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THE CROSSCULTURE RELIGIOUS STUDIES *PROJECT*:

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THE TRULY GLOBAL CROSSCULTURE RELIGIOUS STUDIES MA (MASTER DEGREE) PROGRAM

Begin your studies at your base university then continue to explore and complete your degree in one of the participating partner universities.

Take advantage of opportunities to study religious cultures in the field, in a number of religious contexts, with the expertise and facilities of the six participating universities selected for their distinct areas of expertise and ideal locations:



STUDY TRAVEL LIVE EXPLORE IDEAL LOCATIONS

WELCOME TO THE CROSSCULTURE RELIGIOUS STUDIES PROJECT!

Are you interested in studying religions in different cultural contexts and from diverse perspectives? Would you like to benefit from the academic exercise as well as the access to religious groups, sites, and rituals around the world? Would you want this experience to culminate in a master degree in Religious Studies? If so, the Crossculture Religious Studies Project is for you.

Religions are in a continuous process of transformation on a local and global level. In order to understand their impact on societies and cultures, the project aims to provide students the possibility to experience academic concepts and on-the-spot practice of different religious traditions in relation to their cultural analysis. The project examines religions and their impact in light of interreligious and intercultural processes, engaging as well their economic, political, and, at times, conflictual dimensions.

The vision of the Master's program is a cooperative one, in which a number of universities participate. Students will spend their first academic year (two semesters) in a religious studies program at one of the participating universities. Their third semester will be spent at another university, for an immersion in a different cultural environment, studying with scholars of expertise in a religious tradition other than the one to which the first year was devoted. Students may choose to spend their fourth semester at any participating university, including those at which they studied over the previous semesters. All base universities guarantee full mutual recognition of academic credits gained at the other participating institutions. The degree will be granted by the university at which the student spent their first year of study.

DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES ON RELIGION

Every year all participating students and academic staff will be welcomed at the beginning of August to join the Crossculture Religious Studies Summer School in Salzburg to share their experiences, and to study with the professors from the six universities, and to deepen their own intercultural and interreligious relations. Attending the Summer School will also allow students to take advantage of the famous annual 'Salzburger Hochschulwochen', which will be in progress. Also, students will enjoy all the benefits of the annual University of Salzburg Summer School, with which our program will be fully coordinated, and which offers a rich cultural program featuring special concerts, student events, and tours.

Universities participating in the Crossculture Religious Studies Project Program include:

- The Faculty of Catholic Theology in Salzburg, for Religious Studies, Theology and a focus on Contemporary Religion and Spirituality;
- The College of Buddhism, Dongguk University Seoul, South Korea, focusing on Buddhist history and thought;
- The University of Nairobi for African Religions & Intercultural Philosophies;
- The University Haifa in Israel, with a focus on Jewish Studies and Theology;
- The Munich School of Philosophy (HFPH) and the Interreligious College at the House of Cultures and Religions in Munich, focusing on intercultural ethics and interfaith dialogue. HFPH does not serve as a base university, but offers the course "Ethics of intercultural dialogue";
- The Gadjah Mada University Yogyakarta with the Center for Religious and Cross-Cultural Studies (CRCS), which has a focus on Islam and other Indonesian Religions.

We trust that this rich program will be of interest to serious students of religion and culture worldwide and we look forward to hearing from you .

On behalf of all participating universities,

Martin Rötting

Director of the Crossculture Religious Studies Project

Professor of Religious Studies in Salzburg

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EACH UNIVERSITY

SALZBURG

In the center of one of the most beautiful cities of Europe, the Faculty of Catholic Theology at the University of Salzburg offers the students an academic locus which meets the global challenges of modern life. With the department's main emphasis of Intercultural Theology and Religious Studies (Theologie interkulturell und Studium der Religionen) the students can focus on different cultural religious contexts and examine the meaning of faith for the modern post-secular society. Student contentment lies close to the heart of faculty. Small courses, constant support and a personal atmosphere contribute to student well-being.

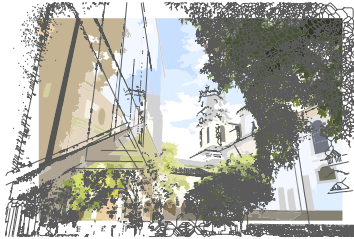


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SEOUL

Dongguk University, founded in 1906, provides a world-class education that bridges East and West on many levels. Dongguk is one of the few Buddhist affiliated universities in the world. The College of Buddhism, which is known as one of the best Buddhist colleges in Korea, is rooted in the Myungjin School, founded in 1906 as the predecessor of the present Dongguk University. Through profound research and teaching of Buddhism the College aims to foster or develop the capabilities and the knowledge required of Buddhist personalities with wisdom and compassion. It further aims at developing the capabilities and the knowledge required for seeing life and the world. It also aims at producing agents who can subjectively and positively make contributions to the development of mankind throughout the world at large, including fields such as religion, education, politics and culture.

This school aims at producing scholars researching diverse Buddhist academic fields.

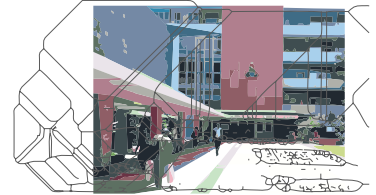


STUDY POSTSECULAR & BUDDHIST THOUGHT

NAIROBI

When the University of Nairobi was established in 1970, one of the first departments to be established was the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies and since the 1980's, a strong and successful programme of Kenyanization has been implemented. The Department continued to grow steadily and was split in 1980 into two separate departments:

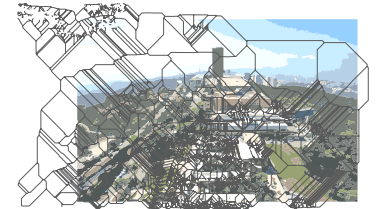
(i) Department of Philosophy and (ii) Department of Religious Studies. In 2005, the two departments were merged with the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies of the Faculty of Education and External Studies (Kikuyu Campus) to form a combined Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies. The combined Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies offers undergraduate and graduate degrees programs in Philosophy, Religious Studies, and Human Rights. Joining the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies offers an opportunity to study events and ideas of profound significance to humanity.



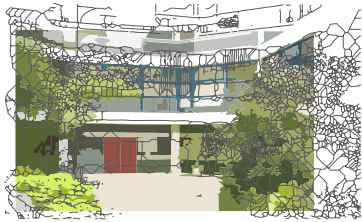
HAIFA

Located at the top of Mt. Carmel, with the north of Israel spread at its feet – the University of Haifa excels in the study of the Humanities with a strong social commitment. In recent years, the University has reaffirmed its commitment to excellence in Jewish Studies by reorganizing the department and expanding its faculty.

Haifa's Department of Jewish History and Thought offers a new international master degree (M.A.) program in Jewish History and Thought. The program features a unique combination of Biblical Studies, Jewish History, Philosophy, and Mysticism in one setting. The curriculum embraces the history and thought of the Jewish people from biblical times to modernity and is taught by experts in the Bible (including the Dead Sea Scrolls), early and late Antiquity, and the medieval, early modern, and modern periods.



STUDY WITH EXPERTS OF SCRIPTURE & NATIVES



MUNICH

Live at the College of Interreligious Studies, practice field research in the House of Culture and Religions in Munich and study at the Munich School of Philosophy (HFPH).

Philosophy in the heart of Munich: Standing in the Jesuit tradition of 450 years of education, the HFPH offers all officially recognised degrees in philosophy including Bachelor, Master, PhD and Habilitation. On the campus in the heart of Munich's university district, just a short distance from the English Garden - the HFPH offers a good setting to pursue one's studies, with modern lecture halls and a lecturer-student ratio. The HFPH facility includes a well-equipped library for Philosophy and Social Sciences.

Please note that the HFPH cannot offer full enrollment and cannot award the diploma for the Crossculture Religious Studies Project. Eligible students from the partner universities are welcome to study the course "Ethics of Intercultural Dialogue". This course is currently taught in German, the English (online) version will be launched in fall 2023.

COLLEGE OF INTERRELIGIOUS STUDIES:

Over a period of one (certificate) or two (master) years, the members of the college live in an intercultural and interreligious community. The college management supports this and accompanies the collegiate members. Academic studies (at the HFPH), interreligious internships and personal reflection form the curriculum of the course.

Students are invited to: Live for one (or two) year(s) in an interreligious and intercultural community in the heart of Munich.

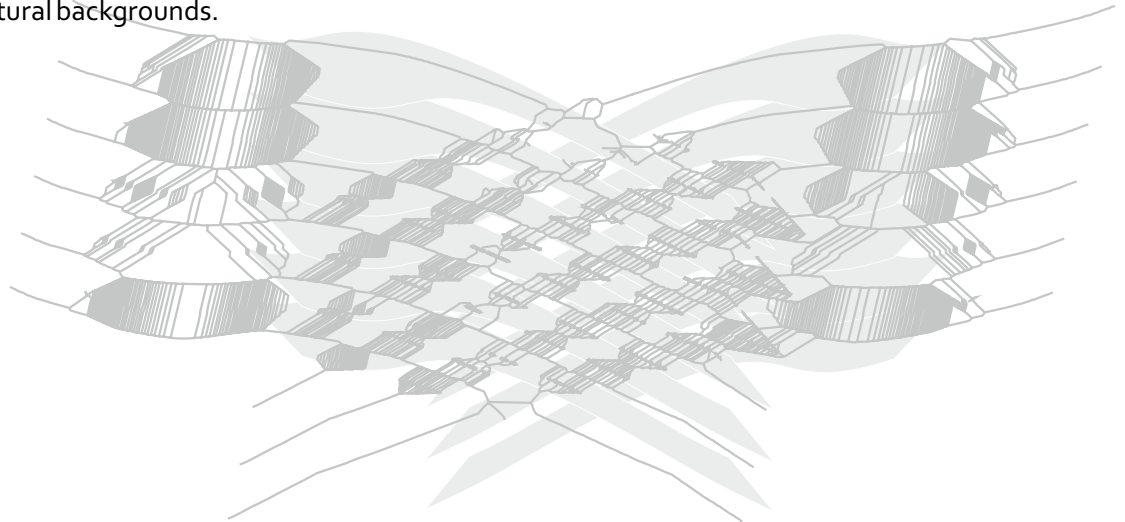
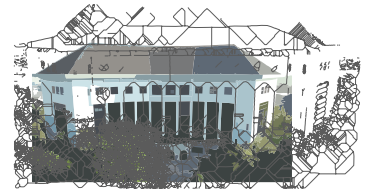
Study "Ethics of Intercultural Dialogue" at the HFPH. Please note that the German (on campus) course will be transformed into an English online version in the fall of 2023. Deepen your understanding of internships with religions other than your own. Share your experiences in reflections, both academic and spiritual. Be part and engage at the House of Cultures and Religions in Munich.

STUDY ETHICS OF INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE

YOGYAKARTA

The Center of Religious and Cross-cultural Studies (CRCS), MA Program at the Graduate School, Universitas Gadjah Mada is focussed on the cross-cultural study of religion as a complex and vital aspect of human experience in all of its diversity and as a vital social identity in the context of Indonesia.

The academic study of religion is grounded in critical analysis of religious experience, identity, organization, politics, and thought through methods and theories drawn from such academic disciplines as anthropology, sociology, political science, cultural and gender studies, and the field of religious studies. The program asks what each of us, with our own religious identities, can learn from each other as together we seek a deeper understanding of each other and work together for a just and peaceful future. Students belonging to faith traditions in Indonesia and the world study and learn about each other from and with the faculty and staff who also come from diverse religious and cultural backgrounds.



STUDY VARIOUS FAITH TRADITIONS

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE CROSSCULTURE RELIGIOUS STUDIES *PROJECT*

- Enroll and begin the Project with the participating universities in Salzburg, Yogyakarta, Haifa, Seoul or Nairobi. Munich offers to be visited for a module.
- Join the open Crossculture Religious Studies Summer School.
- Study the first year (semester 1 and 2) at your base university for the program.
- Study at any other participating university for semester 3 (and 4). Coordination with the academic supervisor of your base university.
- Make use of shared supervision, field access and research possibilities with participating universities.
- Write your Master Thesis and graduate at your base university.
- Publish your research at the Crosscultural Religious Studies and Theology Journal.

All classes are taught in English and/ or the local language. Your English level should be B2 or higher.

For more information about the Crossculture Religious Studies Project and participation with the Universities in Haifa, Seoul, Nairobi or Yogyakarta, please refer to the following contacts:

Haifa, Israel: *University of Haifa, Department of Jewish History and Thought*

Seoul, South Korea: *Dongguk University*

Nairobi, Kenya: *University of Nairobi*

Yogyakarta, Indonesia: *Universitas Gadjah Mada, The Center of Religious & Cross-cultural Studies (CRCS)*

Salzburg, Austria: *Paris-Lodron-University Salzburg, Religious Studies*

For inquiries and information about the programme in general:

GENERAL INFORMATION

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