

## Texture III (Text)

Together with the previous workshops on 'Signs' and 'Scripture' the present conference aims at scrutinizing the notion of 'texture' as a guiding metaphor for the examination of religious phenomena. Textures might be described as contextualizations of scriptural processes that allow communication between diverse levels of life, connecting for example the material with the mental and the cultural sphere and vice versa. One might also describe the interaction of religious traditions as textural contextualizations which allow, form and execute contact phenomena of transfer and translation.

Textures are internal formative principles to be found within the material examined allowing its interpretation thus introducing a recursive formation which might be described in scientific meta-language. As such they generate the emergence of sense and trigger sensible behavior. Textures thus comprise manifest texts but cannot be reduced to them. One focus of the workshop is the material side of texture as to be found in the religious context.

## Wednesday, 5 March 2014

- 14:15 Coffee Kick-Off
- 14:30 **Welcome and Introduction**  
Knut Martin Stünkel (Bochum)
- 15:00 **From Text to Texture A Daoist Case Study**  
Stephan Peter Bumbacher (Basel)
- 16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:30 **Canon and Commentary in the Formation of Buddhist Cultures**  
Sven Bretfeld (Bochum)
- 17:45 **Text-Image Relations in Buddhist Iconography as Exemplified by the Programmatic Rock Carvings in Baoding Shan**  
Jessie Pons & Christoph Anderl (Bochum)
- 20.00 Dinner at Karawane (Bochum)

## Thursday, 6 March 2014

- 9:45 Coffee Kick-Off
- 10:00 **Devices and Monograms in Sasanian Iran**  
Götz König (Berlin, currently Bochum)
- 11:15 **Weaving Indo-Iranian Text as Never Before**  
Miguel Ángel Andrés Toledo (Kopenhagen)
- 12:15 Lunch
- 14:00 **Network and Notions: Discovering Semantics from Text Structure**  
Fredrick Elwert (Bochum)
- 15:15 **The Apostles' Creed as a Recursive Text**  
Volkhard Krech (Bochum)
- 16:30 **General Discussion**
- 18:00 End of Conference

**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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