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## Welcome to the College of Interreligious Studies:

1 year interreligious experience, life sharing and an academic program (Certificate 60 ECTS/ optional: MA Religious Studies)

Dear Colleagues and Friends of interfaith work!

I hope this finds you well! I am very happy to be able to share the good news with you, that we start the next academic year of the College of Interreligious Studies in Munich, situated in the Benedictine Abbey Saint Bonifaz and part of the House of Cultures and Religions in Munich, with a new program:

## **Interreligious Studies**

(Academic Expert, 1 year), optional: MA Religious Studies

Interreligious Studies deals with religious, societal, and intercultural aspects of interreligious competence. The certificate provides students with knowledge and competence of issues in a cultural and religious pluralistic world. Issues of peaceful co-existence, understanding of interreligious learning, practices and rituals are gained. As a cultural study, the interdisciplinary approach will involve social science, theology, religious studies, intercultural pedagogical and practical internships in various religious groups and interreligious programs.

At the heart of the College are academic studies, practical experience in interreligious dialogue, reflections, a variety of spiritual events, individual personal development, and the acquisition

of intercultural and interreligious competence. Students can also live in a number of limited rooms at the College, which is housed in the Benedictine Abbey of Saint Bonifaz.

#### We offer:

- Certificate in Interreligious Studies (60 ECTS). Tuition fee: 2650 EUR, duration: 2 semesters (English language).
- Extendable to a Master of Religious Studies during the 2nd year (German). Fees are limited to the regular fees depending on your place of origin.
- Possibility to conduct a Cross-culture Religious Studies Project, i.e. spending the 3rd semester of the 2nd year at one of the participating universities: Salzburg, Munich, Haifa, Yogyakarta, Seoul, Nairobi, Varanasi (MoU coming).
- Accommodation in the College of Interreligious Studies on request, starting at 595 EUR/month.

The College at the House of Cultures and Religions in Munich offers the opportunity to (further) qualify for professional fields involving interreligious and intercultural negotiation processes. Intercultural and interreligious competence and experience is thereby gained and deepened, in addition to corresponding studies at a Munich university, especially through practical opportunities:

- Interreligious living in a monastery in the middle of Munich
- Work experience through internships in a multi-professional team
- Experiencing and helping to shape the House of Cultures and Religions in Munich
- Experiencing various forms of spiritual practice
- Support in your learning processes by competent contact persons

Modules Certificate Interreligious Studies (AE, Academic Expert, 60 ECTS)

### 60 ECTS

- 1. Module Key Concept Religious Studies
- 2. Module Religious Traditions
- 3. Module Religions, Dialogue and Society
- 4. Module Methods of Research
- 5. Module Religions, Spiritualities and Society
- 6. Module Dialogue Society, Ethics and Law
- 7. Module Interreligious Dialogue as Applied Religious Studies
- 8. Module Pedagogic and Analysis of Interreligious Dialogue
- 9. Module Dialogue Practice
- 10. Final Essay

Optional: 2nd Year: Religious Studies MA (1<sup>st</sup> year of AE ist accepted to enter 2<sup>nd</sup> year of MA Program. B2 German is needed for entering the 2nd year. The curriculum is subject to decisions taken by the senate at the Paris Lodron University Salzburg.

Academic Certificates are issued by the Paris Lodron University of Salzburg. Teaching takes place in at the College of Interreligious Studies Munich (1<sup>st</sup> year). The 2<sup>nd</sup> year can be completed in Munich, Salzburg or any University of the Crossculture Religious Studies Project partners (<u>crossculture-religious-studies-project.org</u>).

For further information visit our website:

# college-interreligious-studies-munich.org

We hope to catch your interest and would be happy if you also could circulate this information among interested colleagues and friends.

With warm regards,

Prof. Dr. Martin Rötting Director

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