

Building on the discussion initiated last year on the dimensions »experience« and »materiality« the annual conference 2011 »Modes and Modals of Religious Attraction« of the Bochum Käte Hamburger Kolleg will concentrate on »knowledge« and »action«. The discussion will revolve around the modalities of the processes of emergence, densification and dissolution of religious epistemologies and ethics, notably in inter-religious contact. Of particular interest are, first, the dynamics of encoding knowledge in religious terms and its specific inner logic, and, second, the cross-over of action and orientation knowledge and, consequently, the factors of tension between religiously based and empiric-pragmatic techniques of establishing truth and reality. In this context, we will also study the specific forces of »attraction« and »repulsion« of actions of intra-religious and inter-religious delimitation and self-definition, which are of key significance for the establishment of a religiously encoded ethos and its dogmatic enshrinement as well as for its epistemological integration.

Monday, 25 July 2011

Location: SH, Room 187, Ruhr-Universität

Conference Reception

Location: Musesches Zentrum, Ruhr-Universität

Über Gang Arten Bildung. Szenische Lesung von Heinz Georg Held mit Nadja Robiné und Marco Massafra (in German, texts available in English on request)

Dinner

Tuesday, 26 July 2011

Location: Situation Kunst, Bochum Weitmar

Welcome Address
Marion Steinicke, Religious Studies, Bochum, Germany

SECTION I: ATTRACTIONS OF KNOWLEDGE.
RELIGIOUS EPISTEMOLOGY
(Chair: Gesche Linde, Protestant Theology, Frankfurt a.M., Germany)

Introduction,
Volkhard Krech, Religious Studies, Bochum, Germany

Politics, Religion, and the Rise and Fall of Cuneiform Hermeneutics in 1st Millennium BCE Mesopotamia,
Eckart Frahm, Assyriology, New Haven (CT), USA

11.00 h

Coffee Break

11.30 h

Religious Attractors and Qur'anic Cosmology,
Damien Janos, Islamic Studies, Göttingen, Germany

12.15 h

When Someone Else Reads Your Mail: Competing Biblical Exegeses in Thirteenth-Century France,
Elisabeth Hollender, Jewish Studies, Bochum, Germany

13.00 h

Lunch

14.15 h

SECTION I: ATTRACTIONS OF KNOWLEDGE.
RELIGIOUS EPISTEMOLOGY (Continua)
(Chair: Knut Martin Stünkel, Philosophy, Bochum, Germany)

14.30 h

Absence of Origin: Mythological Attraction in Japan,
Jun'ichi Isomae, Japanese Studies / Religious Studies, Kyoto, Japan

15.15 h

The Revival of an Old Attractor: the Buddhists and the Five Agents Framework,
Licia Di Giacinto, Sinology, Bochum, Germany

16.00 h

Coffee Break

16.30 h

»Major Religious Traditions« versus Items of Knowledge: Late Chosön Literati's Involvement with Western Learning,
Marion Eggert / Andreas Müller-Lee, Korean Studies, Bochum, Germany

17.15 h

»The Repulsive Attraction of the 'Baekbaek' Religion.« The Religious Classificatory System and the Danger of its Excluded Other in Colonial Korea,
Sukman Jang, Religious Studies, Seoul, Korea

18.00 h

Plenary Discussion of Section I

18.45 h

Departure for Dinner

Wednesday, 27 July 2011

Location: Situation Kunst, Bochum Weitmar

09.00 h

SECTION II: ATTRACTIVE PRACTICE.
ORIENTATION AND ACTION KNOWLEDGE IN THE RELIGIOUS FIELD
(Chair: Marion Steinicke, Religious Studies, Bochum, Germany)

09.15 h

Cultural Interchange in Babylonian Magic of Late Antiquity,
Christa Müller-Kessler, Semitic Studies, Jena, Germany

10.00 h

Religious Devotion or Political Propaganda: Coins and Reliefs of the Sasanian Kings of Iran,
Vesta Sarkhosh Curtis, Iranian Numismatics, London, Great Britain

10.45 h

Coffee Break

11.15 h

Mirror Images, Magnetic Forces: Messiah / Anti-Messiah in Early Medieval Jewish, Christian and Muslim Thought,
Alexandra Cuffel, Medieval History, Trenton (NJ), USA / Bochum, Germany

12.00 h

Islamic Law and Arab Societies Today. A Matter of Religious or Political Attraction?,
Bernard Botiveau, Political Studies of Modern Arab and Islamic Societies, Aix-en-Provence, France

12.45 h

Lunch

14.30 h

Wrathful Enlightenment: The Cult of Mahākāla in the Himalayas,
Georgios Halkias, Central Asian Studies, Bochum, Germany

15.15 h

Plenary Discussion of Section II

16.00 h

Coffee Break

16.30 h

Visit of the »Situation Kunst« Art Collection (with works by Maria Nordman, David Rabinowitch, Richard Serra a.o.)

18.45 h

Departure for Dinner

Thursday, 28 July 2011

Location: Situation Kunst, Bochum Weitmar

09.00 h

SECTION III: ETHICAL ATTRACTORS.
MODELS OF RELIGIOUSLY ENCODED ACTION
(Chair: Heinz Georg Held, Cultural Studies, Pavia, Italy)

09.15 h

Modes and Models of Religious Attraction in the Jaina Tradition,
Peter Flügel, Jaina Studies, London, Great Britain

10.00 h

Attractivity of »Torah« in Judaism during the Achaemenid Period,
Markus Zehnder, Old Testament Studies, Kristiansand, Norway

10.45 h

Coffee Break

11.15 h

The Theosophical Society and the Question of Gender: Female Leaders and Religious Authority in Theosophy,
Isaac Lubelsky, Asian Studies / Comparative Religion, Tel Aviv, Israel

12.00 h

Theology of Interruption,
Laurie Zoloth, Medical Humanities & Bioethics and Religion, Chicago (IL), USA

12.45 h

Lunch

14.30 h

The Wrath of God: Human Crime and Divine Punishment as the Basis of Religious Devotion,
Angelos Chaniotis, Ancient History and Classics, Princeton (NJ), USA

15.15 h

Plenary Discussion of Section III

16.00 h

Coffee Break

16.45 h

Summary
Volkhard Krech, Religious Studies, Bochum, Germany

17.15 h

Final Discussion

18.00 h

End of the Conference

CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

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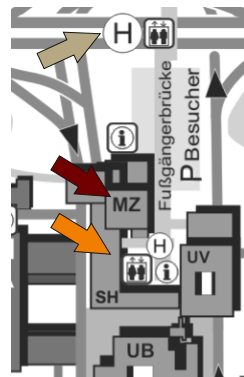
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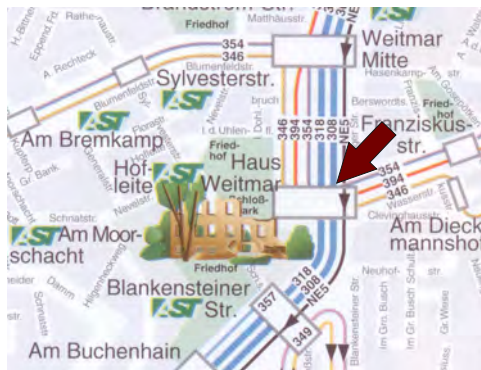
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26 – 28 July 2011:

»Situation Kunst für Max Imdahl«
Nevelstraße 29
D - 44795 Bochum

From Bochum Hauptbahnhof (Central Station) take the U308 / 318 towards Hattingen / Dahlhausen and get off at stop ➔ »Haus Weitmar« (Ticket needed: Preisstufe A). The »Situation Kunst« is located in the park of »Haus Weitmar«.



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