

What is EPIL?

EPIL, a European Organization

EPIL is an international association under Swiss law that grew out of a cooperative project among religious communities, nongovernmental organizations, universities, institutes and all citizens who believe in interreligious learning. With partners from various cities where EPIL modules have taken place, its network is growing bigger by the day.

EPIL Board

- Martina Heinrichs, M.A., The Netherlands
- Dr. Sabiha Husić, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Rev. Barbara Heyse-Schaefer, M.A., Austria
- Dr. Emel Topçu, Turkey

An international, interdisciplinary team of educators, Christian and Muslim theologians, and specialists of intercultural and interreligious learning, direct EPIL's programs.

Honorary presidents of EPIL

- Dr. Reinhild Traitler-Espiritu, Switzerland
- Teny Pirri-Simonian, M.Sc., Switzerland

New Study Course 2020-2021

The new study course will begin in March 2020. It is open to women from all walks of life, who will benefit from a thorough training in managing religious diversity. The working language is English on all international modules, and local languages within the home modules.

Register to Study Course V

To become EPIL participant, you can apply to EPIL Study Course V through the public call to be announced on our web page in October 2019!

Join EPIL!

To become EPIL member and connect to wide network of EPIL family, you can contact us through International coordinator, where you will receive detailed information.

For more information visit our Web site:

www.epil.ch

Follow EPIL!

 www.facebook.com/EPILProject

 www.twitter.com/EPILProject

Contact us!

National contacts:

Austria: Barbara Heyse-Schaefer,
Barbara.heyse-schaefer@chello.at

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Sabiha Husic,
sabihask@bih.net.ba/medica1@bih.net.ba

Turkey: Emel Topcu, emeltopcu2007@gmail.com

The Netherlands: Martina Heinrichs,
martinaheinrichs@kloosterhuis.nl

International contact:

Halima Husic, halima.husic@hotmail.com

EPIL Study Course V 2020-2021

Philosophy

European

Religion shapes people's identities and conditions relationships. Contrary to traditional European self-understanding, Europe is multi-religious. People of different faiths and cultures have to work out ways of overcoming historical enmities and find ways of living together peacefully and constructively in the context of Europe's secular societies.

Process-oriented

EPIL offers a unique process of learning through a carefully structured combination of learning methods, comprising academic inputs, live encounters with people and communities, training in intercultural and interreligious learning, and participation in religious and spiritual life.

Innovative

It focuses on women as major agents for developing a culture of peace in everyday life. It focuses on Christian-Muslim relation, an area of potential conflict in European societies. It focuses on persons who in their private and professional lives focus on interreligious issues and dialogue (social workers, civil servants, media workers, church/mosque workers, NGOs, etc.).

Long-term learning

EPIL's new two years long intensive study course is organized in the form of roaming college. Its five modules bring participants from four countries together where they learn from each other through city-based learning groups, meeting between modules, and independent project work.

Why to apply?

- Learn about Islam and Christianity as „systems of being“ from participants of different cultural and religious background
- Explore the nature of religious freedom in the secular and democratic context of European societies
- Build awareness of the historical role of Islam in Europe and the way memories shape today's relationships in everyday life
- Analyse conditions that may lead to the misuse of religion for non-religious purposes, and identify ways to avoid it
- Develop a gender perspective, keeping the viewpoint and contributions of women in focus
- Contribute to overcoming violence and promote respect for human rights

How to apply?

- All interested participants can apply through their national groups upon the public call that will be published at our web-site (www.epil.ch).
- Participants are required to pay fee and should contact their national facilitator for more information.
- To obtain a diploma, participants are required to follow the entire course and submit a diploma work or project. The diploma is awarded by EPIL.

Modules

Module I

Home modules in Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Netherlands and Turkey
Time: March/April 2020
Length: 3 full days

Module II

International module in the Netherlands
Time: May 29, 2020 – June 03, 2020
Length: 5 full days
Theme: “The Challenge of Migrant Communities and Social Cohesion”

Module III

Home modules Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Netherlands and Turkey
Time: September/October 2020
Length: 2 full days
Theme: Conflict training and Preparing the Diploma

Module IV

Home modules Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Netherlands and Turkey
Time: February 21, 2021
Length: 1 full day
Theme: Preparation for module in B&H

Module V

International module in Bosnia and Herzegovina
Time: March 26, 2021 – April 01, 2021
Length: 5 full days
Theme: “Justice and reconciliation as contribution to Rebuilding Society”