

Wednesday, 3 July 2013

8.30 **Breakfast** (meeting at 9.30 in the lobby to go to university)

10.00 – 12.30 **Beyond Monotheism? Conceptualizing Monotheism in Religious and Biblical Studies**
Christian Frevel (Bochum)

General introduction of the participants

12.30 – 14.00 **Lunch**

14.00 – 15.30 **READING**

Key Concepts: Religion, Religious Encounter, Comparative Religion

16.00 – 17.30 **STUDENT PRESENTATIONS**

Franklin Merrell-Wolff: the "Secular Religion" of a Modern Sage between Theosophy and New Age
Dave Vliegenthart (Groningen)

"Neither Jew nor Christian": The Curious Fate of the Hanif in Late Antiquity
Ian Morris (Oxford)

17.30 – 18.15 **General discussion**

18.15 – 20.00 **Reception**

Thursday, 4 July 2013

8.30 **Breakfast**

10.00 – 12.30 **Shared Religious Practices between Jews, Christians and Muslims**
Alexandra Cuffel (Bochum)

Introduction: Islam

12.30 – 14.00 **Lunch**

14.00 – 15.30 **READING**

Social, Economic and Political Structures of Religious Encounters

16.00 – 17.30 **STUDENT PRESENTATIONS**

The Prestige of Go(o)ds from afar. Some Anthropological Considerations on the Exchange of Goods and Practices
Albert Selmke (Bochum)

Mandate of Heaven Concept in China and Possible Tibetan Adaptations
Emanuela Garatti (Munich)

17.30 – 18.15 **General discussion**

Friday, 5 July 2013

8.30 **Breakfast**

10.00 – 12.30 **Power, Distance and Religious Encounter**
Adam Knobler (Bochum)

Introduction: Buddhism

12.30 – 14.00 **Lunch**

14.00 – 15.30 **READING**

Religion as "Othering" I: Religious Encounters and the Specter of Colonialism

16.00 – 17.30 **STUDENT PRESENTATIONS**

Buddhism in Hungary/Europe
Veronika Máthé (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest)

Religious Differences in Migration Counseling. Coping Strategies and Religious Performance in Christian Welfare Service for Immigrants
Kristin Naujokat (Bochum)

17.30 – 18.15 **General discussion**

Saturday, 6 July 2013

Field trip

Sunday, 7 July 2013

Free Time

Monday, 8 July 2013

8.30 **Breakfast**

10.00 – 12.30 **Aspects of the Interaction of Manichaeism with Buddhism**
Desmond Durkin-Meisterernst (Berlin)

Introduction: Christianity

12.30 – 14.00 **Lunch**

14.00 – 15.30 **READING**

Mission and Conversion

16.00 – 17.30 **STUDENT PRESENTATIONS**

The Invasion Is Over! Self-Reassessment Through Historical Adjustment
Yasmin Koppen (Bochum)

Missionary Encounters with Islam and the Failed Conversion of Java, 1850-1920
Maryse Kruithof (Rotterdam)

17.30 – 18.15 **General discussion**

Tuesday, 9 July 2013

8.30 **Breakfast**

10.00 – 12.30 **Religious Identity in the Mediterranean Basin during the Middle Ages**
Nikolas Jaspert (Bochum)

Introduction: Brahmanism

12.30 – 14.00 **Lunch**

14.00 – 15.30 **READING**

Religion as "Othering" II: Religious Identity

16.00 – 17.30 **STUDENT PRESENTATIONS**

The Religion of Abu 'l-Ala al-Ma'arri
Sona Grigoryan (Budapest)

Early Jain-Buddhist Contacts
Claire Maes (Ghent)

17.30 – 18.15 **General discussion**

18.30 – 20.00 **Evening lecture: Volkhard Krech**

Wednesday, 10 July 2013

8.30 **Breakfast**

10.00 – 12.30 **Spirit Possession Cults in Contemporary Sudan: Islamic Neoliberalism, Witchcraft and Ancestral Spirits**
Gerasimos Makris (Athens)

Introduction: Confucianism

12.30 – 14.00 **Lunch**

14.00 – 15.30 **READING**

Unity and Diversity in Religions in Europe and Asia

16.00 – 17.30 **STUDENT PRESENTATIONS**

The Attitude of Noah and his People in their Verbal Exchange in the Qur'an
Abdelmajid Benhabib (University of Tlemcen)

When Species Meet: Ritual Illuminations, Ethological Considerations
Ryan Brand (Vanderbilt)

17.30 – 18.15 **General discussion**

Thursday, 11 July 2013

- 8.30 Breakfast
- 10.00 – 12.30 **Encounters between Greek Orthodoxy and Hinduism in the Late 18th and Early 19th Centuries: The Cases of Demetrios Galanos and Nikolaos Kefalas**
Vasilios Makrides (Erfurt)
- Introduction: Judaism**
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 – 15.30 READING
- Shared Rituals (Translation)**
- 16.00 – 16.45 STUDENT PRESENTATIONS
- Veneration of icons by Christians and Muslims in Mixed Shrines in Palestine, the Case of El-Khader**
George Tsourous (London)
- 16.45 – 17.30 General discussion
- 18.30 – 20.00 Closing ceremony and reception

Location: FNO 02/73-75

Friday, 12 July 2013

Departure

DIRECTIONS

Public Transportation:

Take the U35 towards Bochum Querenburg (Hustadt) from Bochum Hauptbahnhof (Central Station) and get off at the stop »Ruhr-Universität«. From there you turn right and cross the pedestrian bridge keeping left while you pass the university library. The FNO building is on your left-hand side.

By Car:

The quickest route is via the motorway junction Bochum/Witten, where the A43 and A44 meet. Simply take the exit Bochum-Querenburg, follow the signs "Ruhr-Universität" and then the (electronic) information boards.



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With global developments and the growing significance of religion in public debates, academic interest in religions too has grown, especially in religious contacts. While there is a long tradition of studying specific interactions, in particular among the so-called Abrahamic religions, this orientation usually betrays a Western perspective. Recent scholarship has developed a more global perspective paying increasing attention to other religious contacts such as between Muslims and Buddhists. Alongside research on the ground, scholars are developing theoretical frameworks for studying these contacts. How do we theorize religion? How can we assess the significance of religious identity when members of different communities meet? What defines a contact between individuals, communities, traditions, as a contact of religions? What are the effects of contact for the development and expansion of religious traditions?

Summer School Programme

Tuesday, 2 July 2013

Arrival (Accommodation: Hotel Ibis Bochum Zentrum)

18.30

Meeting in the hotel lobby