

# 10 TIPS FOR WRITING ABOUT ISLAM



**1. Document** in depth and search for diverse sources, both from academic experts and from Muslim people with varied profiles.



**2. Contact the Muslim population** with transparency, respect and complicity, in order to create a relationship of mutual trust.



**3. Be careful with the language you use**, looking for the right words, the correct tone, verified statistics and the correct terminology.



**4. Avoid stereotypes and generalisations** keeping in mind negative mental frameworks so you don't repeat them and thus perpetuate them.



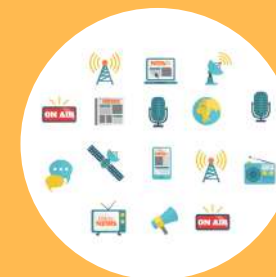
**5. Portray diversity** with a variety of topics and interlocutors in order to depict a more accurate reality of the Muslim community.



**6. Look for images** that avoid clichés and foster empathy and complicity with the interlocutors.



**7. Explain the context** of the events and their socio-political environment, treating Muslim people as subjects and not objects.



**8. Be critical** challenging the official discourse, reductionist approaches and questioning sources.



**9. Gender equality**, respect the independence of Muslim women, being especially careful and vigilant with our own prejudices.



**10. Build credibility** through a stable and long-term track record based on rigour and transparency.



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