

International Theological Colloquium

# Missio inter gentes

## The Future of Christian Mission in Asia

with

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## Programme

### **Wednesday, December 3, 2014**

16.00-16.30 Registration - Welcome

16.30-17.00 Opening and organizational matters

17.00-18.30 **Jonathan Y. Tan (ACU Sydney)**  
**Christian Mission among the Peoples of Asia:  
Imagining New Possibilities**  
Discussion

19.00-20.00 Dinner

20.00-21.30 **Robert Schreiter C.P.P.S. (CTU Chicago)**  
**Framing an Asian Theology of Mission within  
the World Church: Challenges and Prospects**  
Discussion

21.30 Reception

### **Thursday, December 4, 2014**

08.00-09.00 Breakfast

09.00-10.30 **Markus Luber SJ (St.Georgen / Frankfurt)**  
**Tan's Missio inter gentes and Evangelii gaudium**  
Discussion

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.30 **Linda Hogan (TCD Dublin)**  
**In the Face of Religious Pluralism:  
Global Politics of Human Rights**  
Discussion

12.30-15.00 Lunch break

15.00-16.30 **Jamal Malik** (University of Erfurt)  
**Fiqh al-Da`wah, or the Juridification of  
Islamic Mission in the Context of Globalization**  
**(WWU Comparative Missiology Lecture)**  
Discussion

16.30-17.00 Coffee break

17.00-18.30 **James Channan OP** (Lahore)  
**Christian Mission Engaging Muslim al-Da`wah and the  
Interreligious Challenge in Asia**  
Discussion

19.00-20.00 Dinner

**Friday, December 5, 2014**

11.00-12.00 **Norbert Hintersteiner** (WWU Münster)  
**Missio inter gentes: An Asian Impulse Towards an  
Engaged Intercultural and Comparative Theology**  
**(Inaugural Lecture)**

12.00-13.00 Reception

## About the programme

Christian mission in Asia has gone through an ambivalent history, in which both successful attempts of inculturation and problematic parallels between colonialism and mission can be found. Here especially asymmetrical power relations in the fields of politics, culture and religion have been subject to much debate in recent decades.

In addition to this challenging historical background, there are several exceptional circumstances for Christian mission in Asia today: Christianity as a minority within a multireligious environment, the enormous cultural plurality of Asia as well as issues of participation and justice in Asian societies.

In his new publication *Christian Mission among the Peoples of Asia* (Orbis Books 2014), Jonathan Tan elaborates the paradigm of *missio inter gentes* as a new model of mission in Asia. In contrast to the classical paradigm of *missio ad gentes*, he develops an understanding of mission as a dialogical, empathical and engaged enterprise which blends into the multireligiosity of Asia and embraces creatively its particular socio-cultural challenges.

This International Theological Colloquium (ICT) “Missio inter gentes: The Future of Christian Mission in Asia” seeks to further the discussion on these issues, with the opportunity to engage with Prof. Tan present as WWU Fellow. Speakers from different academic backgrounds and continents will contribute to an ongoing interdisciplinary conversation.

The colloquium will close with Prof. Norbert Hintersteiner's inaugural lecture as the new chair holder at the Institute of Missiology and the Study of Theologies Beyond Europe.

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**Venue:** Room JO 101, Johannisstr. 4, 48143 Münster

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