

Module title		Abbreviation
Upheavals in church and society in the past and present		01-MA-TWT-UCSPP-262-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Ancient Church History and Patrology and holder of the Chair of Medieval and Modern Church History		Faculty of Catholic Theology
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
5	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
The module comprises an in-depth seminar offered by different lecturers - possibly also in an interdisciplinary manner - on the range of topics "Upheavals in church and society in the past and present". The alternating topics relate to ecclesiastical and social crises and processes of upheaval from different eras as well as their impact on religious and theological discourses. The transformative potential of these discourses is examined from a historical and sociological perspective. In each instance, the focus is on analyzing the complex interactions between religion and politics, society and the environment.		
Intended learning outcomes		
Students will be able to situate and analyze theologically and religiously mediated transformation processes of pluralistic societies from a historical perspective and use this as a starting point to productively combine historical-theological reflections with current social and ecclesiastical developments and communicate these in an appropriate way. They will have the ability to critically and reflectively analyze sources.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
S (2) Module taught in: English		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
a) exercises (approx. 5 tasks, written and/or oral, approx. 45 hours total) or b) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 20 minutes) or c) written examination (approx. 90 minutes) Language of assessment: English		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Workload		
150 h		
Teaching cycle		
Teaching cycle: every year, summer semester		
Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module appears in		
Master's degree (1 major) Theology for a World in Transformation (2026)		