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Culture, Cyberspace, and Latinx Muslim Formations

“They ask why I want to change my culture,” reported Silva who embraced Islam in 2002, “I tell them I’m changing religion, not culture. I still eat tortillas.” Categorical divisions between religion and culture within Latinx Muslim discourses are diverse, complex, and emplaced. In addition to discourse by a dozen communities that meet in cities with Latinx and Muslim populations, Latinx Muslim formations have proliferated within growing and changing cyberspaces. This paper will provide a brief overview of my work on Latinx Muslim cyberspaces and their complex relations to cultural, religious, and city spaces. Of particular interest are the categorical divisions made between these spaces by both Latinx Muslims and the researchers that work with them.