

THE WORKING GROUP MODERNITY AND ISLAM

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. Each year, a group of talented young scholars involved in innovative research projects are given an opportunity to participate in an

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER ACADEMY FOR DOCTORANDS AND POST-DOCTORANDS

The next Academy is scheduled to take place from September 13 - 26, 1999 under the direction of Professor Dr. Gudrun Krämer at the

FONDATION DU ROI ABDUL-AZIZ AL SAOUD IN CASABLANCA, MAROCCO

In an interdisciplinary and international exchange between the humanities and social sciences, up to 20 young scholars receive an opportunity to present and discuss their research projects individually and in workshops. Leading scholars of various disciplines are present as tutors. Participants will receive a stipend to cover travel and accommodation expenses. The title of the Summer Academy 1999 will be:

NOTIONS OF LAW AND ORDER IN MUSLIM SOCIETIES

Under the impact of profound structural and cultural change, notions of how the state and society should be organized so as to guarantee order, justice and legitimacy have been thoroughly revised in all parts of the world, including the Muslim world. The theory and practice of law, both "Islamic" and "secular", has been central to this process of revision, as have concepts of "good governance" more generally. Research projects analyzing legal theory, practice, sociology and anthropology on one hand, and political thought on the other will be especially encouraged. Applications may approach the subject from a historical or a contemporary perspective, and may cover all geographical areas of the Muslim world. This is not to suggest the existence of a homogeneous Muslim civilization irrespective of time and space whose unifying strands can be defined in terms of religion. On the contrary, the study of Islamic law and socio-political thought should aim at revealing their complexity, offering deeper insights into the phenomena of "modernity" and "modernization" which should be of interest to scholars well beyond the fields of Islamic studies.

CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

The program is intended for doctoral and postdoctoral students in the fields of Islamic studies, law, history, social and political science, economics etc. irrespective of their country of citizenship. Islamicists are invited to apply provided they are familiar with the working methods of other disciplines, whereas candidates from other disciplines must possess adequate knowledge of the relevant languages and experience in the field. The working language of the summer academy is English. The application, consisting of a curriculum vitae, a project outline of 10 pages, a one-page summary, and two letters of recommendation from university teachers, should be submitted in English no later than January 31, 1999 to:

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