



Course	"Muslim life in Germany - between religion and identity politics.
Class Time	June 17 th to June 28 th , 2013; 40 contact hours (20 hours per week)
ECTS	4 ECTS credit points
Course Level	Graduate Students
Instructor	Dr. Riem Spielhaus
Course related department/ faculty	Dept. of Social Sciences

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

Haug, Sonja; Stichs, Anja; Müssig, Stephanie und Katy Otto, 2009. Muslim Life in Germany. Nürnberg.2008.
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:
Ala Al-Harmaneh and Jörn Thielmann. Islam and Muslims in Germany. Brill: Leiden & Boston. 2008.
Matthias Koenig. Incorporating Muslim migrants in western nation states – a comparison of the United Kingdom, France, and Germany. Journal of International Migration and Integration. Volume 6, Number 2, 2005, pp. 219-234.

Course Requirements/ Evaluation

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

Class Schedule

Introduction: Historical Overview; theoretical and methodical Approaches to Muslim Life

Mosques and Muslim Urban Life – Mosque Associations

Who is a Muslim? – Concepts of Congruence between Origin, Religion and Belonging

Who speaks for Muslims? – Representing a Religious Group in a Secular Society

Who speaks for Islam? – Religious Authority between Fragmentation and Institutionalisation

Islamization of Europe or moral panic? – Debates on Islamic Extremism and Terrorism

Muslim Urban Life – Basic Knowledge on Islamic Rituals

Excursion to a Friday Prayer in Berlin-Neukölln

Student Presentations on a current Event/public Debate and Evaluation

Introduction

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

Readings: Gökce Yurdakul, Richard Jenkins, Garbi Schmidt

Jenkins, Richard. Rethinking ethnicity: identity, categorization and power. In: Ethnic and Racial Studies. Vol. 17(2). 1994, pp.197-223.

Schmidt, Garbi. Understanding and Approaching Muslim Visibilities: Lessons Learned from a Fieldwork-based Study of Muslims in Copenhagen. In: Ethnic and Racial Studies, 2011; pp. 1-14.

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

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 Mandaville

Haug, Sonja; Sticks, Anja; Müssig, Stephanie und Katy Otto, 2009. Muslim Life in Germany. Nürnberg.2008.

Mas, Ruth. Compelling the Muslim Subject: (Post)Colonial Violence, Memory and the Public Performativity of »Secular/Cultural« Islam. In: Muslim World, 96 (4), 2006, S. 585-616.

Mandaville, Peter. Transnational Muslim Politics. Reimagining the Umma. London, 2003.

Mandaville, Peter. Global Political Islam. London und New York, 2007.

Klausen, Jytte. The Islamic Challenge. Politics and Religion in Western Europe. New York, 2005.

Roy, Oliver. Globalized Islam. The Search for a New Ummah. Columbia University Press, New York, 2004.

Cesari, Jocelyne. When Islam and Democracy meet. Muslims in Europe and the United States. New York, 2004.

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.

Amir-Moazami, Schirin. "Dialogue as a governmental practice. Managing gendered Islam in Germany", *Feminist Review*, 2011.

Tezcan, Levent. Governmentality, Pastoral Care and Integration. In: Al-Harmaneh, Ala und Jörn Thielmann. Islam and Muslims in Germany. Leiden & Boston, 2008, pp. 199-132.

Frank Peter. Welcoming Muslims into the nation. Tolerance, politics an integration in Germany. In: Jocelyne Cesari [Hrsg.]. Muslims in the West after 9/11. London and New York. 2010, pp. 119-144.

Koenig, Matthias. Incorporating Muslim Migrants in Western Nation States – A comparison of the United Kingdom, France and Germany. In: Journal of International Migration and Integration. Vol. 6(2), 2005, pp. 219-234.

Spielhaus, Riem. Media making Muslims: the construction of a Muslim community in Germany through media debate. In: Contemporary Islam. Vol. 4(1). 2010, pp. 11-27.

Additional Reading:

Schäuble, Wolfgang. "Muslims Should Feel at Home in Germany". In: Qantara.de. http://www.qantara.de/webcom/show_article.php/_c-308/_nr-31/_p-1/i.html

Stefan Weber, Question towards Islamic Art and the Museum. In: Benoit Junod, Georges Khalil and Stefan Weber Islamic (eds.): Art and the Museum. Discussions on scientific and musicological approaches to art and archaeology of the Muslim world. 2010.

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

Eickelman, Dale F. und Jon W. Anderson. Redefining Muslim Publics. In: Ibid (eds.). New media in the Muslim world: the emerging public sphere. Bloomington, 1999.

Jouili, Jeannette und Schirin Amir-Moazami. Knowledge, Empowerment and Religious Authority among Pious Muslim Women in France and Germany. In: *Muslim World*, 97/4, 2006, pp. 615-640.

Krämer, Gudrun und Sabine Schmidtke. Introduction: Religious Authority and Religious Authorities in Muslim Societies. A Critical Overview. In: *Ibid.* (eds.). *Speaking for Islam. Religious Authority in Muslim Societies*, 2007, pp. 1-14.

Kamp, Melanie: Prayer leader, counselor, teacher, social worker, and public relations officer – on the roles and functions of imams in Germany. In: Thielmann, Jörn and al-Hamarneh, Ala (eds.): *Islam in Germany*. Brill: Leiden, 2008.

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

Laurence, Jonathan. Islam and Identity in Germany. International Crisis Group, Brussels, 2007. [www.crisisgroup.org/home/index.cfm?id=4693; letzter Abruf am 25.01.2008]

Schiffauer, Werner. Enemies within the gates: the debate about the citizenship of Muslims in Germany. In: Modood, Tariq, Anna Triandafyllidou und Ricard Zapata-Barrero (eds.). *Multiculturalism, Muslims and Citizenship. A European approach*. London und New York, 2006, pp. 94-116.

Shooman, Yasemin and Riem Spielhaus. The Concept of the Muslim Enemy in the Public Discourse. In: Jocelyne Cesari [Hrsg.]. *Muslims in Europe and the United States after 9/11*. London, 2010, pp. 198-228.

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.

Matti Bunzl. "Between Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia: Some Thoughts on the New Europe ." *American Ethnologist* 32.4. 2005, pp. 499-508.