Islam and Society

**Degree conferred**
Philosophiae Doctor in Religione Islamica et Societate / Doctor of Philosophy in Islam and Society (PhD)

**Commencement of studies**
An application for admission may be submitted at any time.

**Regulation**
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/dGLfK (French and German only)

**Application procedure**
- Candidates with Swiss qualifications
  https://studies.unifr.ch/go/Ui3b4
- Candidates with foreign qualifications
  https://studies.unifr.ch/go/2KPbe

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**Fribourg profile**
The Swiss Centre for Islam and Society (SZIG) is a national centre of excellence for current social issues related to Islam in Switzerland. It pursues a multi-perspective approach, which includes Islamic self-reflection as to how the multiple bases of Islamic knowledge and tradition can be transformed and integrated into a Swiss context. On the one hand, it analyses the manifestations of Islam and the day-to-day realities of Muslim men and women in Europe by means of theoretical approaches. It further investigates a possible development in Islamic thinking and Islamic self-reflection in the context of Europe. In its research, the SZIG employs interdisciplinary and intersectional methods. The research question under study determines the methodological approach.

As an inter-faculty institute, the SZIG is part of the faculties of Arts and Humanities, Theology and Law. Doctoral projects may be conducted in all three faculties provided the appropriate supervision is available.

During supervision, doctoral students remain in close contact with their supervisors and submit regular progress reports in a variety of formats. Personal networking within the institute and the University of Fribourg and further afield with relevant researchers from Switzerland and abroad allows doctoral students to benefit from very varied fields of competence.

**Professors who are eligible to supervise theses**
- **Prof. Amir Dziri** (Faculty of Humanities)

Areas of specialisation:
– Islam in Switzerland and in Europe
– Research on Mohammed
– Islamic traditional theories and hermeneutics

Theses can be supervised in German, English or French.

- **Prof. Hansjörg Schmid** (Faculty of Theology)
  Areas of specialisation:
  – Interreligious ethics and Christian-Muslim relations

- **Prof. René Pahud de Mortanges** (Faculty of Law)
  Areas of specialisation:
  – Religious Law

**Studies organisation**

**Structure of studies**
ECTS credits can be earned.

**Doctoral school**
https://www3.unifr.ch/szig/fr/etudes/doctorat/programmedoctoral/ (French)
https://www3.unifr.ch/szig/de/studium/doktorat/doktoratsprogramm/ (German)

**Admission**
In order to be admitted to a doctorate the candidate must have been awarded an academic bachelor's and master's degree or an equivalent qualification from a university recognised by the University of Fribourg.

Before applying for a doctorate the candidate must contact a professor who would be willing to supervise the thesis work. There is no general right to be admitted to a doctorate.

The respective conditions of admission for each doctoral study programme are reserved.

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