Syllabus

Religious Diversity as a New Challenge for Europe - 54816

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HU Credits: 1

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: european studies

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: English

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:
The course introduces to new challenges which different state institutions, religious communities and academic research face in Europe because of recent immigration of citizens with different religious and ethnic background.

Course/Module aims:
Overview on new challenges in hospitals, army, prisons and in religious communities and chaplaincy in institutions because of the growing religious and cultural diversity in Europe.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
- Describe the growing religious diversity in different state institutions in Europe
- Assemble the problems in schools, hospitals, prisons, the army and urban planning caused by immigration of citizens with different cultural and religious background
- Compare how religious communities, state and state institutions react to these changes of social and religious transformation.
- Evaluate how religious counselling in state institutions and religious communities are changing
- Propose strategies how state institutions and religious communities could react
- Recommend how relations between state and religious communities should be generally changed according to the new challenges.
- Develop strategies how academic research could contribute in such times of social and religious transformation

Attendance requirements(%):
80%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lecture, presentation of papers, reading, discussion, internet research, film discussion

Course/Module Content:
The course introduces to new challenges which different state institutions, religious communities and academic research face because of recent immigration. After a general introduction on the immigration to German speaking countries the focus will be on the developments in Christian, Jewish and Muslim communities. We will analyse the current challenges, which Muslim, Christian and Jewish immigrants pose to the organisation of religious communities and to state institutions. We will
focus on hospitals, nursery homes, and the army to study how state institutions and the religious communities face the growing diversity in these state institutions. In one unit we will deal with the problems of mosque building and the re-negotiation of urban space in Austria. Finally we will deal with the question how social sciences and the study of religions (should) react on the transformation of European society.

**Required Reading:**

**Additional Reading Material:**
Council of Europe: Religious diversity and intercultural education: a reference book for schools, Strasbourg;
Iris Menke / Phil C. Langer (2011): Muslim Service Members in Non-Muslim Countries. Experiences of Difference in the Armed Forces in Austria, Germany and the Netherlands, Forum International 29;
Wolfram Reiss: Der Umgang mit religiösen Minderheiten in der xsterreichischen Armee (Mss);

**Course/Module evaluation:**
End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 40 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 40 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 10 %
Research project 10 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %
Additional information: