

THE WORKING GROUP MODERNITY AND ISLAM

is a research network of Berlin universities and extra-university institutions committed to fostering a deeper understanding of Muslim cultures, their history, and social structures. Each year, a group of talented young scholars involved in innovative research projects are given an opportunity to participate in an

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER ACADEMY FOR DOCTORANDS AND POST-DOCTORANDS

The next Academy is scheduled to take place from September 10 - 25, 1998 under the direction of Professor Angelika Neuwirth at the

DEUTSCHES ORIENT-INSTITUT IN BEIRUT, LEBANON

In an interdisciplinary exchange between the humanities and social sciences, up to 20 doctorands and post-doctorands receive an opportunity to present and discuss their research projects individually and in workshops. Leading scholars of various disciplines are present as tutors. Participants will receive a stipend to cover travel and accommodation expenses. Under the working title of the Summer Academy 1998:

CRISIS AND MEMORY

the historical treatment of crises within the Muslim world in literary, oral or visual traditions will be discussed in relation to its relevance to modernity. Interest will focus upon mechanisms used to deal with crises, their preservation in various symbol systems and communications media and their re-emergence in contemporary contexts. The exploration of questions on Islamic civilisation includes its interaction with other cultural traditions. The Summer Academy will therefore accept approaches to the subject from all geographical regions of the Muslim world. A further aim is to explore the relevance of studies on the Islamic world for research fields other than Islamic studies.

CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

The programme is intended for Islamicists and Orientalists as well as historians, social scientists, lawyers, economists, urban planners, etc. irrespective of their country of citizenship. Islamicists are invited to apply provided they are familiar with the working methods of other disciplines, whereby candidates from other disciplines must possess adequate knowledge of relevant languages and experience in the field. The working language of the summer academy is English. The application, consisting of a curriculum vitae, a project outline of 10 pages, a one-page summary, and two letters of recommendation from university teachers, should be submitted in English no later than January 31, 1998 to:

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