

RELIGIOUS PLURALISM AND ENCOUNTER BETWEEN EUROPE AND ASIA Transatlantic Perspectives

The Eurasian history of religions has always developed and still proceeds under plural conditions. As religions ascribe to themselves a normative and ordering power, religious plurality can become a challenge not only for religious traditions in encountering each other but also for the political and legal regulation of religions. The conference will take a relational approach to religious plurality in Europe and Asia that perceives the process of pluralization as a phenomenon of encounter and a form of interaction. The presented papers will deal with the conditions, modes and consequences of inter- and intra-religious relations on the basis of case studies.

This event complements the conference “Conditions, Modes, and Consequences of Plurality in the Eurasian History of Religions” and is a joint venture of the Religious Studies Department and the Department of Classics, University of Texas at Austin, and the Käte Hamburger Kolleg *Dynamics in the History of Religions between Asia and Europe* at Ruhr University Bochum.

Wednesday, 01 October 2014

05.00 pm	Arrival and Registration
05.30 pm	Welcome Address and Introduction to the Conference Topic Volkhard Krech (Bochum)
06.00 pm	Keynote: Pluralisms and Religious Practice in Japan John Traphagan (Austin)
07:30 pm	Reception

Thursday, 02 October 2014

09.00 am	Coffee
09.30 am	Pluralism and Orientalism: Unwarranted Assumptions about Asian Religion(s) Hans Martin Krämer (Heidelberg)
10.30 am	Displaying Diversity for Fun and Profit: Human Exhibitions and Empire Building Adam Knobler (Bochum)
11.30 am	Coffee Break
11.45 am	The Pluralism of Commiseration in Urdu Syed Akbar Hyder (Austin)
01.00 pm	Lunch
03.00 pm	Sociology of Interfaith Dialogue as a Communication Format of Religious Pluralism - the Case of Christian-Muslim Dialogue Levent Tezcan (Bochum)
04.00 pm	When Pluralism Isn't Enough: Women and Islamic Law Hina Azam (Austin)
05.00 pm	Coffee & Socializing
07.00 pm	Dinner

Friday, 03 October 2014

09.00 am	Coffee
09.30 am	Christian Mission in Korea and Knowledge Transfer Marion Eggert (Bochum)
10.30 am	“I Don't Mind Coming to Buddhist Services”: Christian Identity among Japanese Canadian Nisei Hisako Omori (Hamilton)
11.30 am	Coffee Break
11.45 am	Buddhist Antimission against Evangelicals in Seoul Florence Galmiche (Paris)
12.45 pm	Concluding Remarks
01.30 pm	Lunch
03.30 pm	Possibility to visit a local Mosque (German Open Mosque Day)

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.



CONVENERS

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