

## What is the Graduate School about?

The co-existence of people of different faiths and beliefs brings tremendous challenges for society. Young researchers of the established graduate school RePliR (*Religiöse Pluralität und ihre Regulierung in der Region*/"Religious Pluralität and its Regulation in the Region") will examine these challenges with a special focus on the regions of Westphalia and Ruhr area (Germany). This graduate school is a joint-project of the Center for Religious Studies (CERES) of the Ruhr-Universität Bochum and the Center for Religion and Modernity (CRM) of Münster's University. It receives its funding by the Ministry for Research of the land North Rhine-Westphalia for four years, starting in July 2016. The school is presided over by Volkhard Krech and Ulrich Willems.

Eleven PhD-candidates from different subjects will conduct individual research projects on questions that arise from living in a multi-faith society. All candidates will not only be supervised by renowned scientists in their respective fields, but will also be actively communicate with non-academic partners in their fields of research. Partners include actors of religious or humanist/atheists groups, public administration, the media, economics and further institutions of civil society. This close cooperation will entail a focus on the wider significance of societal challenges and will thereby enable more fruitful discussion of solutions with stakeholders.

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## Topics & Projects

<p><b>Arranging Muslim Religiosity and Occupational Activity in Daily Life. Professional Biographies of Women in France and Germany</b></p> <p>Linda Hennig Sociology</p>	<p><b>Buddhist Interpretations of Jesus: A Study of the Regulative Power of Interreligious Dialogue</b></p> <p>Matthias Schneider Protestant Theology</p>	<p><b>Patterns and Determining Factors in Civic Activities of Migrant Organizations in Selected Municipalities in North Rhine-Westphalia with a Particular Focus on the Impact of Religion</b></p> <p>Anna Klie Political Sciences</p>
<p><b>The Role of Religion in Integrating Immigrants from Predominantly Muslim Countries</b></p> <p>André Kastilan Social Science</p>	<p><b>Communal Regulation of Religion and Flight: A Qualitative Analysis of Religious Plurality and its Challenges for the Institutional Contexts of Local Refugee Shelters and School</b></p> <p>Natalie Gies-Powrozniak Cultural &amp; Social Anthropology</p>	<p><b>Between Steeple and Minaret. An Entangled History of Perception and Encounter between Christians and Muslims since 1961 with Special Focus on North Rhine-Westphalia</b></p> <p>David Rüschemschmidt History</p>
<p><b>Religious Plurality in Elderly Care Organizations</b></p> <p>Susanne Stentenbach-Petzold Religious Studies</p>	<p><b>Regulating Religious Plurality in the Region: A Transdisciplinary Study for Knowledge Integration</b></p> <p>Dr. Sarah J. Jahn Religious Studies &amp; Sociology</p>	<p><b>Religious Identity of Alevi and Sunni Youth</b></p> <p>Martina Loth Sociology of Religion</p>
<p><b>Of Gropers, God, and Gazettes. The Discourse on Religious Affiliation in Regional and National Newspaper Reporting on the Cologne New Year's Celebrations 2015/2016 in a Religious-Pluralist Societal Context</b></p> <p>Heike Haarhoff Media Studies</p>		<p><b>Religious Pluralism and Psychosocial Relations of Youths and Young Adults of Turkish Origin in the Context of German Diaspora: A Cultural Psychology Study on Ethnic, Religious, and Political Dimensions of Social Differentiation in a Selected Milieu</b></p> <p>Aysel Tepeli Psychology</p>