

European Intensive Programmes (2010-2012)

**TRANSLATING GOD(S):
ISLAM AND CHRISTIANITY IN SOUTHEAST EUROPE**

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**European Partner Universities
& Local Coordinators**

This **10 ECTS European Intensive Programme (IP)** offers post-graduate students from 20 European universities a European Theology & Religious Studies course in the new academic disciplines of ***Intercultural Theology*** and ***Interreligious Studies***.

Faced with Europe's increasingly crosscultural and interreligious identity, students explore the ecumenical, crosscultural and interreligious challenge in Europe for religion and theology today. The programme studies areas of ecumenical, crosscultural religious concerns and interreligious conflicts in different areas of Europe; it introduces students to the European field of intercultural and interreligious / comparative theology; and it researches the impact of the studied areas for the academic discourses and reflection on religion, theology, and God-talk in Europe today.

To allow for focused and unique study experiences, the programmes take place at a different location each year, drawing on the distinct resources and thematic capacities of the host institution.

The upcoming IP in ISTANBUL (April 26-May 10, 2011)

hosted by the Islamic theological faculty of Marmara University, gives emphasis to the European interreligious histories, aimed at the study of challenges facing ***Islam and Christianity in Southeast Europe*** in particular. Participants will explore **The Study of Religions in a Changing Europe** (*theme 1*) with regard to the contextual dimensions of historical narration of religious diversity; the power and interests entangled with religious expressions of persons and institutions in a changing cultural landscape; and, the implications that developments in the European context have for the study of religion.

The discussion will branch into pursuit of multiple perspectives on **Engaging the Other: Interreligious Historical and Comparative Theological Explorations** (*theme 2*) with two working groups and parallel papers. On the one hand, the complexities of Islam and Christianity's co-existence in various parts of South East Europe will come to focus through a historical lens, on the other hand, persistent inter-faith issues will be held up for an ongoing examination through resources of both traditions. The programme will continue with theoretical and case-study based approaches to the region's **Shared Religious Spaces** (*theme 3*). Gathering these topics closer together the programme will conclude with an exploration of **Religion, Politics, and Power Struggles** (*theme 4*) revisiting the trajectories, stakes of influence and aspirations already in place in order better to respond to Europe's interreligious and intercultural present and future.

The third IP in CONSTANȚA (Sept 9-23, 2012)

will involve Bulgarian and Romanian orthodox theological faculties in its organisation. Drawing on elements of the preceding IPs, it will emphasize the phenomena of ***Fluid Religions and Orthodoxy***, with a view to a comparative study of them across the religious traditions of Eastern and Western Europe.

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