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### **Socio-cultural integration of Muslims**

Master seminar, 3 SWS (semester hours)  
ECTS credits: 6 / 12  
Thursday 10:00 - 13:00 (c.t.), F21/03.81

#### **Seminar content:**

Questions and concerns about the “integrability” of Islam and Muslims in Germany and Western Europe dominate public and politic debates about migration and integration, terrorism and (right-wing) populism. At the center: prejudices, doubts, fears and hostility towards Muslims, mostly justified with perceived discrepancies in religion and culture. The seminar deals with the question to what degree Muslims in Germany and Europe are actually integrated. Instead of taking a structural perspective on integration (in for example education and work), the seminar focuses solely on socio-cultural factors like religion, values, attitudes, identity, language – culture in the broadest sense. To what degree do Muslims acculturate in their values, attitudes, religion and their ethnic and religious identity? We will read some introductory texts dealing with the question if and why Muslim integration should be different in comparison to other migrant groups. In the second part of the seminar, we will read some empirical research results about values and attitudes, religion, identity and further integration dimensions of Muslim immigrants in Western Europe.

#### **Formalities:**

The seminar will place particular emphasis on empirical research articles; therefore, a profound basic knowledge of quantitative/statistical research methods is essential for attendance. The language of instruction will optionally be English or German in order to facilitate international students’ course attendance. The examination consists of a short presentation (20%), discussion questions (20%) and the submission of a seminar paper (60%). The registration to the seminar *and* the examination via FlexNow is necessary for the acquisition of a certificate.

Weekly reading and questions for discussion: Regular attendance, active participation and weekly reading of the compulsory literature are expected. Participants are required to weekly submit **1-3 discussion questions until Wednesday 12.00** (e.g. criticism, open questions, questions for discussion, scientific or societal outlook) based on the compulsory reading: upload via virtual campus (VC).

Presentation (15 min): Aim of the presentation is to give a short revision of previous week’s contents, to summarize the weekly reading (max. 3 slides) as well as to offer an own conclusion (including emphasis of specific aspects of the paper, critical reflection of the paper, references to previous contents in the seminar and to other classes and contents, scientific and societal outlook). Finally, own research questions and a selection of own and submitted discussion questions are presented.

Seminar paper (15-20 / 20-25 pages): The topic is freely selectable within the scope of the seminar. Please consult the seminar instructor in order to agree upon a topic for your paper. Seminar papers can be submitted in English or German. Latest possible submission date: **17<sup>th</sup> March 2019**.

**Introductory literature:** Bisin et al., 2008; Faas, 2010; Foner & Alba, 2008; Triandafyllidou, 2010

**Seminar literature:** To find in the virtual campus (VC)

## Syllabus

<b>Introduction</b>		
1	18.10.	Introduction and organization
2	25.10.	What is (socio-)cultural integration? Schunck 2014
	01.11.	No class
3	08.11.	Islam in Germany Faas 2010; Ceylan 2017 [German]
<b>The role of religion</b>		
4	15.11.	Integration policies and religious accomodation of Muslims in Western Europe Fetzer & Soper 2005
5	22.11.	Religion as bridge or barrier for integration? Foner & Alba 2008
6	29.11.	Attitudes about Muslim group rights: gaps between majorities and Muslim minorities Statham 2016
<b>Empirical findings on socio-cultural integration of Muslims in Western Europe</b>		
<i>Religion and identity</i>		
7	06.12.	Ethnic, national and religious identity of Muslims Verkuyten & Yildiz 2007
8	13.12.	Acculturation in ethnic and religious identity of first- and second-generation Muslims Maliepaard et al. 2010
<i>Values</i>		
9	20.12.	Value discrepancies between Muslims and non-Muslims in and outside Europe Norris & Inglehart 2012
10	10.01.	The role of policies for value discrepancies between Muslims and Non-Muslims Ersanilli 2012
11	17.01.	The role of religiosity for value discrepancies between Muslims and Non-Muslims Diehl et al. 2009
<i>Further integration dimensions</i>		
12	24.01.	Interaction and identification of Muslim and non-Muslim minorities Reitz et al. 2017
13	31.01.	Impact of socio-cultural on structural integration of Muslims? Koopmans 2016
14	07.02.	Conclusion

## Literature

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