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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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HOLY AFFECTIONS AND RELIGIOUS ENTANGLEMENTS IN EARLY MODERN EUROPE: CONTACTS, POLEMICS, AND REPRESENTATIONS

12-13 March 2018 | CERES Conference Room *Ruhrpott*

Conveners: Giovanni Tarantino & Knut Martin Stünkel

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Holy Affections and Religious Entanglements in Early Modern Europe: Contacts, Polemics, and Representations

Exploring the role of emotion in religious and intellectual life, Peter Goldie has argued that not all emotional feelings are bodily feelings, and that feelings may also concern things in the world that reach beyond the body; such feelings, "bound up with thought", are what he has called *feelings towards*. "Many of these emotions – such as delight, wonder, awe, courage, doubt, tenacity, and hope – will be common between the intellectual and the religious sphere; others – reverence and contrition perhaps – will be particular to religious experience" (Goldie 2011. "Intellectual Emotions and Religious Emotions." *Faith and Philosophy* 28.1: 93-101).

Early modern religious writers considered "holy affections" to be morally superior to all other emotions. Appealing to the emotions became pervasive across confessional lines in the conversion and proselytizing strategies employed by theologians, preachers and missionaries in the early modern age. From around the mid-eighteenth century, as Enlightenment ideas permeated elites across Europe, the established churches went on the defensive – intellectually, culturally, politically, emotionally. This symposium explores the role of individual and collective emotions in the religious life and sensibility of seventeenth- and eighteenth-century Europe, as expressed in devotional practices, preaching styles, interpretations of catastrophic events or conversion processes. It particularly engages with questions of inclusion and exclusion strategies, anticlerical polemics and the perception and representation of heterodoxy and religious alterity.

Monday, 12 March 2018

02:00 - 02:10 **Welcome Address**

Tim Karis (Bochum)

02:10 - 02:30 **Introduction**

Knut Stünkel (Bochum) & Giovanni Tarantino (Perth/Bochum)

02:30 - 03:15 **'Feelings Towards': Religion and Emotions in Early Modern Europe**

Giovanni Tarantino (Perth/Bochum)

03:15 - 03:30 **Coffee break**

>>>>>>>>> Chair: Licia Di Giacinto (Bochum)

03:30 - 04:15 **Holy Objects and Affections. The Case of Swiss Reformation**

Marco Cavarzere (Frankfurt a. Main)

04:15 - 05:00 **Jewish Jesus-Narratives (*Toledot Yeshu*) in Seventeenth Century Italy**

Daniel Barbu (Paris)

05:00 - 05:30 **Coffee break**

>>>>>>>>> Chair: Giulia Evolvi (Bochum)

05:30 - 06:15 **Reason and Religious Feelings in Early Modern Europe**

Stephen Cummins (Berlin)

06:30 **Dinner**

Tuesday, 13 March 2018

>>>>>>>>> Chair: Martin Radermacher (Bochum)

10:00 - 10:45 **Le Partage des Émotions. Hurons et Missionnaires Jésuites.**

Philippe Borgeaud (Geneva)

10:45 - 11:30 **Fear and Trembling: The Charlevoix Earthquake of 1663 and Perceptions of Cultural Difference in France and New France**

Robin Macdonald (Perth)

11:30 - 11:45 **Coffee break**

>>>>>>>>> Chair: Götz König (Bochum)

11:45 - 12:30 **Idol, Putto, or Buddha: Representations and Interpretations of Indonesian *kris* in the Early Modern Discourse on Idolatry**

Paola von Wyss-Giacosa (Zurich)

12:30 - 01:30 **Lunch**

>>>>>>>>> Chair: Tim Karis (Bochum)

01:30 - 02:15 **Looking for Shared Humanity: Lafitau's Mœurs between Missionary Colonialism, Enlightenment Humanism and "Scientific" Ethnography**

Andreas Motsch (Toronto)

02:15 - 03:00 **"La crainte fait les dieux; la terreur les accompagne sans cesse": D'Holbach on Holy Affections as a Result of Religious Contact Situations**

Knut Martin Stünkel (Bochum)

03:00 - 03:30 **Coffee break**

03:30 - 04:15 **Final Discussion & Closing Remarks**