ERiC Summer School

25 July – 03 August 2016
Ruhr-Universität Bochum
Center for Religious Studies (CERES)

ERiC Summer School provides a well-established format for introducing and discussing cutting-edge research relating to the problems of studying global inter-religious relations. Connected to this, the summer school will examine such diverse topics as gender, media, digital humanities and material culture.

Aimed at doctoral and advanced masters’ level students, ERiC encourages students from around the world to consider religious studies from multiple political and cultural standpoints, giving them the opportunity to create an international network of like-minded junior scholars.

The general aim of the school is to translate and transmit the research of this theme conducted by senior scholars into knowledge which benefits junior researchers. The ERiC Summer School offers advanced students the opportunity to explore important questions for studying religious contacts.

- How do we theorize religion?
- How can we assess the significance of religious identity when members of different communities meet?
- What defines a contact between individuals, communities, traditions, as a contact of religions?
- What are the effects of contact for the formation, development and global expansion of the world’s major religious traditions?

The aims of ERiC summer school are twofold:

- Provide and assess exemplary case studies of intra- and interreligious encounters without limitations as to specific disciplines, timelines, and geographical frame.
- Discuss current theoretical frameworks and critical approaches to the study of religious encounters from comparative and interdisciplinary perspectives.

Alongside research on the ground, young researchers will have the opportunity to present their own research and receive constructive feedback from their peers and internationally renowned scholars.