



Evangelical Mission
in Solidarity



*The Near East School of Theology and the Studies in
the Middle East Program (SiMO) are pleased to
invite you to a*

***Public lecture and reception on the
occasion of the 25th anniversary of
SiMO - Erfurt, June 6th, 2025***



***Christian Life and Academic Partnership
in the Face of Multiple Crises and
Polarization***

In 2025, the SiMO study program will
commemorate 25 years of its existence.

Trust, knowledge and friendship have grown over
the years among those responsible for the program
in Germany and Lebanon.

However, since October 7, 2023, war, terror and
destruction have shaken the entire region. Grief,
anger and polarization have since escalated or
silenced many discussions. For safety reasons, the
regular SiMO program had to be paused.

The public events on June 6th, 2025, will be an
attempt to re-start our intercultural discourse on
the basis of mutual trust and friendship.

At the same time, we would like to introduce Dr.
Martin Accad to all friends in Germany: In
September 2024, Dr. Accad took office as the
President at NEST. He has made intensive efforts,
both academically and practically, to promote
Christian-Muslim dialogue in Lebanon. We would
like to give space to these experiences through
three public lectures during his inaugural visit to
Germany.

Many thanks to:



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**Public Event – Öffentliches Programm –
Friday, June 6th, 2025**

16:00 Public Lecture (in English):

***“Christians and Muslims beyond
Victimization” –
A case study from Lebanon***

How is it possible to overcome the self-image of being a victim? The public lecture invites us to look beyond stereotypes in Christian-Muslim relations.

Dr. Martin Accad, President of the Near East School of Theology (NEST), Beirut

18:00

**Reception and Celebration of 25 years
of SiMO**

Words of Greeting

Buffet

Signing of Letter of Intent

Party

Venue: **Landeskirchenamt der EKM,
Michaelisstraße 39, 99084 Erfurt**

Practical information:

We kindly ask you to register as soon as possible
at simo@ems-online.org !!

The participants are responsible for booking
accommodation themselves if necessary.

Accommodations can be found at <https://erfurt-touristinformation.de/cms/erfurt-uebernachtung-hotel-pension-ferienwohnung/uebernachtung-erfurt.html>

**In case you cannot make it to Erfurt, other public
lectures by Dr. Martin Accad on the same subject
will take place in Frankfurt and Bochum:**

- **Monday, June 2nd, 19:30 – Evangelische
Akademie Frankfurt a.M., Römerberg 9, 60311
Frankfurt am Main**
- **Tuesday, June 3rd, 16:00 c.t. – Evangelisch-
Theologische Fakultät, RUB, Universitätsstraße
150, 44801 Bochum**

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