



# LIFE OF MUSLIMS IN GERMANY - STUDY TRIP PROGRAM 2017

Indonesia is a country of particular diversity. On its more than 17,000 islands, people live with diverse skin colors, cultures, languages and religions. While the overwhelming majority of Indonesians attach to Islam, there are as well religious minorities who practice various forms of Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, or Confucianism. The diversity of the country finds its resonance in the Indonesian state motto "unity in diversity".

Like Indonesia, Germany has also become a land of diversity. Several immigration phases have contributed to the emergence of ethnic and religious plurality since the 1950s. Today about 5 percent or 4,100,000 citizens of the German population are Muslim. Cities such as Berlin, Cologne and Hamburg are home to representative mosque buildings and are cultural hubs for Muslim life and Islamic culture in Germany. However, contrary to Indonesia, Muslims in Germany are a religious minority in a widely secular environment.

The Goethe Institute Indonesia, which is the cultural institute of the Federal Republic of Germany that provides information about the culture and society of Germany, is planning a two-week educational trip to Germany in October 2017. The participants of the trip shall be given the opportunity to meet German Muslims and get a comprehensive picture of Islamic culture in Germany and about the implications of being part of a religious minority. The selection of the participants will be executed in partnership with Universitas Paramadina.

## 1. What we offer:

- a. A two-week educational trip on the topic "Life of Muslims in Germany" to Berlin, Germany
- b. Insights to the topics of Islamic Studies at German universities including meetings with doctoral students and MA students
- c. The exploration of the world cultural heritage of Islamic civilizations archived in Berlin (Humboldt Forum, Museum of Islamic Art, Orient Department of the State Library of Berlin)
- d. A two-day excursion to Göttingen and Frankfurt am Main
- e. Visiting Muslim communities in Berlin (and West Germany) and exchanging experiences with German Muslims with special emphasis on their experience of being part of a minority in a secular environment

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- f. Exchange with Muslim associations and youth organizations
- g. The program of the educational trip is going to be completed by seminar modules, in which the participants can further deepen the acquired impressions
- h. The Goethe-Institut will carry the costs of transportation, accommodation and meals as part of the program

2. What we are looking for:

- a. Young (Muslim) academics from all parts of Indonesia (up to 38 years)
- b. Master and Doctoral students, journalists, members of Muslim organizations and other multipliers, who:
  - i. Participate in the entire social discourse in Indonesia
  - ii. Participate in Islamic discourse in Indonesia
  - iii. Participate in inter-religious dialogue programs
- c. Applicants should already be able to refer to publications
- d. Proven interest in Germany and / or Europe and the topic Life of Muslims as a minority
- e. Motivational notes in English (not more than 1000 words)
- f. Very good English skills (proven by TOEFL or IELTS)
- g. Females are particularly invited to apply

Registration form and more detailed information are available at:

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- [www.goethe.de](http://www.goethe.de) or
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- Applications can be submitted **from 10<sup>th</sup> July until August 11<sup>th</sup> 2017**
- The application **(in English)** must be sent via email to [panitialmg@paramadina.ac.id](mailto:panitialmg@paramadina.ac.id) **with maximum 15MB data attached**

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