

## 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
- 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
- 11.30 **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 Kattannar**  
Istvan Perczel (Budapest)
- 11.00 Coffee
- 11.30 **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 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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