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Dear students of the International MA-Program Religious Studies,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and are very much looking forward to starting the winter semester 21_22 with you on Monday, October, 11th!

This semester, we are excited to invite you to a personal welcome meeting for first-year MA-students. Join us on

- **Monday, October 11th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.**
for an introductory event with an overview of the content of the program and explanations of the organization of the study program and the timetable.

**(Address: ZWE CERES, Universitätsstr. 90a, 4th floor, Meeting-Romm 4.13 -
Subway Station: Wasserstraße)**

If you would like to take part in the classroom event, please register by mail to Susanne.Goere@rub.de by Thursday, October 07, 2021, at the latest.

You will then receive a registration confirmation. Students without registration confirmation are not admitted to the event! Please also note that due to the current Corona situation you may only attend if you are either tested, recovered or vaccinated.

Additionally, we offer a virtual introduction via Zoom on the same day for all first-year students who are unable to attend the event.

The online event on October 11th will take place from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (German time) via the platform 'Zoom'. Below you will find the access data that you have to enter into your internet browser. Make sure, you have a stable internet connection:

Thema: Religious Studies - Introduction

Uhrzeit: October, 11th,2021 2:00 PM Amsterdam, Berlin, Rom, Stockholm, Wien

Join Zoom-Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85453592974?pwd=WkZJNnNWN3INQXJDdWFveIFhV3Z1dz09>

Meeting-ID: 854 5359 2974

Kenncode: Ngzg3i

To make it a little easier for you to get started in Religious Studies, we have provided an introduction course with short podcasts and the most important information for first semester students on the teaching platform 'Moodle'. Please view these courses prior to the introductory session. The most frequently asked questions about studying are answered there.

To register for the Moodle course, please visit <https://moodle.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/m/login/signup.php?lang=en> and log in with your Ruhr-University LoginID. Students receive their LoginID automatically upon enrolment therefore it should be included in your enrolment documents.

As soon as you are logged in, you will find the field "Kurssuche" (Course search) on the right side. There, please search for [Religious Studies - Welcome and Information for New Students \(210065-Winter Term 2021\)](#) and register for the course. The password for this particular Moodle course is "**Religion**". If you are not enrolled as a student of the Ruhr-University, create an account on the following page: <https://moodle.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/m/login/signup.php?lang=en>

Please also check our homepage <https://ceres.rub.de/en/> for further information. It is helpful to familiarize yourself with the documents of the study program, which you can find on our homepage at <https://ma.ceres.rub.de/en/program/documents/>. Here you will also find an [F.A.Q.](#) (german), through which many frequently asked questions about the beginning of the study can already be clarified.

In order to be always up to date about changes in the course catalogue, office hours of lecturers, events of the Student Representatives, and much more, you should subscribe to the mailing list: <http://lists.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/mailman/listinfo/relwiss-info> .

You will be able to attend and study a wide range of events. For the first time within three semesters, we are able to hold individual lectures in attendance in compliance with the rules (Vaccinated, Tested, Recovered + general safety rules + Ruhr-University-regulations). However, you can expect a different winter semester in many respects due to Corona's predominantly online-based course offerings. Campus-wide, you can inform yourself about current developments in studying and teaching at the Ruhr-Universität on the following website: <https://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/en/faq-students-2021>

In addition to create at least somewhat of a "Campus-Feeling" for you, we organized a WhatsApp-Group for International Students. Here you can socialise, network or just chat a little with your fellow students: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GQ7qqPle6aqF4Ov86Nqvjh>

A word about the change of subject: Since Religious Studies is a non-restricted subject, quite a lot of students enrol in the subject each semester. If you have only enrolled because you are still hoping for a place in another subject, you do not need to attend courses in Religious Studies.

If you are either in doubt about your choice of subject or are not sure whether you will get a place in your desired subject in the coming semesters, it is recommended that you at least attend the compulsory courses in the subject Religious Studies.

If you have further questions or problems, please do not hesitate to contact the student assistants, Michelle Dieren, Sarah Rautert and Bernadette Ennemoser of our Study Counselling service. You can reach them by e-mail at koordinationrelwiss@rub.de.

In addition to this e-mail contact, the study coordination offers a virtual office hour via Zoom every Monday from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. and on Tuesday from 10:00 - 12:00 a.m. You can find more information about the office hours here:

<https://studium.ceres.rub.de/de/beratung/studienberatung/>

You can also contact your Student Representatives (Fachschaftsrat) for Religious Studies, by e-mail at religionswiss.fachschaft@googlemail.com. On Facebook you will find your Student Representatives on the page "Fachschaft Religionswissenschaft der Ruhr-Universität Bochum" (<https://www.facebook.com/FSR.Relwiss.Bochum/>) as well as in the group "Religionswissenschaft in Bochum".

And now we wish you a good start into your first semester and are looking forward to getting to know you soon - virtually or in person!

With kind regards,



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