



**DiF Group LIGHT Workshop**  
**Explorations of Metaphors of  
Light in Religions on the  
Eurasian Continent**

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The workshop delves into the rich tapestry of religious beliefs across Eurasia, examining the pervasive use of light as a metaphorical element. This interdisciplinary gathering will explore how different religions conceptualize light and its symbolic significance, fostering a deeper understanding of the diverse cultural and spiritual expressions found in this vast region.

**Wednesday, 24 May 2023**

- 09:00–09:15 **Welcome + Introduction**  
Carmen Meinert
- 09:15–09:30 **'Seeds of Light' (lucis semina). On Light Metaphors in a Conversion Narrative**  
Gina Derhard-Lesieur
- 09:30–09:45 **Light between Clarity and Enlightenment**  
Licia Di Giacinto
- 09:45–10:15 **Discussion**
- 10:15–10:30 **Light Metaphors in Manichaeism**  
Iris Colditz
- 10:30–10:45 **Aspects of Light in the Bundahišn, a Zoroastrian Encyclopaedia from Early Islamic Times**  
Thomas Jügel
- 10:45–11:15 **Discussion**
- 11:15–11:30 **Illumination and Enlightenment in the Islamic Tradition**  
Roman Seidel
- 11:30–12:00 **The Status of Light and Mirror Metaphors in the Conceptual Metaphor Networks of Sawāneh al-Oshāgh and Lama'at**  
Samira Bakhtiyari Nasab
- 12:00–12:30 **Discussion**

\*subject to changes