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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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HOLY WAR COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES

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Convener: Adam Knobler

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Holy War: Comparative Perspectives

The notion of a Holy War, that is a war declared to be undertaken for religious reasons, is a concept dating, in Christendom at least, to Late Antiquity. Islam holds an inherent notion of holy war, jihad, as a component of its beliefs and practices. Likewise, Judaism, Buddhism and Hinduism all have histories which demonstrate a tradition of holy war and resistance to holy war, which in turn generated their own „counter-traditions.“

This workshop is intended to explore the uses and transformations of holy war traditions in a variety of religious milieus, from crusading in the West, to religious anti-colonial warfare in modern Southeast Asia and to explore how some of these traditions, anyway, played upon one another to become part of the political-religious discourse between regions and communities. Bringing together experts from different religious traditions and histories, we hope to compare and contrast the concept of holy war over the *longue duree*.

Wednesday, 15 November 2017

09:45 - 10:00 **Welcome Address & Introduction**

Adam Knobler (Bochum)

Session 1: Colonization & Decolonization

10:00 - 10:45 **The Crusades and Postcolonial (Medieval) Studies:**

Can the History of the Crusades be 'Decolonised'?

Kristin Skottki (Bayreuth)

10:45 - 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 - 11:45 **Holy War and Political Religion in Ṭipū Sultān's Mysore Sultanat**

Caleb Simmons (Tucson, AZ)

11:45 - 12:30 **Anti-Colonial Holy War in Modern Southeast Asia: A Multi-Religious Phenomenon**

Adam Knobler (Bochum)

12:30 - 02:00 **Lunch**

Session 2: Crusade Medievalism

02:00 - 02:45 **The Crusade Ancestor in Nineteenth-Century Britain: From Fact to Fiction**

Elizabeth Siberry (Newtown, Powys, Wales)

02:45 - 03:30 **Crusader Medievalism: Concepts and Contours**

Mike Horswell (London)

03:30 - 04:00 **Coffee Break**

Session 3: Early Modern Perspectives

04:00 - 04:45 **Early Modern Jewish Reception of a Christian Holy War**

Malin Drees (Bochum)

04:45 - 05:30 **American Indians as Christian Holy Warriors in Sixteenth-Century Mesoamerica**

Alfred Andrea (Burlington, VT)

05:30 - 06:00 **Discussion**

06:00 **Dinner**

Thursday, 16 November 2017

Session 4: Holy Wars Of & Against Islam

10:30 - 11:15 **From Peace to War and War to Peace**

Reuven Firestone (Los Angeles, CA)

11:15 - 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 - 12:15 **Russia, the Ottoman Empire, and the Last Crusade**

Mara Kozelsky (Mobile, AL)

12:30 - 02:00 **Lunch**

Session 5: Holy Wars From Beginning to End?

02:00 - 02:45 **Were the Crusades Holy Wars? The First Crusade between Massacre and Peace Negotiation**

Tim Weitzel (Konstanz/Bochum)

02:45 - 03:30 **25 Current International Views on the Crusades - First Approaches and Results**

Felix Hinz (Paderborn)

03:30 - 04:00 **Coffee Break**

04:00 - 05:00 **Final Discussion**