

Tuesday, 22 July 2014

08:30–09:30 **Breakfast**

10:00–10:45 **Introductions**

11:00–12:30 **Reading and discussion**

Key concepts: Religion, Religious Encounter, Comparative Religion

12:30–14:00 **Lunch**

14:00–15:30 *Guest lecture: Distinct and Blurring Boundaries of Religion*
Volkhard Krech (Bochum)

16:00–16:45 *Participant presentations*

Buddhism and Nature
Pascal Krümmel (Bochum)

16:45–18:15 **General discussion**

Wednesday, 23 July 2014

08:30–09:30 **Breakfast**

10:00–12:30 **Reading and discussion**

Social, Economic and Political Structures of Religious Encounters

12:30–14:00 **Lunch**

14:00–15:30 *Guest lecture: Monotheism – Some Terminological, Methodological, and Material Clarifications*
Christian Frevel (Bochum)

16:00–16:45 *Participant presentations*

The Other 1492: al-Maghili's Anti-Jewish Polemic and the Expulsion of the Jews of Touat
Liran Yadgar (Chicago)

16:45–18:15 **General discussion**

Thursday, 24 July 2014

08:30–09:30 **Breakfast**

10:00–12:30 *Guest lecture: Creating Myths of Distance and the Past*
Adam Knobler (Bochum)

12:30–14:00 **Lunch**

14:00–15:30 **Reading and discussion**

Religion as "Othering" I: Religious Encounters and the Specter of Colonialism

16:00–17:30 *Participant presentations*

Some Remarks on Two Chinese Manichaean Fragments of the Turfan Collection
Arezoo Molla Gholamali (Bochum)

Rewriting the History of the Future: Apocalypses and Counter-apocalypses in Byzantium
Andreas Kraft (Budapest)

17:30–18:15 **General discussion**

Friday, 25 July 2014

08:30–09:30 **Breakfast**

10:00–12:30 **Reading and discussion**

Mission and Conversion

12:30–14:00 **Lunch**

14:00–15:30 *Participant presentations*

Encountering Qaradawi in Contemporary China
Aaron Glasserman (Bielefeld)

The First Encounter of Christ and Confucius. The Translation of the Decalogue in the Medieval Chinese Context and the Question of Enculturation
Zhu Li (Konstanz)

16:00–18:15 *Guest lecture: Taoism, Internal Alchemy and Buddhism: Conciliation, Integration and Polemics*
Steve Eskildsen (Tennessee)

Saturday, 26 July 2014

Summer School field trip (to be decided)

Sunday, 27 July 2014

Party at the International Guesthouse

Monday, 28 July 2014

08:30–09:30 **Breakfast**

10:00–12:30 *Guest lecture: Reading Religion in Images: Aspects of Inter-Religious Encounter in Buddhist Art from Gandhara*
Jessie Pons (Bochum)

12:30–14:00 **Lunch**

14:00–15:30 **Reading and discussion**

Religion as Othering II: Religious Identity and Polemics

16:00–17:30 *Participant presentations*

Symbols, Festivals, and Practices in India: Cultural Encounters and Emerging Trends in Spirituality
Walter Menezes (Mumbai)

Common Misunderstandings of the Scriptures: Establishing a New Dialogue between Christians and Muslims
Mohammad Ghandehari (Tehran)

17:30–18:15 **General discussion**

Tuesday, 29 July 2014

08:30–09:30 **Breakfast**

10:00–12:30 *Guest lecture: Shared Religious Practices between Jews, Christians and Muslims*
Alexandra Cuffel (Bochum)

12:30–14:00 **Lunch**

14:00–15:30 **Reading and discussion**

Unity and Diversity in Religions in Europe and Asia

16:00–17:30 *Participant presentations*

Islam in Contemporary America through the Lens of *The Girl in the Tangerine Scarf*: Are We Witnessing the Clash of Civilizations in Action?
Adam Yaghi (Victoria, Canada)

Common Elements of Diverse Traditions: Pilgrimage to the Shared Shrines and Relics of Abrahamic Religions in Middle East
Peyman Eshaqhi (Ankara)

17:30–18:15 **General discussion**

Wednesday, 30 July 2014

- 08:30–09:30 **Breakfast**
- 10:00–12:30 **Guest lecture: Indocentrism: A Mode of Asian Religious Encounter and Orientation**
Sven Bretfeld (Bochum)
- 12:30–14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00–15:30 **Reading and discussion**
Shared Rituals and Spaces
- 16:00–17:30 **Participant presentations**
- Tengrism: Old-New Religion in the Heart of Eurasia**
Batir Xasanov (Tel Aviv)
- Differentiation between Politics and Religion: Byzantium after the Council of Chalkedon (451) with a Focus on the Relation between the Greek Orthodoxy in Constantinople and Armenia**
Thomas Jurczyk (Bochum)
- 17:30–18:15 **General discussion**
- 18:30–20:00 **Closing ceremony and reception**

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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EURASIAN RELIGIONS IN CONTACT
From Antiquity to Modernity

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Summer School
Eurasian Religions in Contact

With global developments and the growing significance of religion in public debates, academic interest in religions too has grown, especially in religious contacts. While there is a long tradition of studying specific interactions, in particular among the so-called Abrahamic religions, this orientation usually betrays a Western perspective. Recent scholarship has developed a more global perspective paying increasing attention to other religious contacts such as between Muslims and Buddhists. Alongside research on the ground, scholars are developing theoretical frameworks for studying these contacts. How do we theorize religion? How can we assess the significance of religious identity when members of different communities meet? What defines a contact between individuals, communities, traditions, as a contact of religions? What are the effects of contact for the development and expansion of religious traditions?

