

## The Debate between Jews and Christians Until the Age of Theodosius

The Processes of Differentiation from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> Centuries CE Reconsidered

In the last two decades new paradigms concerning the discussion of the processes of the separation of the ways of Christians and Jews appeared. The time of separation was moved to a later point in time, now rather to the middle of the second century or even later. In addition, the question of processes of differentiation within the two religions arose. Mention should not only be made to the discussion of the “Parting of the Ways” but also to the groundbreaking articles by Arye Edrei and Doron Mendels in the “Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha” (vol. 16 [2007], 91-137; vol. 17 [2008], 163-187; printed separately as “Zweierlei Diaspora”, Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2010). Edrei and Mendels argue that there was a separation within Judaism between the Eastern and the Western Diaspora which was the result of a not-understanding of the languages of the two Diasporas. The Western Diaspora became what today is known as “Christianity” whereas the Aramaic-speaking Diaspora built the basis of the rabbinic Judaism.

The workshop aims at a new perspective on that recent discussion by a close “relecture” of exemplary texts of the time in focus, be it Jewish, Christian or Roman.

## Wednesday, 24 October 2012

14:00–14:15	<b>Welcome</b>
14:15–15:15	<b>The Early History of the Birkat HaMinim as a Window into Questions of Rabbinic Authority</b> Ruth Langer (Boston)
15:30–16:30	<b>Pluriform Judaism in the Time of the Mishnah</b> Günter Stemberger (Wien)
16:45–17:45	<b>Justin Martyr, Kelsos, Daniel Boyarin, and the Invention of Christianity</b> Görge Hasselhoff (Bochum)
<i>Public Lecture</i>	
18:15–19:45	<b>The Split Jewish Diaspora and its Consequences</b> Doron Mendels (Jerusalem)

## Thursday, 25 October 2012

09:00–10:00	<b>Pilocalus and the Roman Religion – Some Considerations on Changes and Continuities</b> Meret Strothmann (Bochum)
10:15–11:15	<b>Jews and Christians (3<sup>rd</sup> — 6<sup>th</sup> century) in Roman Law</b> Karl Leo Nothlichs (Aachen)
11:30–12:30	<b>Antioch, John Chrysostom and the Jews</b> Adolf Martin Ritter (Neckargemünd)
14:00–15:00	<b>Eusebius of Caesarea and the Jewish Context of Christianity</b> Hartmut Leppin (Frankfurt/M.)
15:00–15:30	<b>Conclusion</b>

## 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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