

Exchange, Teaching and Research Activities in Regard of the Sultanate of Oman

Visits of Oman

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| 25 Feb-6 Mar 2014 (10 days) | Participation in a German delegation of the Protestant Churches of Bavaria and Wuerttemberg in order to find out possibilities for student exchange program: Visits of Sultan Qaboos-University, Nizwa-University, Sharia-College, talks with Dr. AbdulRahman al-Salmi |
| Jan,1-30, 2015 (30 Days) | Visit of an Austrian delegation with four of my postgraduate students of the University of Vienna: Meetings with representatives of Nizwa Univcrsity, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Religious Affairs, Sharia College in order to consider about a bilateral exchange program with a High Education Instituton, Teaching German on two levels at the Nizwa University for 14 days |
| Feb 6-Feb 16, 2016 (10 days) | Organisation of an excursion with a group of 4 professors (Prof. Dr. Ottmar Fuchs – Practical Theology, Prof. Dr. Franz Winter – Religious studies, Prof. Dr. Annette Schellenberg – Old Testament, Dr. Lise Abid – Oriental studies) and 15 students in Oman. Open lecture at Sultan Qaboos University. Meeting with Dr. Muhammad al-Malhrouqi and lectures of Dr. in Birket al-Mooz, Nizwa Univdersity. |
| Jan 25- Feb 3, 2018 (9 days) | Research excursion with a group of 4 professors (Prof. Dr. Stefan Hammer - Law, Dr. Thomas Schmidinger – Political Studies, Prof. Dr. Kurt Appel – Fundamental Theology, Dr. Jakob Deibl – Philosophy), and 10 representatives of religious minorities in Austria and students of different faculties: Tolerance in Practice. Perspectives of various religious communities on peaceful coexistence in Oman (Investigation on communities of Hindus, Buddhists, Sikhs, Catholic, Proestant and Orthodox Christians, Shiites, Schafii, Hanafi communities in Oman). Lectures at Sultan Qaboos University and Nizwa University. |

Teaching about Oman

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| SS 2017 | 020045 SE Religious Tolerance in Islam – Oman as an outstanding example with Prof. Dr. Suleiman al-Hussaini, Nizwa University |
| WS 2015/16 | 020004 SE Oman- Religious Tolerance, Cultural Diversity and Economic Prosperity in the Golf Region |
| | Lecture at the 7th Conference on Ibadhism and Omani Studies at Oxford University: „The portrayal of Christianity in Omani School textbooks“ |
| WS 2017 | 020016 SE SE 020016 Der Oman – an Islamic Country of Progress and Tolerance in cooperation with Prof. Dr. Suleiman al-Hussaini, Nizwa University |
| | Lecture at the 1st Summer University on Ibadhism (in cooperation with University of Thessaloniki, Universitiy of Neapel and Sharia College Oman): „Education in Oman“ |

Student exchange with Oman

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| 1 Sep-31 Dec 2015 | Organisation of the mission of 15 Austrian students to the University of Nizwa |
| 1 Feb-30 Jun 2016 | Organisation of the studies of 6 Omani students at the University of Vienna. |
| Sept/Oct 2015 (6 weeks) | Nomination of ONE Austrian student of theology for a 6week-course „Introduction to Islam“, a course specially offered to Christian theologians at the Sharia College: Alexandra Morath |
| Sept/Oct 2016 (6 weeks) | Nomination of ONE Austrian student of theology for a 6week-course „Introduction to Islam“, a course specially offered to Christian theologians at the Sharia College: Judith Strauss |
| Sept-Dec 2016 (3 months) | Mission of 3 Austrian postgraduate students to the Sharia College: Alexander Wrona, Theresa Stacher, Christine Grüner |
| (2 months) | Mission of 2 Austrian students for language studies to the Dhad-Institute in Nizwa |
| Sept/Oct 2016 (6 weeks) | Nomination of ONE Austrian student of theology for a 6week-course „Introduction to Islam“, a course specially offered to Christian theologians at the Sharia College: Christoph Girbinger |

Invitations of Omani scholars

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| 7-10 Jan 2015 | Invitation of Prof. Dr. Talib al-Salmi and Prof. Dr. Abdullah Saif al-Tobi to the inauguration of the „Center for European-.Arab and Islamic-Christian Studies and Exchange Projects“ (CEURABICS). Public Lecture at the Main Hall on Oman |
| 18-25 May 2015 | Invitation of Ms. Sheika al-Badi (University of Nizwa) to co-teach in an Arabic course |
| 16-19 Mar 2017 | Invitation of Prof. Dr. Suleiman al-Hussaini , University of Nizwa to give a course on „Religious Tolerance in Islam – Oman as an outstanding example“ |
| 1-6 June 2017 | Invitation of Mr. Kawthar al-Harhi and Hajer al-Jabri (language instructors of Dhad-Institute (TASOL), University of Nizwa to participate in Arabic course in the Alps |
| 6-10 Oct 2017 | Invitation of Prof. Dr. Suleiman al-Hussaini , University of Nizwa to give a course on „Religious diversity in Oman“ |

Research on Oman

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| Since 2015 | Christine Grüner: PhD, Research on Teaching for tolerance in Omani education |
| Since 2015 | Alexander Wrona: MA, Research on Sinhalese Buddhist Community in Oman |
| Since 2016 | Peter Gottsbachner: MA Measures for Tolerance in Education. A cross-cultural study between Austria and Oman |
| Since 2015 | Papers of students in the frame of the seminars on Oman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Women in Oman - Tolerance in Oman - Political System in Oman - History of Oman - Oman and Zanzibar - The incence of Oman - Education in Oman - Ibadhi School - Modernization of Oman - The Aflaj System - Oman and Belouchistan - Christian Communities in Oman |

Media Reports on Oman

Radio

Ö1 (National Austrian Broadcast 1), „Oman – wealthy in regard of oil, traditions and culture“ in: Ö1 Journal Panorama, 28.04. 2016, 18:25-19:00.

Ö1 (National Austrian Broadcast 1), 6.7.2016: Tolerance in Oman, Interview with Prof. Dr. Wolfram Reiss

Ö1 (National Austrian Broadcast 1), 25.5.2017: Tolerance in Oman, Interview with Prof. Dr. Sulaiman al-Hussaini and Prof. Dr. Wolfram Reiss

TV

Debate on the topic: „What is a good religion?“ with Mrs. Isolde Charim (Jewish philosopher), Karl-Josef Kuschel (Professor of Catholic Theology), Konrad Paul Liessmann (Professor of Philosophy) and Wolfram Reiss (Professor of Studies of Religions), in which I spoke about the tolerance in Oman as a positive example. In: kreuz und quer 7 June 2016, 23:35 ORF 2 and 08 June 2016, 20:15-21:00 ORF 3.