

## Research activities

The AIWG facilitates discussions, research projects and academic exchanges on Islam-related issues within Germany and internationally. This is carried out by means of an interdisciplinary and practice-oriented approach through a variety of different measures, including inter-university projects, a programme for early-career researcher, scholarships, publications and conferences. The academic work focuses on the following research areas: 'Islam and the life-world', 'Text and norm' and 'Contextual Islamic theological knowledge production'.

### Research groups

The AIWG research groups bring together scholars from different German universities to collaborate on innovative subjects for a period of three and a half years. The aim of these research projects is to enhance knowledge on important and transmissible issues in the field of Islamic theological studies.

### Research project lab

Over a period of up to two years, the AIWG research project labs carry out thematically focused projects aimed at generating new impulses, opening up new areas of knowledge, shaping structures and developing ideas for solutions. Our current project labs tackle issues related to the teaching of Islam in German schools and institutions of religious communities.

### Colloquia

Within these smaller events, scholars from various locations have the opportunity to engage with a specific topic and therefore choose the most appropriate discussion format themselves.

### Virtual seminar series

Every year, the AIWG hosts a workshop within its Virtual seminar series. This format allows researchers from different projects to provide impulses that address significant overarching thematic questions concerning the state of Islamic theology in the 21st century.

### AIWG congress

The AIWG invites all interested scholars to a 2026 congress to showcase their research on an interdisciplinary and global scale. The congress will cover a wide range of topics involving Islamic theology, religious education and related disciplines.

### Peer-mentoring programme

The AIWG offers a peer-mentoring programme for doctoral and post-doctoral scholars in Islamic theological studies that provides networking opportunities, skills training and peer-group workshops to support their academic careers.

## International activities

The AIWG carries out projects with an international focus to promote long-term networking on issues related to Islam and Muslim life in Europe and North America. To achieve this aim, the AIWG organises interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary conferences and workshops involving governmental, religious and academic participants from various countries. Additionally, their research projects address questions in Islamic theology through a more global international exchange.

## Societal contributions

The AIWG focuses on questions of social participation and inclusion of minorities by incorporating research on religion and Islam. It not only provides forums for exchange between scholars, civil society and state representatives but also funds specific projects on current issues. Its publication formats aim to enrich the public debate on religion and Islam with new perspectives and expert knowledge.

### AIWG roundtable

The idea behind the AIWG roundtable is to facilitate a confidential exchange on different issues by providing space for joint discussion and development of social relevant ideas. To this end, the AIWG invites participants at the interface of civil society, the academic world and the political arena.

### AIWG ALUMNI

The AIWG alumni programme brings together former participants providing opportunities for networking, exchange and sharing ideas and visions for society.

### AIWG practical fellowships

The AIWG practical fellowship is designed for creative individuals in Germany with ideas or projects that contribute to the social inclusion of Muslims or other minority groups. The fellowship supports their activities and project ideas and facilitates their exchange with the academic community.