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**Interreligious studies: Critical introduction to an emerging field**

*Interreligious studies* is a new, yet growing field of research and education. Over the past couple of years, we have seen the emergence of journals dedicated to the study of interreligious relations, BA and MA programs with a specific focus on interfaith studies and an increasing number of academics who self-identify as *interreligious scholars*.

This course will provide students with a critical introduction to the field of interfaith studies. We seek to provide a (historical) map of the field and explore some of the key questions that are being addressed by interfaith scholars. Students will be introduced to (comparative) theological discussions about interfaith relations; the ritual, material and spatial turn in interfaith studies; the politics of the dialogical turn and the need to decolonize interfaith studies.

The course will be held in English.

**Termine**

3 Blocktermine (jeweils Mi):
- 04.05., 13:30-18:00;
- 18.05., 13:30-18:00;
- 22.06., 14:00-17:00

5 digitale Termine: 27.04., 11.05., 25.05., 15.06., 29.06. (16:15-17:45)

Ort: Theologicum, Liebermeisterstraße 12, S 7

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**Forschungsseminar: Doing Interreligious Research**

This seminar is intended for Research Master students and doctoral students. It will provide a close examination of primary texts in the field of (comparative) theologies of religions. Together we will read and discuss texts from key thinkers like John Hick, Paul Knitter, Gavin D’Costa, Mark Heim, Frank Clooney, Jeaninne Hill Fletcher, Kwok Pui Lan, Catherine Cornille, to name a few. We will examine how Christian theologians make sense of religious diversity in differing contexts and how theological reflection about the religious other has changed in the last 50 years. Students participating will be challenged to develop their own theological interpretation of religious plurality.

The course will be held in English.

**Termine**

2 Blocktermine (jeweils Do):
- 06.05., 09:00-15:00;
- 24.06., 09:00-15:00

3 digitale Termine: 28.04., 19.05., 23.06. (17:30-19:00)

Ort: Theologicum/Bibliothek, Liebermeisterstraße 12, S 2

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**Forschungskolloquium: Patterns of Religionization**

In the research colloquia Prof. Moyaert will discuss with us chapters of her current book project on “patterns of religionization” (Blackwell). The book project hopes to add some new perspectives to the critical study of religion. Its interest is not in the genealogy of our modern concept of religion per se, but precisely in the history of the ‘making’ of Christianity’s others, a process that will be called religionization. The goal is to surface how throughout history, Christians, in different socio-political contexts, have created a sense of Christian normativity (orthodoxy) while simultaneously creating various categories of otherness. The book hopes to instill a sense of the lasting impact these categories have had on the way Christians have mapped the world, classified people, and organized Christian societies. It intends to engender a sense that while categories and taxonomies may change over time many of their underpinning normative assumptions continued to stay with us and continue to direct our gaze and perceptions. Finally, it would very much like to show that while patterns of religionization shift, the very act of labeling, classifying, and essentializing, i.e. the act of producing otherness is of all ages, and that includes our own age.

**Termine**

05.05.: Towards a Critical Interfaith Pedagogy
19.05.: Exploring Patterns of Religionization
23.06.: The Interfaith Movement and Religionization (jeweils Do, 18:00-21:00)

Ort: Theologicum, Liebermeisterstraße 12, S 3