



# IRPA

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Institut Islamische Religion an der KPH Wien/Krems

# IRPA - History

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- Since 1912 Islam is accepted and protected by law in Austria
- Since 1979 IGGÖ is an official muslim representative organisation for all meazabs, including shia
- Since 1982/83 religious teaching in Austrian schools
- 1998 IGGÖ found IRPA as an independent academy for religious teachers training under full responsibility of IGGÖ
- 2007 IRPA becomes university college course
- 2015 cooperation with KPH, IRPA becomes Insitut for islamic religion of KPH Wien / Krems, religious and theologic content of training and teaching continous under responsibility of IGGÖ
- Like all professors of university colleges and universities also those from Institute for islamic religion - IRPA are payed by the state

**Insitut for islamic religion - IRPA has an exeptional position in Europe. It is the first and oldest institution for islamic religious teachers training in an european country with non muslim majority.**

KPH (Kirchlich Pädagogische Hochschule Wien/Krems) has 2500 students and is the biggest private pedagogic university college of Austria.

It is the only pedagogic university college which trains religious teachers for 8 religions:

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### Islam

- Christian Catholic
- Christian Protestant
- Christian Orthodox
- Christian Independent Churches
  - Judaism
  - Alevism
  - Buddhism

# Institut for Islamic Religion IRPA today

- Institut for islamic religion - IRPA has an own campus (Eitnergasse 6, 1230 Wien)



Leader of the institute

Elif Medeni MEd





# Becoming a religious teacher

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- 2015 change to „Lehrerbildung Neu“ for Austria
- Now: **Bachelor + Master study for becoming a full permissioned teacher for primary schools**
- + minimum one of several possible **main emphasis** to choose, among them **Islamic Religion**
- *(before religious teachers, also teacher for islam, had a solitary training and magisterium)*

# Magisterium for primary schools

Main emphasis Islamic Religion

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240  
ECTS

60  
ECTS



**Main emphasis  
Islamic Religion**

# Content of study

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- 39 ECTS Human Science
- 84 ECTS Pedagogy and didactics
- 12 ECTS Complementary studies
- 36 ECTS Teaching practice in school
- 60 ECTS Main emphasis Islamic Religion
- 9 ECTS Bachelor

# Magisterium for primary schools

## Main emphasis Islamic Religion

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### Masterstudium

- 60 ECTS 1.- 4. grade
- 90. ECTS 1. – 9. grade





## Our professors are, out of their biography and expertise, specialists in different fields, such as:

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- Theology, religious teaching and und religious pedagogy
  - Religious caretakers in prisons und hospitals,
    - Therapy and coaching,
    - Youth and socialwork,
    - Interreligious dialouge,
  - Work with imams and islamic communities,
    - Women and gender questions,
      - Music and art,
- Islam related culture, history and culture history

# Our team has multiethnic background

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- **Austria**
- **Bosnia**
- **Germany**
- **Marocco**
- **Syria**
- **Turkey**

# Our fields of work



- Training of religious teachers for whole Austria
- Research
- Further education
- Development of teaching materials and pedagogic concepts for the islamic teaching in Austria and Europe
- School development for private islamic schools in Austria
- Public events
- Interreligious dialogue

# Practical teachings in schools

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- 28 hours per semester personal experience of practical teaching under supervision in public schools
- Supervision by regular islamic religious teachers in their classes
- Supervision by professors from Institut for Islamic Religion - IRPA

# Our potential analysis

- Imam-training as an own field of training and education
- Education of pastoral and spiritual caregivers
- Our well proved expertises in coaching, training, education and also in hospitation at practical training of students in regular schools have a history of decades. These facts, and the work of creating new and alternative forms of teaching, make us the ideal partner for scientific research and evaluation, for advising experts and for international committees about school - and educational politics. They also make us to impulse givers about questions of new solution approaches for questions of society.





## Concrete ideas of commitment

- International research projects with external partner universities
- Conferences and symposia with designated international science communities
- Inputs for specialised science journals
- Theological and specific expertise to a new perspective of pastoral and spiritual care
- Support of mosques in religious pedagogic training and update of their staff

# Thank You

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- For Your Attention!