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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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RELIGIOUS CONTACTS IN SCANDINAVIA IN EARLY MODERN TIMES 1500-1750

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Religious Contacts in Scandinavia in Early Modern Times 1500 -170

When it comes to religious contact and transfer, early modern Scandinavia has not been considered to be the first address for examination. One reason for this may be that at first sight, from this era onwards this region seems to be dominated only by one stout and monolithic state religion, i.e. Lutheranism. But giving the geographical frame a second thought, however, one may discern many regions and situations of religious contact within or at the shores and borders of the Scandinavian peninsula, such as the interreligious encounter between the different forms of Christianity and the indigenous Sámi religion in the very North. Only rarely discussed are intra-religious encounters between Protestant and Orthodox Christianity in the eastern parts of the Scandinavian peninsula or at the shores of the Baltic coast lines. Furthermore, due to colonial and imperial ambitions of the two Scandinavian realms, Denmark-Norway and Sweden-Finland, there are even first contacts to regions such as India, Africa, Central Asia, and not to forget the Arctic Greenland.

This workshop aims at re-evaluating early modern Scandinavia as a prime place for the study of religious contact and transfer, including case-studies covering regions from Greenland to Siberia and India during the time period between 1500 and 1750.

Wednesday, 10 October 2018

01:00 - 01:30 Welcome Address & Introduction

Knut Martin Stünkel (Bochum)

Anna Konstanze Schröder (Schwerin)

Ulf Plessentin (Bochum)

01:30 - 01:45 Introducing the Online Journal *Entangled Religions*

Julia Reiker (Bochum)

Panel 1: The End of Shamanism? Missionaries in North Scandinavia

01:45 - 02:45 **The Pietistic Mission: An Analysis of the Complex Religious Situation in the Mission District of Senja and Vesterålen in the early Eighteenth Century - Network, Space and Local Knowledge**
Dikka Storm (Tromsø)

02:45 - 03:45 **The Lutheran Sámi Mission – Encounters with Indigenous Religion or Roman Catholic Faith?**

Siv Rasmussen (Tromsø)

03:45 - 04:15 **Coffee break**

Panel 2: Christian Encounters: Lutheran and Orthodox Contacts

04:15 - 05:15 **Religious Changes in the Kexholm County in the 17th Century**

Teuvo Laitila (Joensuu)

05:15- 06:15 **Halle - Stockholm - Tobolsk (and back). Curt Friedrich von Wreech and his *Wahrhafte und umständliche Historie***

Knut Martin Stünkel (Bochum)

06:30 **Dinner**

Thursday, 11 October 2018

Panel 3: Northern Colonialism and the Reception of the Religious Other

10:00 - 11:00 **Ridicule as a Method – Religious Encounters between Shamans and Missionaries in Greenland in the 18th Century**

Kai Merten (Marburg)

11:00 - 11:15 **Coffee break**

11:15 - 12:15 **Protestant Preachers and Researchers. The Danish Mission and the European Image of India**

Patrick Krüger (Bochum)

12:15 - 01:30 **Lunch**

Panel 4: The Baltic Sea as Cultural and Religious Hub

01:30 - 02:30 **Local and Universal? Pagan and Christian Motifs in Narratives around the Baltic Sea**

Anna Konstanze Schröder (Schwerin)

02:30 - 03:00 **Summarizing Remarks**

Sebastian Rimestad (Bochum/Erfurt)

03:00 - 03:15 **Coffee Break**

03:15 - 04:00 **Final Discussion**