14:00 – 15:30  
**Guest lecture**  
Shared Saints and Festivals in Medieval Muslim Sources  
Alexandra Cuffel (CERES, Bochum)

16:00 – 17:30  
**Participants' presentations**  
The Sects that sustain the Devil: Jesuit Interpretations of Buddhism in Sixteenth-century Japan  
Linda Zapold’Ortia (New University of Lisbon & University of Otago)

17:30 – 18:15  
**General discussion**

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**Friday, 24th July**

8:30  
**Breakfast**

10:00 – 12:30  
**Reading & discussion**  
Othering and the Visual  
Tim Karis (KHK, CERES, Bochum)

12:30 – 14:00  
**Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30  
**Guest lecture**  
Religion, Media, and Culture: Perspectives on and from an Emerging Field  
Frederik Elwert (KHK, CERES, Bochum)

16:00 – 17:30  
**Participants' presentations**  
Intra-Religious Diversity among Pakistani Muslim Migrants in Germany  
Sajida Fazal (Ruhr Universität Bochum)

17:30 – 18:15  
**General discussion**

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**Saturday, 25th July**

8:30  
**Breakfast**

10:00 – 12:30  
**Reading & discussion**  
Popular Culture and Religion  
Michael Bender (Florida International University)

12:30 – 14:00  
**Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30  
**Guest lecture**  
Entangled Religions. Considerations on Historical and Contemporary Developments  
Volkhard Krech (CERES, Bochum)

16:00 – 17:30  
**Participants' presentations**  
The Development of the Manichaean Religious Terminology during the Process of Transmission from West to East  
Xue Li (Freie Universität Berlin)

17:30 – 18:15  
**General discussion**

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**Sunday, 26th July**

8:30  
**Breakfast**

10:00 – 12:30  
**Reading & discussion**  
Religion and Space: The Connection of the World Over Time  
Volkhard Krech (CERES, Bochum)

12:30 – 14:00  
**Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30  
**Guest lecture**  
Entangled Religions. Considerations on Historical and Contemporary Developments  
Volkhard Krech (CERES, Bochum)

16:00 – 17:30  
**Participants' presentations**  
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Linda Zapold’Ortia (New University of Lisbon & University of Otago)

17:30 – 18:15  
**General discussion**

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**Monday, 27th July**

8:30  
**Breakfast**

10:00 – 12:30  
**Reading & discussion**  
Inventing Religious (and Other) Traditions  
Michael Bender (Florida International University)

12:30 – 14:00  
**Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30  
**Guest lecture**  
Women and Gender in the Study of Religion  
Rebecca Lesses (Ithaca, NY)

16:00 – 17:30  
**Participants' presentations**  
How Pentecostal Choice changed the Christian Religious Landscape of Nigeria: From a Rational Choice Theory Background  
Matthew Ezea (Ruhr Universität Bochum)

17:30 – 18:15  
**General discussion**

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**Tuesday, 28th July**

8:30  
**Breakfast**

10:00 – 12:30  
**Reading & discussion**  
Christian Ethnographies in Early Modern Europe: A Matter of Genre?  
Benjamin Scala (Ruhr Universität Bochum)

12:30 – 14:00  
**Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30  
**Guest lecture**  
Religion, Media, and Culture: Perspectives on and from an Emerging Field  
Tim Karis (KHK, CERES, Bochum)

16:00 – 16:45  
**Participant's presentations**  
Intra-Religious Diversity among Pakistani Muslim Migrants in Germany  
Sajida Fazal (Ruhr Universität Bochum)

16:45 – 17:30  
**General discussion**

19:00  
**Welcome reception**

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**Wednesday, 29th July**

8:30  
**Breakfast**

10:00 – 12:30  
**Reading & discussion**  
Religion and Food  
Frederik Elwert (KHK, CERES, Bochum)

12:30 – 14:00  
**Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30  
**Guest lecture**  
Computational Approaches to Religious Texts  
Michael Bender (Florida International University)

16:00 – 16:45  
**Participant's presentations**  
Entangled Religions. Considerations on Historical and Contemporary Developments  
Volkhard Krech (CERES, Bochum)

16:45 – 17:30  
**General discussion**

17:30 – 18:15  
**Closing ceremony and reception**
The **ERIC summer school** takes place in the FNO building on Ruhr Universität Bochum’s campus.

**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.

Taking a broadly global approach to religious interactions, the summer school undertakes the theme Eurasian Religions in Contact. As part of the Käte Hamburger Kolleg (KHK) *Dynamics in the History of Religions between Asia and Europe* at the Center for Religious Studies (CERES) the summer school takes place at the Ruhr Universität Bochum, Germany.

The general aim of the school is to translate and transmit the research of this theme conducted by senior scholars into knowledge which benefits junior researchers. The **ERIC Summer School** offers advanced student of graduate standing working on topics of religious interaction the opportunity to explore important questions for studying religious 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 formation, development and global expansion of the world’s major religious traditions?

The aims of **ERIC summer school** are twofold:

- Provide and assess exemplary case studies of intra- and interreligious encounters in Eurasia (though the African continent may also be considered) without limitations as to specific disciplines, timelines, and geographical frame;
- Discuss current theoretical frameworks and critical approaches to the study of religious encounters from comparative and interdisciplinary perspectives.

Alongside research on the ground, young researchers will have the opportunity to present their own research and receive constructive feedback from their peers and internationally renowned scholars.