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Welcome to the seventh chapter in this lecture series which is entitled "Religion and Worldview". This chapter invites you to look at religious plurality and diversity in Germany in general, as well as to reflect on the example of the heterogeneity of religiosity of Muslims in Germany, as well as how a lack of perception of this heterogeneity is or can be related to social and religious self-exclusion and general exclusion.

I would like to briefly introduce the lectures in this chapter. In the first episode, Prof. Dr. Gritt Klinkhammer from the University of Bremen will give you an overview of different quantitative dimensions of religious diversity in Germany and present religious plurality in Germany based on current statistics. In doing so, she will address both historical and present-day regional differences. This quantitative view of religious diversity in Germany will be complemented by qualitative dimensions of religious plurality, such as asymmetries and disparities in the institutionalization of religion or different valuations of the various religious communities.

In the second episode, Prof. Dr. Fahimah Ulfat from Eberhard Karls University in Tübingen will invite you to take a closer look at the heterogeneity of Muslim religiosity. In her lecture, she will present findings from quantitative and qualitative research on Muslim religiosity. The aim of this presentation is that you become aware of the heterogeneity of Muslim religiosity based on these research results and together with Prof. Dr. Ulfat reflect on the consequences of a one-sided perception, which is unfortunately still firmly anchored in the minds of many people in Germany.

Before you watch these episodes, here are some thoughts for you to take away and think about. Use this chapter to look at religious plurality and diversity in Germany, to become aware of how heterogeneous the various religions are and how, for example, different cultural, social or other aspects give rise to different religious identities in Germany. In your self-study, feel free to broaden your view to other religions as well. Go through your everyday life attentively and reflect again and again what effects it has if we do not perceive the heterogeneity of the different religions living together in Germany or if we do perceive it. I hope you now enjoy watching this chapter.