

Social and Hermeneutic Constraints for and Related Strategies of Interreligious Reception and Adaption

Religious transfer processes do not result in one-to-one transmission. Rather, the material artifacts, practices, or scriptures transferred are always adapted to and re-interpreted according to the needs of their new environment. If we consider culture and its various domains (i.e. the semiospheres of religion, politics, arts, etc.) as based on complex overlays of schemata employed by individuals or groups in order to interpret or act upon different aspects of reality or discourse, we may model religious transfer to a large extent as the negotiation of such schemata. Newly introduced schemata can be blended with already established ones due to their condensed nature, which leaves the blank spaces necessary for identification. In case of overt contradictions, schemata may be subjected to varying combinations of processing modes.

During this workshop we would like to expand our preliminary set of these processing modes, taking into account case studies from other regions and religions. More importantly, we will extend our perspective towards the social and hermeneutic frameworks in which given models of processing thrive.

Workshop Organization

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Location: SH 1 / 187

- 10.00 h **Welcome & Introduction**
Ekaterina Shchus, East Asian Religions, Bochum, Germany
- 10.30 h **Conceptual Transfer in Confucio-Catholic Dialogues**
Andreas Müller-Lee, Korean Studies, Bochum, Germany
- 11.30 h **Coffee Break**
- 11.45 h **Conceptualizing Signs in the Context of Religious Culture**
Henrik Hjort Sørensen, Buddhist Studies, Copenhagen, Denmark / Bochum, Germany
- 12.45 h **Lunch**
- 14.00 h **Metaphors and Practices across Indian Religions: Case Studies from Buddhism and Hinduism**
Sven Wortmann, Religious Studies, Bochum, Germany
- 15.00 h **Influence or Appropriation: Reassessing Our Approach to the Buddhist Art of Gandhara**
Michael Willis, British Museum, London / Bochum, Germany
- 16.00 h **Coffee Break**
- 16.30 h **Biblical Metaschematism as a Device for Religious Transfer**
Knut-Martin Stünkel, Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Bochum, Germany
- 17.30 h **Jesus and Other Counter-Signs among Jews in Medieval Europe and the Middle East**
Alexandra Cuffel, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York, USA / Bochum, Germany
- 18.30 h **Final Discussion**
- 19.15 h **End of the Workshop**

Attendance is possible without registration. Those interested in attending are encouraged to inform Ekaterina Shchus, Christian Mularzyk or Jörg Plassen by email.

DIRECTIONS

By plane or train:

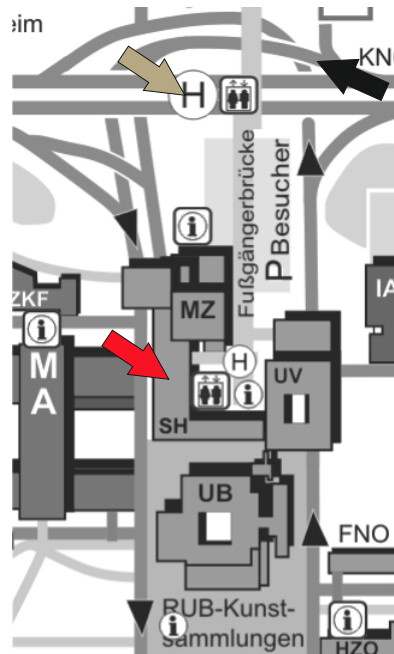
From Düsseldorf Airport via, or directly from, Bochum Hauptbahnhof (Central Station) take the U35 towards Bochum Querenburg (Hustadt) and get off at stop »Ruhr-Universität« (→) (Ticket needed: Preisstufe A).

At the exit to the station turn right and walk about 100 m. Enter the Studierendenhaus (SH) building on your right (under sign for «Kulturcafé»). Go up one flight of stairs and follow signs to KHK «Dynamics in the History of Religions».

By car:

Motorway A 43, interchange »Bochum-Witten«, exit at »Bochum-Querenburg/Universität« (exit no. 19). Universitätsstraße direction Universität/Zentrum, exit at »Uni - Mitte« (→), about 2 km. Free parking is sign posted.

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