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Course title:	Islam and Muslims in Europe: Controversies, Actors and Movements
Track:	A-Track
Language of instruction:	English
Contact hours:	48 (6 per day)
ECTS-Credits:	4

Course description

In recent years, Islam has increasingly become the subject of public debate and discourse in the Western World as well as a core research topic in various disciplines in the social sciences. This course will take an in-depth look at Muslims and Islam in Europe and will analyze and discuss the present condition of Muslims living in Europe from a socio-anthropological perspective. In order to do so, Islam will first be introduced from a general perspective. The first sessions of the course will provide a review of theories of cultural difference and secularism. Having established this theoretical lens, the following sessions will look at various public discourses regarding Islam and Muslims in Europe. Here issues such as Islam-state relations, gender aspects, and everyday religious practices of Muslims in Europe will be closely examined, accompanied by a critical analysis of particular public controversies regarding Islam. To get a good insight, various excursions will be made.

Student profile

This course is designed for all students having a professional, political or personal interest in a deeper and thus more differentiated understanding of Islam and Muslims in Europe.

Prerequisites

No prior knowledge is required but an interest in following current debates on Islam and Muslims in Europe is desired.

Course requirements

1. Attendance and Participation

2. Presentation and Discussion Papers

Students will be required to present one time a text from the reading list. The presentation should summarize the text, introduce the terminology that is used and conclude with investigative questions (max. 10 min.).

3. Take-Home Exam

Participants are required to take a take-home examination in which they will answer two questions out of four in order to discuss and elaborate on the topics and issues addressed during the course.

Grading

Attendance, Participation: 20%
 Presentation, Discussion Papers: 30%
 Take-Home Exam: 50%

Reading

A course reader will be provided.

Course schedule

Date	Program*
Monday, July 23, 2018	<p>Overview and Core Concepts</p> <p>How can we begin to define and connect the diverse topics and concepts we will encounter?</p> <p>Introduction: Brainstorming about “Islam” and “Europe”</p> <p>Film: “Inside Islam”</p> <p>David Waines, “The foundations of Islam”, pp. 1-59</p>
Thursday, July 26, 2018	<p>“Europe and the Other” - Muslims and Islam in Europe</p> <p>We will discuss about the dichotomy of “the West” and “the Other”, being here Islam. Theoretical categories like discourse, power and othering will help us to critically discuss the dichotomy within the framework of post-colonialism.</p> <p>Hall, Stuart. The West and the Rest: Discourse and Power. In: Hall, Stuart and Gieben, Bram (eds.) (1992). Formations of Modernity., pp.185-225.</p> <p>Göle, Nilüfer. Decentering Europe, Recentering Islam. In: New Literary History (2012), Vol. 4, pp. 665-685.</p>
Monday, July 30, 2018	<p>Islam within a modern and secular world</p> <p>In this session we will focus on the dichotomy of 'the religious' vs. 'the secular'. Is being religious a synonym for not being modern? What role plays Islam within modern societies?</p> <p>Casanova, José. The Secular and Secularisms. In: Social Research, vol. 76, No: 4, Winter 2009, pp. 1049-66.</p> <p>Asad, Talal (2003). Formations of the Secular. Christianity, Islam, Modernity. Stanford University Press, pp. 1-17; 181-201</p> <p>Documentary: Headmaster and Headscarves, BBC.</p>

<p>Thursday, August 2, 2018</p>	<p>Public Controversies on Islam in Europe</p> <p>We will look on various public debates on Islam in Europe and try to question how those controversies are treated by politics, media and society.</p> <p>Allievi, Stefano. Conflicts over Mosques in Europe. In: Göle, Nilüfer (ed.) (2013). Islam and Public Controversy in Europe. Ashgate: USA.</p> <p>Amir-Moazami, Schirin. The Secular Embodiments of FaceVeil Controversies across Europe. In: Göle, Nilüfer (ed.) (2013). Islam and Public Controversy in Europe. Ashgate: USA. Balkan Osman. Charlie Hebdo and the Politics of Mourning. In: Contemporary French Civilization, vol. 41, no. 2</p> <p>Excursion: Mosque Visit</p>
<p>Monday, August 6, 2018</p>	<p>Securitization and Institutionalization of Islam in Europe</p> <p>We will look how Islam has become subject to governmental politics and institutions within domestic politics. Do Muslims in Europe have to be governed in order to make them save?</p> <p>Cesari, Jocelyn. Securitization of Islam in Europe. In: Cesari, Jocelyn (ed.) (2009) Muslims in the West after 9/11. Religion, Politics, and Law London & New York: Routledge</p> <p>Schiffauer, Werner (2006): Enemies within the Gates. The Debate about the Citizenship of Muslims in Germany. In: Modood, Tariq et al.(2006). Multiculturalism, Muslims and Citizenship. A European Approach. London: Routledge, 94-116</p> <p>Guest Lecture: TBA</p>
<p>Thursday, August 9, 2018</p>	<p>New Muslim Identities among Muslims in Europe</p> <p>Within the context of secularism and liberalism, Muslims constitute new identities in order to represent themselves. Which identities are be heard and which not?</p> <p>El-Tayeb, Fatima (2012). 'Gays Who Cannot Properly be Gay.' Queer Muslims in the Neoliberal European City. European Journal of Women's Studies 19/1, 2012</p> <p>Fernando, Mayanthi. Exceptional citizens: Secular Muslim women and the politics of difference in France. In: Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale (2009)</p>

	<p>17, 4 379–392.</p> <p>Excursion: Queer LGBT Organization</p>
Monday, August 13, 2018	<p>“Everyday Religious Practices of Muslims in Europe</p> <p>We will analyze the difficulties of Muslims practicing their religion in its full scope due to restrictions in various European countries. What solutions they found themselves to cope with these difficulties?</p> <p>Balkan, Osman (2015). Burial and Belonging. In: Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism. 15(1): 120-134</p> <p>Jouilli, Jeanette. (2009) Negotiating secular boundaries: Pious micro-practices of Muslim women in French and German public spheres. In: Social Anthropology. Volume 17, Issue 4, pages 455– 470, November 2009</p> <p>Excursion: Visiting a local Muslim Community</p>
Thursday, August 16, 2018	<p>Wrap Up Session</p> <p>Asad, Talal. Muslims as a „Religious Minority“ in Europe. In: Asad, Talal (2003). Formations of the Secular. Christianity, Islam, Modernity</p> <p>Distribution of Take-Home Exam</p>

*Field trips may be subject to change depending on the availability of appointments and speakers. On field trip days, adaptation of class times is possible.