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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-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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CONSTRUCTING RELIGIOUS OTHERNESS IN RUSSIA

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Constructing Religious Otherness in Russia

Russia, a vast continental state, has been the crossroads for many religious groups: Christians, Jews, Muslims, "Pagans", Buddhists and others. This workshop endeavors to take a snapshot view of typologies of religious encounter in Russia, examining multiple types of "othering".

How has Orthodoxy influenced the other religions of the Russian Empire? Has Orthodoxy been influenced? What did communist rule do to alter daily Muslim practice? The time-period to be covered would be from the Kievan Rus to the contemporary age, scholars united by their work on religious pluralism. The longue durée allows us to see changes over time, and how earlier practices have come to influence modern praxis.

Thursday, 6 August 2019

10:00 - 10:15 **Welcome Address & Introduction**

Adam Knobler (Bochum)

Session 1: Islam & Views of Otherness

Chair: George Warner (Bochum)

10:15 - 10:30 **Introduction to Session 1**

George Warner (Bochum)

10:30 - 11:15 **Images of Tatars in Early Modern Russia**

Valerie Kivelson (Ann Arbor)

11:15 - 12:00 **Tatar Traditional Islam and the "Religious Other" in Russia**

Lili Di Puppo (Moscow)

12:00 - 12:15 **Coffee Break**

12:15 - 01:00 **Muslims and Christians in Rus' and Muscovy (XIVth through XVIIth Centuries): Paradoxes of Interaction**

Mikhail Dmitriev (Moscow)

01:00 - 02:30 **Lunch**

02:30 - 03:15 **Muslims under the Press of Russian Authority: Western Siberia**

Case (XVIII – till our days)

Irina Selezneva (Omsk)

03:15 - 03:45 **Coffee Break**

Session 2: Judaism, Paganism & Other Traditions

Chair: Alexandra Cuffel (Bochum)

03:45 - 04:00 **Introduction to Session 2**

Alexandra Cuffel (Bochum)

04:00 - 04:45 **The Edited Slavonic Pentateuch from the 15th Century as a Monument of the Lost East European Christian Hebraism**

Aleksander Grishchenko (Moscow)

04:45 - 05:30 **Chuvash Paganism at the Beginning of the XXI Century: Traditional Rituals in Modern Religious Practices of Local Chuvash Groups in the Volga-Urals Region**

Ekaterina Iagafova & Valeria Bondareva (Samara)

06:00

Dinner

Wednesday, 7 August 2019

Session 3: Entangled Orthodoxy

Chair: Adam Knobler (Bochum)

10:00 - 10:15 **Introduction to Session 3**

Adam Knobler (Bochum)

10:15 - 11:00 **Joining One's Ancestors Faith: Sergei Nilus in Search of the Popular Orthodoxy**

Sergey Shtyrkov (St Petersburg)

11:00 - 11:15 **Coffee Break**

11:15 - 12:00 **The Foundation and Creation of the Political Adversary – Orthodox 'infidel' and 'schismatic' Russia in 15th Century Legal and Scholarly Debates**

Kerli Kraus (Tartu)

12:00 - 01:30 **Lunch**

01:30 - 02:30 **Final Discussion**