

Guidelines on “Islamic Theology – Assuming Responsibility and Shaping the Future”

1. For religion as a source of meaning and responsibility

We regard religion as a spiritual resource that provides strength and orientation to people and enables them to take responsibility for themselves and society.

2. For the compatibility of faith and democracy

We stand for an Islam that affirms and actively supports the liberal-democratic basic order of the Federal Republic of Germany.

3. For critical thinking and intellectual freedom

We promote a theology that enables reflection, overcomes taboos and allows for open, responsible discussions.

4. For a contemporary approach to the Koran

We promote a scientifically sound, context-related interpretation of religious sources.

5. For strengthening religious maturity

We aim for a faith that enables people to think independently, to believe, to ask critical questions and to act.

6. For clear demarcation from extremism, anti-Semitism and Islamism

We reject all forms of religiously motivated violence and ideologisation.

7. For equal opportunity and gender equality

We advocate a theology that emphasises the full equality of women and men.

8. For interreligious dialogue and mutual responsibility

We work closely with other theological faculties for the common good of society.

9. For the education of responsible professionals

We qualify teachers, social workers and religious actors for a pluralistic and democratic society.

10. For critical engagement with one's own tradition

Theology also means exercising self-criticism and a willingness to develop further.

11. For an Islam in and for Europe

We shape an Islamic theology that thinks and acts from the heart of Europe – in shared responsibility for the future of Europe.

12. For responsible handling of social media and digital media

We regard social media as a means of opinion-building at the societal level. Therefore, we promote the ability to recognise disinformation, extremism and ideological distortions.