MA IN RELIGIOUS ROOTS OF EUROPE*
EXPLORING HOW RELIGIONS SHAPE EUROPEAN CULTURE

How were Christianity, Judaism, and Islam formed? How did these three religions and their interaction shape the emerging European culture and society? These are pivotal questions addressed in the MA programme on the Religious Roots of Europe.

COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE
Christianity, Judaism, and Islam interacting with one another have profoundly influenced the development of European culture and society. For centuries, Christianity has been the dominant majority religion; as minority religions, Judaism and Islam have been seen as the ‘other’ against which Christian European identity has been shaped.

The three religions have traditionally been studied more or less separately. The aspiration of Religious Roots of Europe is to study the three religions together in their formative periods from a comparative perspective, using historical, philological, social scientific, and literary approaches, among others.

A COLLABORATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME
The MA programme is offered in collaboration with the four Nordic universities of Aarhus, Copenhagen, Lund, and Oslo. Compact seminars are organised at each of these institutions as well as in Nordic institutes in the Mediterranean area. The Religious Roots of Europe programme offers a truly international education and perspectives for a subsequent career in research and education, as well as in governmental and private institutions, where the need for knowledge of religion and culture is increasingly recognised.

A CLOSE AND INFORMAL STUDY ENVIRONMENT
The Religious Roots of Europe programme is small, which means that there is close contact between students and teachers, leading to an informal and consultative study environment. There is also a programme of research seminars and guest lectures.

CAREERS
Graduates of the Religious Roots of Europe programme can move into careers in government or in organisations dealing with culture, integration and diplomacy, as well as private firms with business relations with the Middle East, for example. They can also move on within the academic world to apply for PhD programmes, or teach in religion and intercultural relations.

This programme is the best option for a non-traditional degree in religious studies. The programme is designed to help the students to succeed in achieving their goals; the professors are helpful and it is packed with flexible learning opportunities.

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DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY
Theology is concerned with the exploration of Christianity and its interaction with culture and society – past and present. Theology is a broad field of study encompassing all of these disciplines: the Old Testament, the New Testament, Church history, dogmatics, ethics, and the philosophy of religion. Research and teaching also includes practical theology and the theology of religion as well as the global spread of Christianity. Topics span a broad spectrum, from exegetical and literary readings of the biblical scriptures, analyses of the relation between Church, society and state, and studies in global Christianity to reflection on ethical dilemmas and issues of topical interest to philosophy of religion. The academic staff’s research competencies include a wide range of methodological approaches spanning history, philology, history of literature, philosophy, sociology, politology, and psychology.

RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT
Theology at Aarhus University is one of the largest environments for theological research in Europe and attracts a number of internationally recognised researchers. The environment is nationally and internationally renowned for its research activities in a number of areas such as Christianity in antiquity, reformation theology, bioethics, and nanoethics, as well as the study of N. F. S. Grundtvig and K. E. Legstrup. The programme’s researchers are often involved in interdisciplinary projects and networks with researchers from other fields, including the study of religion, the humanities in general, medicine, and social science.

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