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**“To Which Group do you Belong?: Convergence and Divergence
in British Muslim Youth Organisations”**

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Since the early 1990s, Islamic youth movements have been at the forefront of some of the transformations that have taken place within British Muslim communities. Reflective of similar developments in the US and Europe, such organizations as Young Muslims UK, Hizbut Tahrir, and Young Muslims Organization have been vying with each other for the hearts and minds of British Muslim youth, sometimes managing to achieve the *Islamization of space* through the development of new methodologies of reform or outright politicization. New priorities and strategies have been identified since 9/11, and influenced by the interplay of domestic politics and the radicalizing effect of the War on Terror. This period also witnessed a flowering of indigenous Islamic culture, entertainment, civil society and institutionalization of Islamic organizations which result from the negotiation of text and context, social and cultural shifts and political and legal developments. This paper, using a combination of discourse analysis, case study and interviews highlights such key issues as British Muslim youth group identity politics, the identification of socioeconomic factors for recruitment, the regrouping of islamization strategies, the impact of critical sociopolitical events, internal and external group dynamics and corresponding convergence and divergent trends. It also provides an overview of their evolving discourse and positions in the debates pertaining to integration, multiculturalism and citizenship, social marginalization and exclusion, new interpretations of Islam in the diaspora, radicalization and the future of Islam in Britain.