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***Islam in Morocco***

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The course taught by Prof. Sadik Rddad, Professor of English and Cultural Studies at the University Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah (Fes, Morocco), is designed to provide an introduction to Islam in general and Moroccan Islam in particular. It introduces the major components and the schools of thought of Islam, and it highlights the contemporary religious and political issues in Morocco, i.e., the discussion of religious groups, Muslim Sufism, politics and youth, gender and religion, and the Moroccan focus on the Maliki School of jurisprudence.

The course is divided in four components:

- Introduction of Islam and the rise of the foundations of Islam (The Quran and Sunnah) and four schools of jurisprudence: Hanafi, Maliki, Shāfi'i, and Hanbali.
- Introduction of Islam in Morocco, with particular focus on political Islam and the religious groups.
- Exploration of Moroccan Sufism, highlighting issues of youth, politics, and deradicalization.
- Examination of gender politics and Islam in Morocco, stressing issues of gender-inclusive reinterpretation of the Sacred Texts, and the tensions between the conservative Muslims and the liberal seculars.

The learning outcomes of the course are to acquire the necessary insights and knowledge to allow students to explore and understand Islam in general and Moroccan Islam in particular; to familiarize the students with political Islam in Morocco by exploring the intersectionality between religious groups, political parties and the State; to have insights into Moroccan Muslim Sufism (spirituality), youth, and the State's dissemination of tolerance and deradicalization through the support of the Sufi orders.

The course (20 hours, 3 CFU/ECTS) will be taught entirely in English. Subject to a minimum attendance of 80% and passing the final examination, the activity may be credited for 3 CFU/ECTS.