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**Humanities
Institute for the Study of Religion**

Preliminary Course Catalogue

Summer Semester 2025

**Master Degree Programme
Religion in the Public Sphere**

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Preliminary Course Catalogue for the Summer Semester 2025

Please note that this is a preliminary course catalogue. Changes in terms of times and places of events might occur. The information in the electronic course catalogue is up-to-date. The electronic course catalogue will be released on March 1. From this point on, please inform yourself via the electronic course catalogue and Stud.IP.

You find in the catalogue for each module a list of course you can elect for that module. Please note that some modules are only offered in the winter semester.

Abbreviation of modules

IN	Introductory Module
T1	Thematic Module I: Education and Research
T2	Thematic Module II: Politics and Law
T3	Thematic Module III: Society and Culture
RD	Research Debates
MM	Methods
FM	Field Module
WM	Window of Mobility
MA	Master Thesis

Introductory Module

The courses for this module are only offered in the winter semester.

Thematic Module I: Education and Research

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Thematic Module II: Politics and Law

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Thematic Module III: Society and Culture

About Ethnicity

Seminar

Tiesler, Nina Clara (verantwortlich)

Mi, wöchentl., 10:00 - 12:00, 09.04.2025 - 19.07.2025, 1146 - A416

Kommentar

The study of societal change and ethnic relations has been a core pursuit in Sociology and Social Anthropology, in the past and in the present, and often occurs in historical contexts marked by heightened migration (Haas et al. 2020, Massey 2008). This course aims to refine the theoretical understanding of social and cultural processes regarding the formation of ethnicities and ethnic diversity (Yancey et al 1976, Bös 2010). In a first place, the readings of the course explore the field of migrants and migrant descendants, wherein conceptual debates on self-perceptions, modes of belonging, group formation, and collective subjectivities continue to be at the core of theoretical considerations (Cohen 1974, Glazer and Moynihan 1975, Banton 2008). In so doing, the course's discussions will also go beyond this context: we will analyse the genesis and continuously shifting social forms of ethnicities, which is historically important in that it can help us clarify processes of social, cultural, and political change in society at large (Bell 1975, Bös 2011, Banton 2011).

Bemerkung

Modules: T3, VTTT

Literatur

Barth, F. (1969). Introduction. In F. Barth (ed.), *Ethnic Groups and Boundaries: The Social Organization of Cultural Difference*. Bergen-Oslo: Universitets Forlaget, pp. 9-38. Bös, M. (2015). *Ethnicity and Ethnic Groups: Historical Aspects*. In James D. Wright (ed.): *International Encyclopedia of the Social & Behavioral Sciences*, 2nd edition, Vol 8. Oxford: Elsevier, pp. 136-141.
Tiesler, N. C. (2018). Mirroring the dialectic of inclusion and exclusion in ethnoheterogenesis processes. In S. Aboim, P. Granjo, A. Ramos (eds.): *Ambiguous Inclusions: inside out, outside in*, Lisbon: ICS, pp. 195-217.

New Atheism

Seminar, Max. Teilnehmer: 25

Gott, Lucie (verantwortlich)

Di, wöchentl., 12:00 - 14:00, 08.04.2025 - 19.07.2025, 3403 - A401

Kommentar

The focus of this course will lie on actors, public engagement and pop-cultural expression as well as reception of so-called "New Atheism". This term describes a relatively recent form of atheism, prominently advocated by contested figures such as British biologist Richard Dawkins. We will examine publications and public presence of key figures from the field and discuss recent academic analyses of the phenomenon.

Bemerkung

Via Stud.IP

- Literatur Modules: T3, VTTT, E2RG, E3RP
 Cotter, Christopher R.; Quadrio, Philip A.; Tuckett, Jonathan (ed.)(2017): New Atheism. Critical Perspectives and Contemporary Debates.
 Dawkins, Richard (2016): The God Delusion. London: Transworld Publishers.

Religion und moderner Tourismus

Seminar

Frateantonio, Christa (verantwortlich)

Do, wöchentl., 12:00 - 14:00, 10.04.2025 - 19.07.2025, 3403 - A401

Kommentar Das Forschungsfeld Religion und moderner Tourismus hat sich in den letzten Jahren vor allem im Umfeld der Tourismus-Forschung etabliert. Für den deutschsprachigen Raum ist hier besonders die 2010 erschienene Publikation von Michael Stausberg zu nennen. Sie wird uns als theoretische Basis dienen, von der aus wir unterschiedliche Ausdifferenzierungen in den Blick nehmen werden. Vor allem der boomende sogenannte Spirituelle Tourismus (Wallfahrten, Klosterreisen etc.) sowie die kulturelle Praxis der Besuche religiöser UNESCO-Welterbestätten eignen sich für religionswissenschaftliche Analysen.

Bemerkung Module: VT1, VT4, T3, E2RG

Literatur Dorothee Hemme, Markus Tauschek, Regina Bendix (Hrsg.): Prädikat "Heritage". Wertschöpfung aus kulturellen Ressourcen, Münster 2007
 Harald Schwillus und Markus Globisch: Klostergärten und Spiritueller Tourismus. Einequalitativ-explorative Studie, Berlin 2022
 Michael Stausberg: Religion und moderner Tourismus, Berlin 2010

Religiöser Fundamentalismus

Seminar

Bultmann, Ingo| Fühding, Steffen

Di, wöchentl., 14:00 - 16:00, 08.04.2025 - 19.07.2025, 3109 - 111

Kommentar „Fundamentalismus“ ist ein schillernder Begriff, der in vielfältigen Kontexten Verwendung findet. In dieser Veranstaltung wollen wir klären, wie der Begriff im Rahmen von Soziologie und Religionswissenschaft verwendet wird. Dazu werden wir uns ebenso mit Gruppierungen befassen, die als fundamentalistisch gelabelt werden, wie mit Diskussionen rund um den Begriff „Fundamentalismus“.

Voraussetzung für die Teilnahme ist neben einer kontinuierlichen Teilnahme an den Sitzungen, die Bereitschaft größere Textmengen (auch in englischer Sprache) intensiv zu lesen, also auch sich aktiv in projektorientierte Gruppenarbeit einzubringen.

Die Teilnahme an der ersten Seminarsitzung ist verpflichtend, da hier unter anderem Arbeitsaufträge vergeben und Arbeitsgruppen für das gesamte Semester gebildet werden.

Research Debates

Settler Colonialism In and Out of Palestine

Seminar, SWS: 2, Max. Teilnehmer: 20

Mayer, Ruth| Becker, Carmen

Di, wöchentl., 14:00 - 16:00, 08.04.2025 - 15.07.2025, 1502 - 609

Kommentar	This class is an interdisciplinary exploration of the cultural, political, and religious manifestations and implications of settler colonialism. Co-taught by a scholar of Literary Studies and a Religious Studies scholar, it will engage with forms of political expropriation and exploitation that characterized the colonial venture from its very beginnings and persist into our days. In doing so, it will look closely at the ideological ramifications and narratives around the practice. Settler colonialism is arguably the most versatile and tenacious form of colonial organization. We will be concerned with the ways in which settler colonial ideologies organize particular racial and ethnic relations of difference, on the grounds of geographical, political, and religious (constructions of) distinctions and oppositions. The class will first aim to gain a larger idea of the discourses and critiques of settler colonialism. In its second half, it will zoom in on the very exemplary case of Israel/Palestine and reflect on this case's logic and implications both on the grounds of theoretical and narrative texts. Please check StudIP as the semester approaches to find out about the reading material. Content note: In the service of our collective learning and growth, this course may include a variety of challenging and potentially sensitive topics. Lessons and course material containing such topics will be identified on the syllabus with a specific tag (e.g., CN: death). Please consult the announcements on my StudIP profile page or contact me via email if you would appreciate notes for specific kinds of content.
Bemerkung	Registration – StudIP / Prerequisites – BA: Foundations Literature and Culture, Intermediate Literature and Culture, MA: none / Further information – ruth.mayer@engsem.~ Maximale Teilnehmer*Innenzahl: 20
Literatur	Will be made available on StudIP.

A second course will be announced soon.

Methods

Applying Qualitative Research Methods

Seminar, Max. Teilnehmer: 25

Gott, Lucie (verantwortlich)

Di, Einzel 16:00 - 18:00, 08.04.2025 - 08.04.2025
 Fr, Einzel 14:00 - 18:00, 25.04.2025 - 25.04.2025
 Sa, Einzel 10:00 - 14:00, 26.04.2025 - 26.04.2025, 1135 - 304
 Fr, Einzel 14:00 - 18:00, 06.06.2025 - 06.06.2025, 3403 - A401
 Sa, Einzel 10:00 - 14:00, 07.06.2025 - 07.06.2025, 3403 - A401
 Fr, Einzel 14:00 - 18:00, 11.07.2025 - 11.07.2025, 3403 - A401
 Sa, Einzel 10:00 - 14:00, 12.07.2025 - 12.07.2025, 3403 - A401

Kommentar	This course accompanies the lecture on qualitative social research methods in the Methods Module. We will train different research methods, reflect our methods and learn how to write-up research results. Students will have the opportunity to conduct a small research project of their choice as preparation for the research option in the Field Module or for their thesis.
Bemerkung	Via Stud.IP Modules: MM
Literatur	Flick, Uwe (2023): An Introduction to Qualitative Research. London: Sage.

Introduction to qualitative social science research methods

Seminar

Kosmützky, Anna

Do wöchentl. 12:00 - 14:00 10.04.2025 - 19.07.2025 1920 - 201

Field Module Home Track

The courses for this module are only offered in the winter semester.

Field Module Double Degree

The courses for this module are only offered in the winter semester.

Master Thesis

Kolloquium

Kolloquium, SWS: 2, ECTS: 5, Max. Teilnehmer: 15

Alberts, Wanda| Bultmann, Ingo

Mi, Einzel	12:00 - 14:00, 09.04.2025 - 09.04.2025
Mi, Einzel	12:00 - 14:00, 23.04.2025 - 23.04.2025
Mi, Einzel	12:00 - 14:00, 07.05.2025 - 07.05.2025
Mi, Einzel	12:00 - 14:00, 21.05.2025 - 21.05.2025
Mi, Einzel	12:00 - 14:00, 04.06.2025 - 04.06.2025
Mi, Einzel	12:00 - 17:00, 25.06.2025 - 25.06.2025
Fr, Einzel	08:00 - 13:00, 27.06.2025 - 27.06.2025

Kommentar	This colloquium aims at supporting students in the master programme "Religion in the Public Sphere" in their final phase of study by together going through the steps of conceptualising and planning a master thesis and research projects. This is accompanied by the discussion of recent research questions and projects in the relevant disciplines and fields.
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Bemerkung	Interested students are asked to register via Stud.IP before the first meeting. Regular attendance is expected. The in-class meetings will partly allow for hybrid formats or online meetings to include students for whom in-class participation is difficult to organise. It may not be possible to include these students for all parts and activities of the colloquium, but they will receive, in any case, a minimum version that includes the most central aspects. Students who wish to use the online option are asked to notify the teachers as soon as possible before the start of the semester.
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