

***Contexts, Sources and Critical-Historical Methods
for The Research of Religion***

Specialization course

**“Fondazione per le Scienze Religiose Giovanni XXIII”/FSCIRE
(Bologna/Palermo)**

and

Tangaza University College/TUC (Nairobi)

6th January-7th April 2022

2:30-4:15 pm (EAT)

12:30-14:15 (CET)

Course Content:

Date	Themes/Topics	Readings & Assignments
Module1: Methodology of historical research on religion: general overview and specific “tools”		
Week 1 6.1.22	<i>Introduction: How to study history of religion</i> Dr Radoslaw Malinowski, Church History Department, TUC Dr Ilaria Macconi Heckner, FSCIRE	
Week 2 13.1.22	<i>Decolonizing the African History of Religion: the case study of the Dictionary of African Christian Biography</i> [to be confirmed] Prof Jesse Mugambi, University of Nairobi (UoN)	

Week 3 20.1. 22	<i>Memory and History: Oral History and tradition</i> Dr. Ilaria Macconi Heckner, FSCIRE or Prof. Eric Aseka, Africa International University [to be confirmed]	
Week 4 27.1. 22	<i>New methods of studying religious sources: use of online application technologies and archaeology</i> Prof Piotr Plisiecki, - John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (KUL)	
Week 5 3.2.22	<i>Medieval historical sources in Africa. The case study of Medieval Muslim - Christian relationship in Sudan, based on oriental sources.</i> Dr Radoslaw Malinowski, Church History Department - TUC	
Module 2: Christian Historiography		
Week 6 10.2.22	<i>The research of church history and doctrine (focus on Conciliar sources). Case study: Vatican II [to be confirmed]</i> Prof. Alberto Melloni, FSCIRE and UNIMORE	
Week 7 17.2.22	<i>New christian movements in East Africa</i> Prof Philomena Njeri Mwaura, Kenyatta University (KU)	
21.02-25.02.2022 mid-semester break		
Special module: Methodology of African Traditional Religion/ATR		
Week 8	<i>Introduction to the study of African Traditional Religion</i>	

3.3.21	Prof. Laurenti Magesa/ Fr. Innocent Maganya, TUC	
Week 9 10.3.22	<i>The role of women in shaping the religious scene in Kenya: gender approach to the study of religion</i> Prof. Mary Getui, Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA)	
Module: Islamic Historiography		
Week 10 17.3.21	<i>Writing Islam history in East Africa</i> Prof Mohammed Bakari, RAF University	
Week 11 24.3. 21	<i>Islamic historiography: The History of Modern Tafsir.</i> (Dr. Margherita Picchi, FSCIRE) [to be confirmed]	
Module: Interreligious Dialogue in Africa		
Week 12 31.3.22	<i>Introduction to the study of Interreligious Dialogue</i> Fr. Innocent Maganya, Institut for Interreligious Dialogue and Islamic Studies (IRDIS, TUC)	
Week 13 7.04.22	<i>A specific case study: The White Fathers and the Christian-Muslim dialogue. Research approach and sources.</i> Dr Rémi Caucanas, TUC	