

THE WORKING GROUP MODERNITY AND ISLAM
REPRESENTED BY THE WISSENSCHAFTSKOLLEG ZU BERLIN

is a research network of Berlin universities and extra-university institutions committed to fostering a deeper understanding of Muslim cultures, their history, and social structures. Talented young scholars working on innovative research projects are given an opportunity to participate in an

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER ACADEMY
FOR DOCTORANDS AND POST-DOCTORANDS

which will take place between July 14 - 24, 1997 under the direction of Professor Dr Peter Heine at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. 20 doctorands and post-doctorands are given in an interdisciplinary exchange with the humanities and social sciences an opportunity to present and discuss their research projects individually and in workshops. Leading scholars of different disciplines will be present as tutors. Participants receive a stipend covering their travel expenses and their stay in Berlin. Under the working title:

PROCESSES AND COUNTERPROCESSES OF MODERNISATION

central developments within Muslim societies in the modern era will be examined from the perspective of the humanities and social sciences. These processes include aspects such as the formation of states and social strata, economic relations and intellectual developments. The study of these phenomena will consciously transcend purely contemporary Middle East studies to include both the historical dimension of modernity and the non-Arabic Muslim world. This is not to suggest the existence of a homogeneous Muslim civilization irrespective of time and space whose unifying strands can be religiously defined. On the contrary, the study of Islam should aim at revealing its complexity. Simultaneously, contact to areas of research unrelated to Islam shall be encouraged in order to facilitate the translation of approaches from European to Islamic contexts in the field of humanities and social sciences. Likewise, the study of the Muslim world could provide new insights for research fields other than Islamic studies.

CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

The programme is intended for islamicists and orientalists as well as historians, social scientists, lawyers, economists, urban planners, etc. irrespective of citizenship conditions. Islamicists are invited to apply provided they are familiar with the working methods of other disciplines, whereby candidates from other disciplines must possess adequate knowledge of relevant languages and experience in the field. The working language of the summer academy is English. The application, consisting of a curriculum vitae, a 2-4-page project outline, a work sample of maximum 20 pages (publication, conference paper, chapter of thesis), and two letters of recommendation from university teachers, should be submitted in English by January 31, 1997 at the latest to:

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