by terrorists, calling for the promotion of peace, tolerance and respect in the face of Islamophobia and radicalisation.

2021

In his book, Hassen Chalghoumi, a committed imam for the past twenty years, warns of the crucial choice between civil war and a republican awakening in Europe, proposing concrete solutions to defend republican values in the face of political Islam and extremism.



2022

«Libérons l'Islam de l'Islamisme» seeks to put things right by opposing the minority of Islamists who act as enemies of the French Republic. The book also fights radicals looking for scapegoats in France, whether Jews or Arabs.

EUROPE

Imams at the Shoah Memorial in Drancy

A historic gathering of imams in Drancy to promote coexistence between Muslims and Jews, with Hassen Chalghoumi playing a leading role. This initiative highlights the importance of remembering the Shoah and combating anti-Semitism.



Charlie Hebdo demonstration

Significant participation by Chalghoumi in the march in tribute to the victims of Charlie Hebdo, demonstrating unity against barbarity and support for the values of freedom and coexistence.

Response to the Paris attacks

Chalghoumi and other religious representatives made a significant presence in front of the Bataclan, singing the Marseillaise and affirming their love for life and for France, while calling for the closure of places of hatred.

ASIA



Meeting with Shimon Peres

Imam Chalghoumi took part in a significant meeting with Shimon Peres, President of Israel, to discuss peace between religions. The meeting was an opportunity to stress the importance of peaceful coexistence between different religious communities.

Demonstrations in support of Gaza in France

Imam Chalghoumi took an active part in a multi-faith prayer evening at the Sarcelles synagogue, demonstrating remarkable solidarity between the Muslim and Jewish communities in the cause of peace.

Defence of Eastern Christians in Bahrain

Participation in an inter-religious delegation to discuss the precarious situation of Eastern Christians with the King of Bahrain. Emphasis was placed on the role of Arab countries in protecting and supporting Christian communities.



AFRICA

Support for Tunisia after Sousse

Imam Chalghoumi took part in a meeting at the Tunisian embassy in France, expressing solidarity and support for Tunisia. This gesture symbolises unity against terrorism and underlines the importance of the fight against extremism.

State dinner with the Tunisian President

His presence at the state dinner in honour of Tunisian President Beji Caïd Essebsi in Paris demonstrates his active role in Franco-Tunisian relations and his contribution to intercultural dialogue.

Commitment to peace in the Central African Republic

Meeting with Denis Sassou N'Guesso, mediator in the Central African Republic crisis, to discuss peace and inter-religious dialogue. Chalghoumi's vision of organising a world peace conference in Brazzaville indicates his commitment to conflict resolution.

Promotion of Inter-Religious Dialogue

Imam Chalghoumi met with the Archbishop of Brazzaville to discuss the security situation in Africa and the Middle East. He expressed his vision of a positive Islam and stressed the need for greater dialogue between Muslims and Christians, firmly opposing extremism in the name of Islam.



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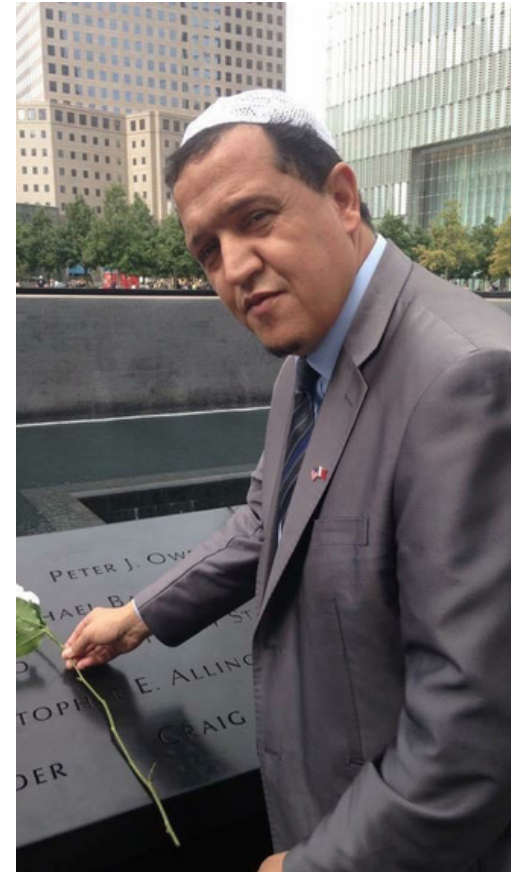
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Reception in Washington

On 18 April, Imam Chalghoumi was received at the White House and by members of the Jewish Congress, including George Selim. During this meeting, he addressed crucial issues such as radicalisation and Muslim fundamentalism, stressing the need to strengthen inter-faith dialogue in the wake of tragic events such as those at the Bardo Museum in Tunisia and Charlie Hebdo in Paris.





AWARDS

Hassan Chalghoumi has been honoured with several prestigious awards, testifying to his deep commitment and positive influence in promoting peace and interfaith dialogue. His notable awards include:

- **Copernicus Peace Prize** (2013, France)
Recognition of his ongoing efforts for peace and peaceful coexistence in France.
- **Prix Blum Louis** (2016, Grenoble, France)
Awarded for his significant contributions to intercultural and interreligious dialogue.
- **West Intel Institute Peace Prize** (2016, Los Angeles)
An international tribute to his work for world peace and the fight against extremism.





“An open Islam builds bridges, transcends differences and aspires to live together in respect for universal values”

- Hassen Chalghoumi



