# Religion in the Iberian Colonial World

The voyages of exploration and expansion that were launched from Spain and Portugal in the early modern era, brought with them a militant Roman Catholicism, which sought to convert indigenous peoples to the Latin Church. What the Iberians discovered in the Americas, Africa and Asia were multiple, complex polities with their own religious traditions, which strongly resisted conversion. This conference will examine Ibero-Indigenous religious contact through the lens of indigenous peoples' responses to Spanish and Portuguese religious imperialism. Taking examples from Mexico, South America, Africa and Asia we hope to find some common links in seeing how religious resistance to the Iberians manifested itself in the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

## Tuesday, 5 November 2013

9.00	Coffee
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9.30 Welcome & Introduction

SOUTH AMERICA

10.00 Sacred Knots: The Role of Hybrid Khipu/Alphabetic Texts in Colonial Peruvian Missions

Sabine Hyland (St Andrews)

- 11.00 Coffee
- III.30 Spiritual Confrontations and the Persistence of Guarani Religious
   Beliefs and Practices in Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Paraguay
   Barbara Ganson (Boca Raton, FL)
- 12.30 Lunch

AFRO-ASIA I: BORDERS

14.00 Religious Curiosity and Conversations with a Mythical Other:
Ethiopian-Portuguese Encounters at the Beginning of the 16th Century
Verena Krebs (Konstanz)

15.00	Coffee

15.30 The Christian Mission in Japan (c.1549-c.1647): Visual Culture and Spiritual Beliefs

Alexandra Curvelo (Lisbon)

- 16.30 Coffee
- 17.00 Discussion
- 19.30 Dinner

## Wednesday, 6 November 2013

9.30 Coffee

AFRO-ASIA II: SOUTH ASIA

10.00 A Syriacist Disciple of the Jesuits in 17th-century India: Alexander of the Port/Kadavil Chandy Kattanar

Istvan Perczel (Budapest)

- 11.00 Coffee
- III.30 Moralism and Colonialism in Early Modern Sri Lanka Stephen Berkwitz (Springfield, MO)
- 12.30 Lunch

MEXICO

14.00 The Encounter of Indigenous Cartographic Epistemology with Christianity in Early Colonial Latin America

Lars Kirkhusmo Pharo (Oslo)

- 15.00 Coffee
- 15.30 The Teabo Manuscript: Maya Christian Copybooks, Chilam Balams, and Colonial Text Production

Mark Z Christensen (Worcester, MA)

- 16.30 Coffee
- 17.00 Discussion & Conclusions
- 19.30 Dinner

## **DIRECTIONS**

## Public Transportation:

Take the U<sub>35</sub> 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.

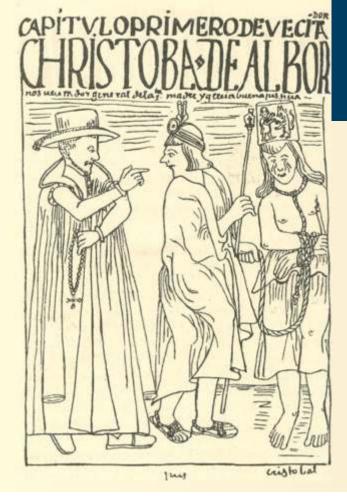


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