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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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RUHR-UNIVERSITÄT BOCHUM

MUSLIM PERSPECTIVES ON JEWISH-CHRISTIAN RELATIONS

5-6 December 2019 | CERES Conference Room *Ruhrpott*

Conveners: Alexandra Cuffel & Barbara Roggema

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Muslim Perspectives on Jewish-Christian Relations

This workshop focuses on a virtually unstudied topic: how did Muslim thinkers perceive and imagine Jewish-Christian interaction? Whereas studies on Muslim views of Christianity and Muslim views on Judaism abound, there are no studies dealing with the questions of whether and how Muslims authors (historians, exegetes, legal scholars, litterateurs etc.) reflected on the historical and imagined relations between Jews and Christians.

Recent research suggests that the Qur'an alludes to and criticizes Jewish-Christian polemical exchanges, which would not be surprising considering the vehemence of Jewish-Christian confrontation in the 6th—7th century Near East. In later centuries the relation between Judaism and Christianity was discussed by Muslims in the context of discussions about the corruption of scripture, the Qur'an's denial of Christ's crucifixion and the possibility of *naskh*, abrogation of religious laws, while in modern times Muslim thinkers have explored links between Western Christians and Zionism.

The workshop will bring together scholars of different areas within Islamic and Arabic studies, who will discuss relevant writings, in the hope of furthering our understanding of interreligious interaction in the Islamic world and of the development of Islam's self-image in relation to competing religious communities.

Thursday, 05 December 2019

- 02:00 - 02:15 **Welcome: From the Käte Hamburger Kolleg Bochum to the ERC-Project *JewsEast***
Alexandra Cuffel (Bochum)
- 02:15 - 02:30 **Introducing the Online Journal *Entangled Religions***
Maren Freudenberg (Bochum)
- 02:30 - 03:00 **Introduction to the Survey Work 'Jewish-Christian Relations: From the Mediterranean to the Indian Ocean 600-1500' and the Workshop**
Barbara Roggema (Bochum) (*JewsEast*)*
- 03:00 - 03:45 **Jews and Christians in the Qur'an: Unity and Strife among the Israelites**
Holger Zellentin (Tübingen)
- 03:45 - 04:15 **Coffee Break**
- 04:15 - 05:00 **Jesus among Israelites: Quranic Prophetology with Special Reference to the Case of Jesus's Ministry**
May Shaddel (Leiden)

- 05:00 - 05:45 **Dhū Nuwās and the Martyrs of Najrān in Islamic Literature until 1400 AD**
Lasse Løvlund Toft (Aarhus)
- 05:45 - 06:30 **Muslim Representations of Jewish-Christian Debate: Some Examples from Adab and Kalam**
Barbara Roggema (Bochum) (*JewsEast*)*

07:00 **Dinner**

Friday, 06 December 2019

- 09:15 - 10:00 **Muslim Perceptions of Jewish-Christian Religious and Professional Competition in Medieval Egypt**
Alexandra Cuffel (Bochum)
- 10:00 - 10:45 **Ibn Taymiyya (d. 1328) on the Balance of Obligation and Recommendation in the Torah and the Injil**
Jon Hoover (Nottingham)
- 10:45 - 11:00 **Coffee Break**
- 11:00 - 11:45 **Ordered Relationships. Christian-Jewish Marriages in Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya's Legal Thought**
Antonia Bousanquet (Hamburg)
- 11:45 - 12:30 **David Freidenreich (Waterville, Maine), Muhammad, the Monk, and the Jews: Tales of Triangular Relations at the Origins of Islam**
David Freidenreich (Waterville, ME)
- 12:30 - 02:00 **Lunch**
- 02:00 - 02:45 **Re/presenting the Abrahamic Other in the Indian Ocean Littoral**
Mahmood Kooria (Delhi)
- 02:45 - 03:30 **Passing by: Muslim Travelers in Multi-confessional Landscapes**
Björn Bentlage (Halle)
- 03:30 - 04:00 **Coffee Break**
- 04:00 - 04:45 **Al-Manar and Rashid Rida on Zionism and Judaism**
Amr Ryad (Leuven)
- 04:45 - 05:15 **Final Discussion and Closing Words about the Publication**

* presenting research findings from ERC-project *JewsEast*