



Claiming History. The Role of Historical Reasoning in Religious Conflicts

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In what way does the past lend credence to religion and how does the formation of and departure from tradition affect claims to exclusive religious truth? How can historical reasoning contribute towards the unravelling of religious conflicts and what role does history play in concrete peace building processes?

Keynotes by Prof. Dr. Wendy Meyer (Australian Lutheran College) and Prof. Dr. David Nirenberg (University of Chicago)



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23.10.2019 – Introduction and Opening Lecture

18.00 – 18.30	Welcome and Introduction (Katharina Heyden, Adrian Brändli)
18.30 – 19.30	Wendy Mayer (Adelaide), Reshaping the Past to Claim the Future: Unpacking the role of historical memory in religiously motivated violence
19.30 – 20.00	Discussion

24.10. 2019 – Historical Case Studies – From the Present Back to Antiquity

09.00 – 09.20	Agnes Schubert (Bern), Ritual Construction and Transformation of Religious Identities in the Context of the Kosovo Conflict
09.20 – 09.40	David Plüss (Bern), Swiss Sermons in Wartime
09.40 – 10.10	Discussion
10.10 – 10.40	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10.40 – 11.10	Cristiana Facchini (Bologna), Catholics and Jews: a history of violence and toleration in the long 19 th century
11.10 – 11.30	Angela Berlis and Martina Narman (Bern), Heretical or infallible popes? 19 th century historical reasoning in the conflict over infallibility of the pope during and after the First Vatican Council
11.30 – 11.50	Patrick Bahl (Münster), Church History as Decay: Gottfried Arnold's Historiography as Refutation
11.50 – 12.20	Discussion
12.30 – 15.00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
15.00 – 15.20	Francesca Maria Corrao (Rome), Memory of Oblivion: Italian history and lost memory of the Arab influence in medieval Sicily
15.20 – 15.40	Christian Pfordt (Cambridge), Muslims in China, Chinese Muslims – a historical quest for identity
15.40 – 16.10	Discussion
16.10 – 16.40	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16.40 – 17.00	Matthias Brand (Zürich), Manichean historical reasoning and the formation of a new religion
17.00 – 17.20	Jessica Van't Westeinde (Bern), Claiming the past, shaping the future: spatial and temporal agency at the council of Ephesus 431 CE
17.20 – 17.40	Cristina Harker (Bern), Religious Pluralism in Greco-Roman Antiquity
17.40 – 18.10	Discussion

25.10.2019 – Epistemological and Political Reflections

09.00 – 09.20	Luca di Blasi (Bern), Conflicts of Supersessionism
09.20 – 09.40	Michaela Schäuble (Bern), Instrumentalizing Historical Hostilities and Advancing Religious Conflict: The Case of Mart Bax and the Marian Apparitions of Medjugorje
09.40 – 10.00	Özgen Kolasin (Rome), Peace through Violence: the sacrificial mechanism as a religious resolution of conflicts
10.00 – 10.30	Discussion
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.00 – 11.20	Maria Chiara Giorda (Rome), La Storia delle Religioni come Disciplina e Processo Culturale per combattere l'Analfabetismo e costruire Democrazia
11.20 – 11.40	Alessandro Saggiaro (Rome), Peace studies, History, and History of religions: some reflections in the paths of Arnaldo Momigliano
11.40 – 12.10	Discussion
12.30 – 14.00	<i>Lunch Break</i>

25.10.2019 – City Tour

14.00 – 18.00	Visit of Roman site with reference to conference topic
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25.10.2019 – Closing Lecture

18.30 – 19.30	David Nirenberg (Chicago), 'Historical Religions': How the Past Reveals the Future in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
19.30 – 20.00	Discussion