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International Summer School/ M.A.- & Ph.D. - Forum

"Religious Pluralization and Migration"

July 26th to 29th, 2010

Objectives:

The phenomena of migration and religious pluralization are interconnected in many ways. Migration often adds to the religious diversity in countries of (new) immigration. During the establishment of transnational migrant communities religious activities may intensify both as a contribution to community building and as a result of religious competition and strife. On the other hand, religious pluralization may (and has) become a trigger for emigration e.g. of persecuted minorities. Finally, religious self-descriptions as well as attributions of religious difference are used in all kinds of inter-ethnic struggles – including struggles about the legitimacy of immigration.

The summer school will provide insights into theoretical and empirical research on religious pluralization and migration. The thematic focus will be on religious pluralization as a transnational process: Religious pluralization has an impact on migrants' community building and self organization as well as on public discourse about migrants and religious identities and competition.

During the Summer School lectures of renowned scholars will give an overview on the state of the art research in the field. In addition, qualitative as well as quantitative research methods are introduced and discussed in more detail in small working groups. Overall, the program offers advanced M.A. – and Ph.D. students of religious and/or migration studies the opportunity to present and discuss their research projects in a professional environment of scholars and experts.

Program:

The program consists of a mixture of plenary lectures and parallel workshops. All scholars will present their M.A. – and Ph.D. projects in a plenary and poster session. In addition, many projects will be discussed in depth during two plus two parallel workshops.

Application Process:

Please apply via an application form available on our website at www.rub.de/iss by June 15th, 2010 and submit an abstract of 300 words as well as a short letter of motivation. Additionally, the two preferred workshops should be indicated. The language of the International Summer School will be English.

A general participation fee will be raised, for more detailed information please contact our website. Much to our regret, we must inform you that neither travel costs nor accommodation costs are included within the fee and therefore cannot be refunded. Information regarding accommodation facilities and conference details are available on our website.

The Summer School is organized jointly between the Department of Social Science/ Ruhr-Universität Bochum (Prof. Dr. Ludger Pries), the Center for Religious Studies (CERES) of the Ruhr-Universität Bochum (Prof. Dr. Alexander-Kenneth Nagel) and the Department of Social Sciences/ Universität Duisburg-Essen (Prof. Dr. Anja Weiß) and supported by NORFACE.

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Date	Program		
Monday 26th Morning	**Welcome (Prof. Anja Weiß/ Prof. Alexander-Kenneth Nagel)**		
	Short presentation of participants		
	Lecture 1: International Migration and the Governance of Religious Diversity:		
	Prof. Matthias König		
	Lecture 2: Reactions to Religious Pluralization in Europe: Prof. Detlef Pollack		
Afternoon	Presentation of participants and individual research projects		
	Poster session		
	Conference Dinner: BBQ		
Tuesday 27th Morning	Lecture 3: Religious/migrants' Organizations and Community Building: Prof. Robert C. Smith		
Afternoon	*3 parallel methodical workshops starting 12 p.m.*		
	Interpretation Methods I Discourse Analysis Frank Neubert	**Interpretation Methods II** Case Study Design & Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) Ingo Rohlfing	**Ethnographic methods and interviewing techniques** Heidrun Friese
Wednesday 28th Morning	*3 methodical workshops continue*		
	Interpretation Methods I Discourse Analysis Frank Neubert	**Interpretation Methods II** Case Study Design & QCA Ingo Rohlfing	**Ethnographic methods and Interviewing Techniques** Flemming Christiansen
Afternoon	Presentation and discussion of individual research projects	Presentation and discussion of individual research projects	
Thursday 29th Morning	*2 parallel theoretical workshops, 1 methodical workshop continues*		
	Shorter Workshop I Religious Diversity and its Impact – A Country Comparative Perspective Markus Hero	**Shorter Workshop II** Transnational Spaces & Religious Networking Ludger Pries/ Alexander-K. Nagel	**Ethnographic methods and Interviewing Techniques** Anja Weiß
Afternoon	Presentation and discussion of individual research projects	Presentation and discussion of individual research projects	
	Evaluation and closing		