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IRENE

Innovative Religious Education NETwork:
educating to the religious diversity

KA2 - Agreement Number: 2020-1-RO01-KA204-080071

Programme for the Mobility in THESSALONIKI (GREECE), Fourth International training Course 03-09 November 2022

The course aims to improve the teaching methods of RE professionals to deal with diversity and multiculturalism.

Participants will gain insights from theoretical lectures and experiential visits, enabling them to contribute positively to religious education and interfaith understanding in their respective contexts and increase their social and multicultural competences.

Objectives of the course:

1. **Analyzing Christianity and Islam in Bulgaria:** Participants will examine the historical, mythological, and real aspects of the interactions between Christianity and Islam in Bulgaria.
2. **Understanding Islamic studies and religious diversity:** Participants will explore the Islamic Studies Program of AUTH, focusing on how it contributes to religious diversity education.
3. **Developing teaching strategies:** Participants will learn about innovative teaching strategies, including a teaching suggestion and a school laboratory for diversity, and how to effectively engage students in discussions about diversity and acceptance.
4. **Exploring European values and religious education:** Participants will understand how religious education can contribute to promoting European values of tolerance, respect, and understanding.
5. **Understanding Ecumenical Theology's role in education:** Participants will explore the contribution of ecumenical theology to education in religious diversity.
6. **Promoting interreligious coexistence and collaboration:** Participants will engage in a round table discussion focused on the experiences and challenges of interreligious coexistence and collaboration.
7. **Experiencing theatrical event and skills workshop:** Participants will engage in a theatrical event and skills workshop to develop practical skills related to inclusion and diversity.
8. **Understanding IRENE project and religious diversity:** Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of the IRENE project, including the e-platform and its results, while also learning about the importance of religious diversity in contemporary society.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the course, participants should be able to:

1. Evaluate the historical and contemporary interactions between Christianity and Islam in Bulgaria, considering both historical narratives and current realities.



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2. Discuss the significance of Islamic Studies programs and their role in promoting understanding of religious diversity.
3. Apply innovative teaching strategies, including school laboratories and student discussions, to engage learners in diversity-related topics.
4. Examine how religious education aligns with European values and contributes to building an inclusive society.
5. Assess the role of ecumenical theology in fostering education in religious diversity and dialogue.
6. Engage in informed discussions about interreligious coexistence and collaboration, considering various perspectives and challenges.
7. Apply practical skills related to inclusion, diversity, and dialogue through participation in a theatrical event and a skills workshop.
8. Explain the goals and outcomes of the IRENE project and effectively utilize the e-platform for enhancing religious education.

Programme

Thursday, November 3rd 2022

Arrivals during the day, accommodation to the Hotels.

Friday, November 4th 2022

10:00

Conference Hall, Department of Theology, AUTH.

Welcome to the Faculty of Theology (**Dean of Faculty, Chrysostomos Stamoulis**)

Tour of the School premises / Prof. N. Maghioros - Prof. Ilias Evangelou - Prof. P. Yfantis - Prof. Timoleon Galanis (based on Module 3)

11:00

Coffee at the terrace of the 4th floor.

11:30

Conference Hall AUTH.

Presentation of the Faculty of Theology and the Department of Theology of AUTH / Prof. **Nikos Maghioros (based on Module 2)**

12:00

Presentation of the members.

Introduction to the course and presentation of the weekly program and activities / Prof. **P. Yfantis, Prof. Thomai Chouvarda**

13:00

Lunch



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17:00 - 19:30

Visit to religious monuments of Thessaloniki.

City center, Aristoteles Square: byzantine church Panaghia Chalkeon, Samaritan Synagogue / Discussion guided by Prof. T. Galanis **(Based on Module 2)**

Visit/discussions: Greek orthodox church of Saint Minas and Holy Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception **(Based on Module 2)**

20:00

Dinner

Saturday, November 5th 2022

09.00 - Visit to “Rotonda”. Exhibition «Thessaloniki 1922: Monuments and Refugees» / Discussions guided by Prof. P. Mastora **(Based on Module 2)**

10:15-11:00

Conference Hall, Department of Theology, AUTH.

Lecture: “Thessaloniki. An interreligious and intercultural city” / Prof. Pelagia Mastora **(Based on Module 4)**

[Video Lesson](#)

Discussion

11:00

“The Islamic Studies Program of AUTH and religious diversity” / Prof. N. Maghioros – Prof. Angeliki Ziaka **(Based on Module 2)**

11:15

Coffee break

11:30-12:00

Lecture. “Christianity and Islam in Bulgaria – between history, mythology and reality” / Dr. Ventsislav Karavaltchev **(Based on Module 2)**

[Presentation](#) / [Reading](#)

Discussion

12:00-13:00

A teaching suggestion / Dr Nikos Tsirevelos **(Based on Module 5)**

Discussion

13:00

Lunch

17:00

Visit/discussions to Greek Evangelical Church of Thessaloniki **(Based on Module 2)**

20:00

Dinner





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Sunday, November 6th 2022

11:00

Visit to the Vlatades Monastery.

Meeting with **Nikiforos**, bishop of Amorion and Prior of the Monastery.

Guided tour by Dr. **Ioanna Kliari**. (Based on Module 2)

13:30 Synagogue / Discussions guided by Prof. T. Galanis (Based on Module 2)

14:00

Lunch

17:30-19:30

Visit to religious monuments of Thessaloniki.

Church of Saint Demetrios, Achiropoitos, Saint Sofia / Discussions guided tour by Prof. Glykeria Chatzoyli (Based on Module 2)

20:00

Dinner

Monday, November 7th 2022

9:30

Departure for the "Arsakeion" School of Thessaloniki (Based on Module 3)

10:00

Arsakeio Gymnasium Amphitheatre (Based on Module 3)

Reception, introduction

10:05-10:20

The European trajectory in the acceptance of Otherness:

From "Ode to Joy" by Friedrich Schiller and Ludwig Van Beethoven in Domenico's monologue from Andrei Tarkovsky's "Nostalgia" / Thanasis Nevrokoplis MTh, with students of Gymnasium (Based on Module 3)

Discussion

10:30-10:45

Debate about diversity and its acceptance / Alexis Alexiou, Greek teacher - Stella Sarmi, Sociologist with students of Gymnasium (Based on Module 1,3)

Discussion

10:55-11:10

Skills workshop on inclusion: Structure, experiential scenario and impressions from a visit of Arsakeio students to the School for the Deaf / Stelios Boutsikas, Physicist - Nikoleta Satsli, Mathematician with students of Gymnasium (Based on Modules 1,3)

Discussion

11:20-11:35 *Christ's encounter with the Samaritan.*

Creative writing texts about the timeless right of every human being to quench their thirst. / Giota Psomiadou, Theologian, with students of Gymnasium (Based on Modules 1,3)

Discussion



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11:45-12:00 Christian architecture of Otherness based on C. S. Lewis's "Mere Christianity" (1943)
- Book Review / Vangelis Dimos, English Teacher with students of Gymnasium **(Based on Modules 1, 3)**

Discussion

12:10-12:35

Principal's office

Coffee break

12:35-13:00

Arsakeion School Theatre of Thessaloniki

Theatrical event "The Fallen Dervish" by Alexandros Papadiamantis. **(Based on Modules 1, 3)**

Because the Other is the only possibility for our relationship with the world to have reciprocity /
Antonis Neonakis, Theologian with students of Theatrical Group of Lyceum

13:30

Lunch

17:00-18:00

Conference Hall AUTH.

"Religious Education and European values" / Prof. Ath. Stoyannidis **(Based on Module 3)**

[Video Lesson](#) / [Reading](#)

Discussion

18:00

Coffee break

18:15

Biblical Museum

20:00

Dinner

Tuesday, November 8th 2022

09:00-09:30

"The contribution of ecumenical theology to education in religious diversity" / Prof. Cristiano Bettega- ISE – ISE **(Based on Module 4)**

[Presentation](#) / [Reading](#)

Discussion

9:30-12:00

Round Table: "Witnesses and experiences of interreligious coexistence and collaboration"/Prof. St. Tsobanidis prof. of Ecumenical Theology in AUTH, Prof. Petros Panagiotopoulos, Mrs. Dorothea Vakali, Mr. Sotirios Boukis, Ioannis Samaras, π. Andrei Maximilian, Mr. Mohamed Abdeltawab and one representative of each group (5'-10' min. every participant). Coordinator: Prof. N. Maghioros

(Based on Modules 1-4)

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13:00

Lunch

Free Time

20:00

Dinner

Wednesday, November 9th 2022

Departures



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