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Public Transportation: Take the U35 CampusLinie towards *Hustadt* from the center of Bochum or Hauptbahnhof (central station) and get off at the station *Wasserstraße*. From there turn right and cross the street, then left cross the crossroads passing by the copy shop at the corner and continue for approx. 200 metres until you reach Universitätsstraße 90a.

By Car: The quickest route is via the motorway junction Bochum/Witten, where the autobahns A43 and A44 meet. Simply take the exit Bochum-Querenburg, follow the signs to *Bochum Zentrum* to the crossroads of Universitätsstraße and Wasserstraße. Take a u-turn left and continue this road for approx. 200 metres, until you reach Universitätsstraße 90a. Parking is possible in front and behind the building.



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RELIGIONS AND CULTURES AT SEA – MUTUAL IMPACT AND INTERRELIGIOUS ENCOUNTER

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Convener: Anna Konstanze Schröder

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Religions and Cultures at Sea Mutual Impact and Interreligious Encounter

While maritime and littoral cultures form specific constraints for the everyday beliefs and practices of religion, also specific elements of religions influence the everyday life of the people on and near the sea. In terms of high seas travel, many encounters between different cultures took and take place on the sea shores.

This workshop brings together researchers of maritime culture who are dealing with its religion\|s from various perspectives and fields of research in order to discuss religion\|s at sea from a theoretical as well as historical (i.e. based on empirical data) perspective.

It aims at two focal points:

- (1) a history-oriented focus includes a broad geographical and temporal range to inform each other about the breadth of empirical data;
- (2) a theory-oriented focus aims at identifying different religious elements in those various maritime cultures in order to discuss what makes them distinct from profane elements.

The discussions will also cover methodological questions about data of a rather vernacular culture and comparison between cultures and religions.

With this workshop initiates a continuative conversation between the research fields of cultural anthropology, maritime history and religious studies.

Friday, 22 September 2017

09:30 - 10:00 **Welcome Address & Introduction**

Ulf Plessentin (Bochum)

10:00 - 10:45 **Introductory Discussion: What is Maritime Culture?
And where can we find Religion/s in it?**

10:45 - 11:45 **Religion on Ships in the Early Modern Times – A
Research based on Travelogues**

Miriam Stamm (Lübeck/Bremerhaven)

11:45 - 12:00 **Coffee Break**

12:00 - 01:00 **Facing the Horrific Sea – Aesthetizing and
Politicizing the North Sea and its Atmosphere during
the German Enlightenment**

Otto S. Knottnerus (Groningen)

01:00 - 02:00 **Lunch**

02:00 - 03:00 **Racism, Orientalism, and Ascription of Specialness.
Perceptions of other Cultures and Religions among
Seafarers of the Southern Baltic Sea since the 19th
Century**

Anna-Konstanze Schröder (Bern/Bochum)

03:00 - 04:00 **Jewish Culture and Religion Within a Ship's
Microcosm**

Annett Meiners (Oldenburg)

04:00 - 04:30 **Coffee Break**

04:30 - 05:30 **Final Discussion**