

Erbil – Potsdam Conference on Science Management - Religions and Diversity
April 2018 – schedule (update: 13th March 2018)

Monday, 2nd April 2018: Conference on Religions and Diversity

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Welcome Addresses (Universities, Religious Communities, Authorities)
10:00 – 11:20 a.m. Portraits of the Universities (Ishik, Catholic, Salahaddin, Potsdam)
Each university presents a 15 min feature on its own history and structure
11:20 – 11:40 a.m. coffee/tea break /- sign up for table sessions and workshop
11:40 – 12:40 a.m. University and Diversity – Panel Discussion (5 participants on stage)
1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Lunch
2:30 – 2:50 p.m. Introduction to the sessions
3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Parallel table sessions about science management and study techniques.
Each session is moderated by an Iraqi and a German group member

Titels for student roundtables (three rooms)

- What is good academic teaching? Expectations regarding didactics, evaluation ...
- How does university prepare for professional life? Soft-skills, knowledge ...
- What are effective forms? Paper, test, presentations, free projects ...

Titels for faculty roundtable (one room)

- How do we promote student participation?
- How do we plan study programmes?

Short break – groups change tables
..4:10 - 5:00 p.m. Reports in plenary
7:00 Reception / Dinner

Tuesday, 3rd April 2018 – Workshop on Religions and Diversity

Approx. 65 participants: 15 German students, 10 Ishik students, 10 Salahaddin students, 10 Catholic Univ students, 5 German faculty, 5 Ishik faculty, 5 Salahaddin faculty, 5 Catholic Univ faculty

9:00 – 9:20 a.m. Opening and Introduction
9:20 – 12:20 a.m. Parallel seminars on five topics (coffee/tea break after 90 min)
In each seminar a presentation by German students (30 min) and a presentation by Iraqi students (30 min)
Each seminar wears a special color tag.
Topic 1 “white”: Religions and Fundamental Rights, e.g. freedom of religion, religion and constitution
Topic 2 “purple”: Religions and Gender, e.g. women in liturgy, special women’s rituals
Topic 3 “green”: Religions and Migration, e.g. religious factors of persecution, refugees, integration, and community-building in foreign environment

Topic 4 “black”: Religions and Violence, e.g. religious pacifism, religious motivated violence, verbal violence, violence in education

Topic 5 “blue”: Religions and Secularism, e.g. indifferentism and atheism, levels of commitment, religion in public sphere

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Lunch

2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Reports in plenary and discussion

4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Open space discussions

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Preparatory meeting for 2 days Joint Trip (by invitation)

Wednesday, 4th April 2018 - first day Joint Trip – Lalish – Amadiya - Dohuk

Each student is obliged to give an onsite-introduction to either building/place or religious community/rites (15 min)

Joint field trip by invitation for academic participants to the North of Iraq: departure early in the morning. Route from Erbil to Yazidi Sanctuary of Lalish, evtl. meeting with Baba Sheikh. In the afternoon arrival at Amadiya/Amedi town (Qubhan-Islam-School from 17. century; casual climbing the 500 years old Minaret tower). Synagogue and old Assyrian Quarter. In the evening arrival at Dohuk. Meetings/Banquet. One night in Dohuk.

Thursday, 5th April 2018 - second day Joint Trip – Dohuk – Alqosh - Erbil

In Dohuk St. Ith Llah Church (viewpoint), Ancient Mosque. Route from Dohuk to Alqosh, Chaldean Town. Meeting in the Bishop’s House with Father Dr. Salar Kajo / Father Aram Qayea, Nineveh Reconstruction Committee. Visits of Synagogue (tomb of Prophet Nahum) and Eastsyrian Monastery Rabban Hormizd (7th century). Back to Erbil.
Farewell Dinner.

Friday, 6th April 2018 Departure from Erbil Airport