

RESEARCH CLINIC

General information

Supervisor:	David Ehrhardt
Title of clinic:	The changing discourses of Boko Haram
Number of students:	Max 2
Major (<i>if applicable and approved by the Major Convener</i>):	GED
(Pre)requisites (<i>if applicable</i>):	

Research context

This project is part of my work on conflict and religion in northern Nigeria, and builds on interview analyses I've done on radicalization in Boko Haram. The goal is to analyze the changing discourses used by Boko Haram, from its inception as a youth movement to its most recent incarnation as a terrorist militia. The key source of information will be Abdulkasit & Nwankpa: the Boko Haram Reader, which is a collection (in English) of all the main texts produced by Boko Haram. These texts will be coded and analyzed in detail. In addition, a literature review (and possibly a more detailed analysis of my life history interviews with Boko Haram members) will be used to contextualize the discourses and their transformations.

Students' tasks and activities

Please specify the tasks and activities, timeline, the learning aims and how they are assessed, i.e. what the deliverables will be.

1. Coding and analyzing Boko Haram writings and speeches (and possibly life history interviews with members)
2. Collecting and synthesising literature on Boko Haram
3. Writing a report on the transformations of Boko Haram discourses.