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Study Tour to Istanbul -Turkey

June 5-17, 2014

This cross-cultural study tour aims to provide participants a first-hand experience of a Muslim-majority country and to expand their awareness of a different culture. Participants will attend lectures by Muslim and non-Muslim scholars. They will visit historic churches, mosques, and museums in Istanbul and meet leading figures of religious minority groups (viz., Jewish and Christian). The group will also make a trip to the cities of Nicea (Iznik) and Ephesus (Efes). Throughout, participants will have the opportunity to engage in conversations with Muslims in order to enhance their knowledge of Islam in its living dimension. **The trip is open to everyone.** Student participants enrolled in member institutions of the Washington Theological Consortium will receive 3.00 Graduate Academic Credits based on the assignments.

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The estimated cost for the study tour to Turkey is **\$1,600**. This amount will cover all transportation within Istanbul, accommodation at the Istanbul Foundation for Science and Culture, meals, and entrance fees to various cultural/historical sites. The cost does not include the round ticket from Washington DC to Istanbul and any tuition charged by the home institutions.



The registration form and other details are available at <http://www.washtheocon.org/> or by email at mss249@georgetown.edu **Application deadline** is January 30, 2014

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