

Üb Religion-Knowledge-Discourse
RKD Members
2 SWS
Burgstrasse 26 Room 113
Mo. 16-20
Biweekly
English, German

Course Description

Can the categories “Religion” and “Knowledge” be separated from one another? How are “Religion” and “Knowledge” understood and organised in different contexts? And, what are the different discursive notions of “Religion” and “Knowledge”?

The course will critically investigate and reflect on diverse discursive categorizations and notions of religion and knowledge. Different approaches and viewpoints from varying periods and cultures will be examined. The course will aim at broad and widespread geographical references in order to foster a rich discussion on the diverse dynamics of global communicative and discursive processes, within which the notions of religion and knowledge are situated. Theoretical concepts will be examined during the course, alongside a critical engagement with the history of methodology and the history of theory. A critical dialogue shall be sought between different disciplines and their specific methodological approaches including hermeneutics, epistemology, systems theory, network theory and others.

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

- (a) Appreciate the complex interplay of religion, knowledge and discourse.
- (b) Identify major theoretical approaches to religion and knowledge.
- (c) Gain an awareness of the Postcolonial and decolonial perspectives on the generation of knowledge.

L.: A. Feldtkeller “Religionswissenschaft als säkularer Wissensdiskurs über Religion”
M. Foucault “The order of things” (Die Ordnung der dinge)
T. Asad “Genealogies of Religion, and Formations of the Secular”

A moodle-access will be provided.