



**Dear prospective 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 summer semester 2023 with you on Monday, April, 3rd!

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

- **Monday, April, 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.**  
**for an introductory welcome event where you can get to know each other as well as some lecturers live and in person with some breakfast.**

**(Address: ZWE CERES, Universitätsstr. 90a, ground floor, Meeting-Room Turfan 0.13 - Subway Station: Wasserstraße)**

**Later on this day**, we offer a **virtual introduction** for all first-year students, including those who are unable to attend the morning session. The online event on April, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

<https://ruhr-uni-bochum.zoom.us/j/62405758407?pwd=U3B5aGhieWsyWTBERXI2N01WTOJMQT09>

Meeting-ID: 624 0575 8407

Password: 406809

To make it a little easier for you to get started in Religious Studies, we have provided an Online **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.

You will find this course on the platform Moodle@RUB. In order to register, 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 "Kursuche" (Course search) on the right side. There, please search for "[Religious Studies – Welcome and Information for New Students](#)" 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.**, 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>. All of this information will also be shared in an **information-only WhatsApp-Group**: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KVYja0tNAEz4hUmN6ADk5s>.

You will be able to attend and study a wide range of events. Some **Courses** will be taught online via Zoom, so that you may also be able to attend several courses even if you are not yet in Germany. Other courses will be taught in presence. You can inform yourself about current developments in studying and teaching at the Ruhr-Universität on the following website: <https://studium.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/en/studying-rub>

If you have further questions or problems, please do not hesitate to **Contact** the student assistants, Sarah Rautert and Bernadette Ennemoser of our Study Counselling service. You can reach them by e-mail at [koordinationrelwiss@rub.de](mailto:koordinationrelwiss@rub.de).

In addition to this e-mail contact, the study coordination offers consultations after previous request by mail. You can find more information here: <https://ma.ceres.rub.de/en/counseling/student-counseling/>

You can also contact your Student Representatives / Study Council (Fachschaftsrat/FSR) for Religious Studies, by e-mail at [religionswiss.fachschaft@googlemail.com](mailto:religionswiss.fachschaft@googlemail.com). By the way, the student council also offers advice on questions concerning your studies. The student council is located on the ground floor in room 0.10. At the moment, appointments for talks should be made in advance by mail. The times for the consultation are announced at the beginning of the semester via Instagram (fsr\_relwiss\_bo) and displayed on the door of the FSR room

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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