



**Course description: NISIS Course: 'Traveling through Islam research in the Netherlands'**

Theme	This course aims at providing an overview of research on Islam conducted at Dutch Universities; content, methods and disciplines
Academic year	2016-2017
Semester	2
EC	1
Level	600
Language	English
Keynote speakers	NISIS board members or their representatives
Hosted by	Leiden University

### **Admission requirements**

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PhD candidates and research master students who study Muslims, Muslim societies and Islam in the broadest sense of the word may apply for admission and should contact NISIS at [nisis@hum.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:nisis@hum.leidenuniv.nl).

**NISIS junior members** qualify automatically and do not need to apply for participation. However, they are required to **register** for the NISIS Course via [nisis@hum.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:nisis@hum.leidenuniv.nl).

**Please note:** this course requires a minimum of 7 participants to take place.

### **Description**

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The NISIS course 'Traveling through Islam research in the Netherlands' consist of an introductory lecture by the coordinator Dr Petra de Bruijn in which she gives a historical overview of the development of Islamic Studies in the Netherlands and in which she presents a theoretical framework for the study of Islam in the Netherlands.

After this introduction, NISIS board members or his/her representatives will introduce the expertise, methods and disciplines involved in studying, Muslims, Muslim societies and Islam in the broadest sense of the word at their university.

Participants (PhD candidates and research master students) are required to:

- read the set literature in advance and hand in written reading notes.
- write a report in which they relate their own research to the Dutch academic context and present their view on research on Islam in the Netherlands.

### **Course objectives**

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- Enlarging and deepening the already existing knowledge of Islam and Muslim societies
- Providing insight and participation in the current academic debate
- Introducing the candidates to the national network of scholars in the field
- Creating an academic community in which research in the field of Islam and Muslim societies can be optimally pursued
- Mediating between a new generation of researchers and innovative disciplinary and interdisciplinary developments, theoretical and methodological initiatives and explorations in the field
- Training writing and reflection skills.

### **Timetable**

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This course will take place on Friday 21 April 2017 at Leiden University.

### **Mode of instruction**

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- Lecture
- Reading notes
- Writing report

### **Course load**

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Total course load is 28 hours

Preparation meeting (reading literature + reading notes): 10 hours

Attendance meeting: 6 hours

Preparation report: 12 hours

### **Assessment method**

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PhD candidates and research master students will be judged on the basis of:

- attendance of the meeting;
- reading notes (40% of final grade);
- written report (60% of final grade)

### **Requirements reading notes**

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In preparation for this course, you are required to prepare reading notes for the prescribed literature. You are required to write a reading report of 200/250 words per article in which you highlight the main points, research question, argument and conclusion of each article. At the end of your reading report please formulate a discussion question, for input for the discussion on the literature on the day itself.

Deadline: submit before Thursday 20 April 2017, 09.00 hours.

## Requirements report

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The objective of the report of the course 'Islam Research in the Netherlands' is:

- to enlarge and deepen the already existing knowledge of Islam and Muslim societies;
- to create innovative disciplinary and interdisciplinary developments, theoretical and methodological initiatives and explorations in the field;
- training research and writing skills.

The objective of the reflexive essay to conclude the NISIS course 'Islam Research in the Netherlands' is to relate the provided literature and the lectures at the meeting to your own research and to present your view on Islam research in the Netherlands. To this purpose, you choose at least one keynote lecture and one article follow these instructions:

**A.** As a first step, you write a short introductory section. In the first subsection of the introduction you present the objectives, research question and subject matter of you own research in max. 200-400 words. In the next subsection (max. 300-600 words) you explain to what purpose you have selected the articles and keynote lecture(s) from the meeting to apply to your own research.

**B.** The next section of 500 to 750 words consists of a few paragraphs in which you answer for each of the articles and keynote lecture(s) the following questions:

- Which key theories, concepts and ideas are addressed?
- What are the main questions and problems that are addressed?
- What is the nature and content of the empirical data/sources that are analysed and how is (the analysis) of the data organised?

**C.** The next section of 500 to 750 words is dedicated to your reflection on the study of Muslims, Muslim societies and Islam in the broadest sense of the word in the Netherlands:

- How does your own research relate to Dutch academia? What and how does it contribute to the development of the field?

**D.** In the concluding section of 200-400 words you take stock of how the theme of how the articles and key note lecture(s) selected, shed new light on and/or have been helpful for your own research.

In total, the length your essay should be **between 1700 to 2900 words**.

Deadline: submit before Thursday 1 June 2017, 09.00 hours.

## Reading list

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Marjo Buitelaar, "The Hajj and the Anthropological Study of Pilgrimage," in *Hajj: Global Interactions through Pilgrimage*, ed. Luitgard Mols and Marjo Buitelaar, (Leiden: Sidestone Press, 2015), pp. 9-25 (16 pages)

Léon Buskens, "Middle Eastern Studies and Islam, Oscillations and Tensions in an Old Relationship", in: *Islamic Studies in the Twenty-first Century. Transformations and continuities*, pp. 241-267 (26 pages)

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Elisa Giunchi, "Muslim family law and legal practice in the West: an introduction," in *Muslim Family Law in Western Courts*, ed. Elisa Giunchi, (London: Routledge, 2014), pp. 1-13 (13 pages)

Roel Meijer, "The Political, Politics, and Citizenship in the Islamist Movement," unpublished article. (16 pages)

Thijl Sunier, 2014, 'Domesticating Islam: Exploring Academic Knowledge Production on Islam and Muslims in European Societies' in: *Ethnic and Racial Studies* vol. 37, no.6, pp. 1138-1155 (17 pages)

Gerard Wiegers, 'Dr Sayyid Mutawalli ad-Darsh's fatwas for Muslims in Britain: the voice of official Islam?' in *Britain and the Muslim world: historical perspectives*, ed. G. MacLean, (Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars, 2011), pp. 178-191. (13 pages)

Total: 101 pages

## **Application**

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You can apply for participation in the NISIS course as soon as a call for application has been opened. This will be announced on the NISIS website ([www.nisis.nl](http://www.nisis.nl)). Please note that the number of available places is restricted.

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