

Religions from the inside, improving interreligious dialogue

From **March the 8th 2021**, the ReTe Institute will launch the second edition of the online course as part of the Faculty of Theology's research program in Lugano (FTL): "**Religions from the inside, improving the interreligious dialogue**".

The project's name expresses the program's essential core: observing and exploring religion from an internal perspective to recognize how much each religion has in common and how each religion invites dialogue as a call to action. This project's ambition is to deepen and share one of the most important themes of the *Master of Arts in Science, Philosophy, and Theology of Religions*, offered through the Faculty of Theology in Lugano.

The project, conceived and implemented by Professor Adriano Fabris, carries the implicit vocation of acquiring essential religious knowledge and creating an impactful meeting for all parties involved. Online dialogue between different faiths becomes a multimedia classroom overlooking the world, open to anyone who wants space for constructive discussion and a more profound comprehension of current religious issues.

Using the technology and skills made available by the ELearning Lab of the University of Italian Switzerland (USI), the course is entirely online and is open-source. As a matter of fact, the term MOOC, as the course is identified, means **massive open online course**. It is a learning method that involves Professors from major international universities and offers access to their lessons in a free and open manner.

We asked a rabbi, Ephraim Meir, an imam, Yayha Sergio Yahe Pallavicini, a Hindu monk, Svamini Hamsananda Giri, an expert in Buddhism, Seung Chul Kim, and an ordained Christian, the faculty's own Rector René Roux, to explain the main characteristics of their religion, and to then illustrate the specific aspects that invite peace and cooperation. The video lectures, along with articles, podcasts and interactive comparison activities, will be hosted by the British online teaching platform FutureLearn.

Therefore, we invite you to experience interreligious dialogue firsthand and start collaborating with us in this fruitful meeting.

Attached you can find the link to find out more about us:

FutureLearn:

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/religions-from-the-inside-interreligious-dialogue/2>