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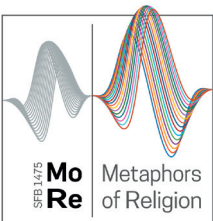
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26–27 JUNE 2025



CERES Building,
Universitätsstr. 90a,
Room "Ruhrpott" (4.13)



WORKSHOP

Taxonomy, Differentiation Processes, and Metaphor in the History of Know- ledge, including Religion

What is the workshop about?

The workshop is organized by the Collaborative Research Centre 1475 (CRC 1475), the Austrian Academy of Sciences, and the international Multilingualism Research Group (Vienna / Oslo / Rome), represented by its speaker Velizar Sadovski and a number of its founding members and partners from Norway, Great Britain, Italy, and Switzerland. This international workshop is taking place under the aegis of the World Philology Union.

The Center for Religious Studies (CERES), where parts of the CRC are located, and the Multilingualism Research Group (MRG) share a series of research interests. The key topics “Multilingualism” and “Listenwissenschaften”, represented in several MRG conferences between 2008 and 2024, bring additional inputs to the joint research themes.

Within this research framework, the workshop, “Taxonomy, Differentiation Processes and Metaphor in the History of Knowledge, including Religion” is designed to foster dialogue among scholars of religion and philologists. The workshop invites exploration of various captivating topics, including differentiation processes, metaphors, and taxonomies.

The keyword “differentiation” refers to the fact that, with increasing complexity, societies begin to differentiate themselves internally according to spheres such as politics, law, economics, medicine, art, and religion, each of which fulfills a specific societal function. This process ends in the modern, functionally differentiated society, but already began in the early societies of antiquity. The differentiation process finds its linguistic expression in corresponding text documents, so that the respective societal structure can be inferred from them. In this way, philology, historical linguistics, and sociology can cooperate.

PROGRAM

Thursday, 26 JUNE

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| 10:00 | Welcome Address
Volkhard Krech and Velizar Sadovski |
| 10:15–11:00 | Philology, Conceptual Metaphors, and Comparative Study of Religion: an Introduction to CRC 1475 Metaphors of Religion
Kianoosh Rezanian |
| 11:00–11:30 | Coffee Break |

Session 1: Taxonomies and Poetic Catalogues

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| 11:30–12:15 | Taxonomies and Poetic Catalogues in the Oldest Indo-Iranian Religious Texts
Velizar Sadovski |
| 12:15–13:00 | Taxonomies of the Macro- and the Microcosm in the Poetic Catalogues of Hesiod's <i>Theogony and Works and Days</i>
Athanasios Vergados |
| 13:00–14:30 | Lunch Break |

Session 2: Metaphor and Ritual

- 14:30–15:15 Metaphorization of the Bovine Sound in Ancient Vedic Culture
Between Poetry and Ritual
Paola M. Rossi
- 15:15–16:00 How to Metaphorize Devotion: Meter, Poetry and Dance in
Sanskrit and Hindu Tradition
Domenico Muscianisi
- 16:00–16:30 Coffee Break

Session 3: Metaphors and Cosmogonies, Cosmologies, and Eschatologies

- 16:30–17:15 Transcending the Boundaries of the Immanent World in Early
Mesopotamia: Making the Intangible Tangible
Gebhard Selz
- 17:15–18:00 Metaphors in the Koran: The Role of Figurative Language in the
Composition and Redaction of Islam's Holy Book
Amund B. Haave
- from 19:30 Dinner

Friday, 27 JUNE

Session 3: Metaphors and Cosmogonies, Cosmologies, and Eschatologies (cont.)

- 09:30–10:15 Metaphors of Creation in the *Slavonic Apocalypse of Enoch*
(2 Enoch)
Florentina Badalanova Geller

Session 4: Differentiation Process and Evolving Metaphors

- 10:15–11:00 When is a Metaphor Not a Metaphor?
Markham J. Geller
- 11:00–11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30–12:15 Religion Within Differentiation Processes of Ancient Societies.
Syntactic, Pragmatic, and Semantic Aspects from a Sociological
Perspective
Volkhard Krech
- 12:15–13:00 Divinities as Evolving Metaphors
Jens Braarvig
- 13:00–14:30 Lunch Break
- 14:30–15:30 General Discussion
- 15:30 End of Workshop

DIRECTIONS TO CERES

Public Transport

Take the U35 CampusLinie towards Hustadt from the center of Bochum or Hauptbahnhof (central station) and get off at the station Wasserstraße. From there turn right and cross the street, then left cross the crossroads passing by the copy shop at the corner and continue for approx. 200 metres until you reach Universitätsstraße 90a.

By Car

The quickest route is via the motorway junction Bochum/Witten, where the autobahns A43 and A448 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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