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## Preface

The book “Interdisciplinary Contributions to Interreligious and Intercultural Teacher Education: The Impact of IMPACCT” is the result of the IMPACCT (International Mobility with Partners Abroad for Culturally Competent Teachers) project, which was carried out at Justus Liebig University Giessen (JLU) under the academic supervision of the Chair of Islamic Theology and its Didactics and funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) as part of the programme “Lehramt.International” from 2019 to 2024. Academics and students from the participating universities in Germany, Austria, Sweden, Turkey and Switzerland cooperated in this project over a period of five years within the framework of numerous scientific and educational events (guest lectureships, summer schools, conferences, workshops, etc.). They discussed from different perspectives aspects of the subject area of ‘interreligious and intercultural learning’ in schools and universities. This resulted in mutual and interdisciplinary synergies and an established academic network.

This anthology contains articles by renowned academics from the participating universities (Bursa, Marmara, Innsbruck, KPH Vienna/Krems, Stockholm, Fribourg and Giessen). In addition, there are short contributions that represent the experiences of the outgoing students who, as part of the IMPACCT project, spent one or two semesters at one of the participating universities.

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## Preface

We hope that this anthology will make a constructive contribution to interreligious and intercultural learning.

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