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<td><strong>Class Time</strong></td>
<td>June 17th to June 28th, 2013; 40 contact hours (20 hours per week)</td>
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### Course Description

A seminar dedicated to enter the field of lived Islam in Germany that takes a closer look at the Islamic field in the capital Berlin and brings together perspectives from Islamic studies, urban anthropology and sociology. During the course participants will meet experts on Islam in Germany, actors in public debates on Islam in Germany and visit mosques and prayerrooms.

### Course Objective

The objective of the course is to give participants an insight into Muslim life on national, local and individual levels. Participants will be expected to prepare themselves by reading texts for the seminar in advance and contribute to discussions on the basis of small field work assignments in the city.

### Required Textbook

- Gökçe Yurdakul, From Guest Workers into Muslims: The Transformation of Turkish Immigrant Associations in Germany, Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Press. 2009.

### Reading(s)/ Reference(s)

It is highly recommended to read articles form the edited volume:

### Course Requirements/ Evaluation

Your final grade will be composed of homework assignment, attendance rate, written summaries, protocols of excursions, oral seminar contribution and presentations.
Introduction

Muslim life in Germany: 1. historical overview, 2. theoretical and methodical approaches to Muslim life

Readings: Gökçe Yurdakul, Richard Jenkins, Garbi Schmidt


Topic I: Who is a Muslim?

a) Concepts of congruence between territory/origin, culture/religion and community/belonging

b) How many Muslims are living in Germany and how to count them?

Key words: statistics, neo-ethnicization, Muslim immigration, diversity of Muslim groups, ways to describe religious, political and social differences

Readings: Olivier Roy, Jytte Klausen, Jocelyne Cesari, Peter Mandaville, Ruth Mandalville


**Topic II: Who speaks for Muslims? – Representing a Religious Group in a Secular Society**

forms of (non)recognition of Islamic communities in Germany, German Islam Conference and local Islamforum

**Readings:** Schirin Amir-Moazami, Matthias Koenig, Frank Peter, Riem Spielhaus, Levent Tezcan.


**Additional Reading:**

**Topic III: Who speaks for Islam? – Religious Authority between Fragmentation and Institutionalisation**

Crisis of authority, different concepts of authority, gender and authority, media influences

**Readings:** Dale Eickelman and Jon Anderson, Jeanette Jouili and Schirin Amir-Moazzami, Gudrun Krämer and Sabine Schmidtke, Melanie Kamp


**Topic IV: Islamization of Europe or moral panic? – Debates on Muslims, Islamic Extremism and Terrorism**

Islamic extremism and political Islam, Moral panic, Headscarf affaires

**Readings:** Werner Schiffauer, Jonathan Laurence, Yasemin Shooman and Riem Spielhaus, Esra Özyürek


Özyürek, Esra. Convert Alert: German Muslims and Turkish Christians as threat to security in the new Europe. In: Comparative studies in society and history. 51(1), 2008, pp. 91-116.

**Additional Readings:**

Gökçe Yurdakul and Michal Bodemann. “'We Don't Want to be the Jews of Tomorrow': Jews and Turks in Germany after 9/11,” in: German Politics and Society 24 (2). 2006, pp. 44-67.