## Germany: Muslim Students Turn Common Room Into Mosque, Demand Women Veil And Segregate

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Muslim students at a German university have seized control of a "silent room" designed as a space for all pupils, transforming it into a makeshift mosque and erecting a wall to segregate genders. There are also feet washing facilities and signs instructing women to wear the veil and to not wear perfume.

After a series of complaints the room at the Technical University of Dortmund was closed, but 400 angry students quickly signed a petition demanding it be reopened and alleging anti-Muslim prejudice.

Last Wednesday, the university replied in an <u>told</u> Uni Spiegel that there have been demands from Muslim students to turn the room in to an exclusively Islamic space ever since it was set up in 2012, but the university leadership has repeatedly resisted.

However, four years on and the room was "arbitrarily altered" without warning. "An improvised wall has been erected to separate men and women. The Quran was displayed, there were ways for foot washing, and prayer rugs were stored in here", Ms. Prost explained. More shockingly, "on flyers women were instructed to wear headscarves, even if we do not know whether that was actually enforced", .

Asserting: "All this we can not accept. Students have complained to us, and quite rightly so. Elimination of gender

discrimination we must protect, because as a State institution, we are committed to the Basic Law".

Apparently the demands of the Muslim students would not have attracted such resistance before the assaults on New Years Eve in Cologne and elsewhere. It's good that the German public is waking up.