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# Religion in Africa: Christianity, Islam and Neo-Traditionalism

Continuing education in African Affairs  
**4-5 December 2018**



ADVANCED STUDIES

# **Religion in Africa: Christianity, Islam and Neo-Traditionalism**

## **Date & time**

4 December 2018, 9pm-5pm  
5 December 2018, 9am-5pm

## **Faculty**

André Chappatte, Research Fellow at the Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO), Berlin

Andreas Heuser, Professor for Non-European Christianity at the Faculty of Theology of the University of Basel

Elísio Macamo, Professor for African Studies at the Department of Social Sciences, University of Basel

## **Language**

English

## **Credits/degree**

The course is awarded with 1 ECTS credit for the CAS in African Affairs (assessment required).

## **Course fee**

CHF 690 incl. course documentation; travel expenses, accommodation and meals are not included.

*Additional fee for assessment (required for ECTS credits): CHF 60*

## **Registration deadline**

22 November 2018

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Since the beginning of the last century, the African landscape of religions has seen dramatic transformations. More recently, new religious movements like the broad spectrum of African Independent Churches or the current Islamic reform movements add to this religious pluriuniformity.

This course outlines socio-historic trajectories and the more recent tapestry of religions in Africa. The focus is on current developments such as the dynamic of prosperity teachings within the expanding Pentecostalism movement, the rise of neo-traditional priests as well as post-colonial fragmentation of Islam and its socio-political ramifications. Participants will become familiar with current debates in intra- and inter-religious perspectives. They will appreciate the significance of religious and theological key terms in the current shape of African societies and the impact of religions in African public space.

## **Key themes:**

- African Independent Churches
- Pentecostalization of the public sphere
- Ways of being Muslim: Sufis, Reformists and new Muslim entrepreneurs
- Political Islam
- Neo-traditional movements
- Religion in society and inter-religious relations

**This course is part of the Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in African Affairs offered by the Centre for African Studies Basel.**  
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