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. Continue this road for approx. 200 metres until you reach Universitätsstraße 902.

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RETELLING TALES AND RECREATING COSMOLOGIES AS STRATEGIES OF GLOBAL ENCOUNTER AND EXPANSION 600—1800
20—22 November 2019 | CERES Conference Room Ruhrpott
Conveners: Alexandra Cuffel, Ana Echevarría-Arsuaga & Adam Knobler
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The workshop will explore the ways in which tales, whether expressed in written, oral, theatrical or other visual form, were transformed as they crossed from one cultural realm to another, and then were used as a way of explaining, incorporating or resisting other cultures. In particular we wish to examine ways in which dominant, often invading cultures attempted to insert themselves into the cosmologies of those they wished to conquer, and how in turn, these cultures transformed their own cosmological understandings to account for and often resist the rhetoric of the others, designed to push for changes in religion, rituals, and moral behaviors.

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Adam Knobler (Bochum)

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Frederik Elwert (Bochum)

11:15 - 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 - 12:15 Demonstrating Medieval Textual Transmission with Digital Storytelling
Lynn Ramey (Nashville)

12:15 - 01:00 Lunch

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03:30 - 04:00 Coffee Break

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Monica Colimnas (Berlin)

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Alexandra Curvelo (Lisbon)

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06:00 Dinner

Thursday, 21 November 2019

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Adam Simmons (Bochum)

11:15 - 11:30 Coffee Break

Solomon Gebreyes (Hamburg)

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