



LIFE OF MUSLIMS IN GERMANY - STUDY PROGRAM 2018

Indonesia is a country of particular diversity. On its more than 17,000 islands, people live with diverse skin colors, cultures, languages and religions. While the overwhelming majority of Indonesians attach to Islam, there are as well religious minorities who practice various forms of Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, or Confucianism. The diversity of the country finds its resonance in the Indonesian state motto "unity in diversity".

Like Indonesia, Germany has also become a land of diversity. Several immigration phases have contributed to the emergence of ethnic and religious plurality since the 1950s. Today about 5 percent or 4,100,000 citizens of the German population are Muslim. Cities such as Berlin, Cologne and Hamburg are home to representative mosque buildings and are cultural hubs for Muslim life and Islamic culture in Germany. However, contrary to Indonesia, Muslims in Germany are a religious minority in a widely secular environment.

After the first successful implementation of the program in 2017, the Goethe-Institut Indonesien, which is the cultural institute of the Federal Republic of Germany, is planning a second two-week educational trip to Germany **from 7 to 21 July 2018**. The participants of the trip have the opportunity to meet Muslims from Germany and to get a comprehensive picture of Islamic culture in Germany as well as about the implications of being part of a religious minority. The Goethe-Institut Indonesien executes the selection of the participants with the support of Universitas Paramadina.

1. What we offer:

- a. A two-week educational trip on the topic "Life of Muslims in Germany" to Berlin, Germany
- b. Insights to the topics of Islamic studies at German universities including meetings with doctoral students and MA students
- c. The exploration of the world cultural heritage of Islamic civilizations archived in Berlin (Humboldt Forum, Museum of Islamic Art, Orient Department of the State Library of Berlin)
- d. A two-day excursion to visit Islamic Study courses at universities in Göttingen and Hamburg
- e. Visiting Muslim communities in Berlin and exchanging experiences with German Muslims with special emphasis on their experience of being part of a minority in a secular environment
- f. Exchange with Muslim associations and youth organizations

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- g. The program of the educational trip is going to be completed by seminar modules, in which the participants can further deepen the acquired impressions
- h. The Goethe-Institut will carry the costs of transportation, accommodation and meals as part of the program

2. What we are looking for:

- a. Young (Muslim) academics from all parts of Indonesia (up to 38 years)
- b. Master (minimum) and Doctoral students, journalists, members of Muslim organizations and other multipliers, who:
 - i. Participate in public debate in Indonesia
 - ii. Participate in Islamic discourse in Indonesia
 - iii. Participate in inter-religious dialogue programs
- c. Applicants should already be able to refer to publications
- d. Proven interest in Germany and / or Europe and the topic Life of Muslims as a minority
- e. Motivational notes in English. Why do you want to learn about "Life of Muslims in Germany"? (not more than 1000 words)
- f. Very good English skills proven by TOEFL or IELTS certificate (minimum B1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)
- g. Females are particularly invited to apply

Information that are more detailed are available here:

- www.paramadina.ac.id or
- www.goethe.de or
- by email to
 - img2018@paramadina.ac.id (Paramadina University) or
 - Opencall-jakarta@goethe.de (Goethe-Institut Indonesien)
- Applications can be submitted **until 22 April 2018**
- The application **(in English)** must be submitted via email to img2018@paramadina.ac.id with maximum 15MB data attached.

Please complete the documents below:

1. Latest Curriculum Vitae (CV)
2. Scan of one letter of acknowledgement from your university or employer
3. Scan of one letter of recommendation from an Islamic Organization or a respected person of Muslim faith, that states that you are the best candidate to participate in this program
4. Scan of TOEFL or IELTS Certificate with minimum score B1 of the Common European Framework of References for Languages
5. Statement of Motivation. A 1-3 page essay of no more than 1,000 words telling about:
 - Your knowledge about Germany and/ or Europe and the life of Muslims as a minority in Germany
 - Your reflections on multicultural life as an Indonesian Muslim
 - Your expectations of being participant of the program
 - How you will share your experience as a participant on the program with your community