

Religion & Politics in the Crisis of Engagement



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Towards the Relevance of Intercultural Theologies
and Interreligious Studies

26 – 29 April 2017, University of Muenster, Germany

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Academics and scholar-practitioners alike find themselves living in the midst of a “crisis of engagement” vis-à-vis large global crises, intractable geopolitical conflicts, and waves of global migration. Because these situations are creating greater social and cultural instability and intercultural stress across many regions of the world, the academic fields of “Politics and Religion,” “Religions and International Relations,” “Conflict and Peace Studies,” and “Intercultural Theology and Inter-religious Studies” have received renewed attention. Given the prominence of these emergent fields, one vital concern arises: Have the much needed resources, knowledge, and discourses of engagement available in these fields not yet been fully tapped or not sufficiently related and integrated to meet and overcome the contemporary crisis of engagement and the daunting global challenges facing us today? This conference will take up this query by revisiting the legacies of political theology and critical religion. It will bring them into conjunction with discourses of engagement currently being developed by academics and scholar-practitioners working to understand and confront the intertwinement of religion & politics in areas of global crises, migration, and intercultural stress, as well as the fields of trauma, conflict transformation, and peacebuilding. Drawing on the insights that have been gained, the conference in particular seeks to reflect on and foster new engaging intercultural theologies and interreligious studies.

**Programme
at a Glance**

Wed 26 April 2017

Thurs 27 April 2017

Fri 28 April 2017

Sat 29 April 2017

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9.00 - 12.00

② Facing New Politics and Religion Entanglements

Paul Bramadat (Victoria)
Ulrich Willems (Münster)
Anne Koch (Salzburg)

④ Religions Engaging Trauma, Conflict and Peace

Patrice Brodeur (Montréal)
James Movel Wuye &
Muhammad Nurayn Ashafa
(Kaduna)

⑦ Towards Engaged Intercultural Theologies and Interreligious Studies

David Cheetham (Birmingham)
Perry Schmidt-Leukel (Münster)
Paul Hedges (Singapore)

14.00-16.30

14:00-15:00
Arrival-Registration
Coffee / Tea

15:00 Opening
Ulrich Winkler (Salzburg)
Norbert Hintersteiner (Münster)
Anne-Hege Grung (Oslo)

"Corridors of Ideas": Parallel Papers I
led by Scholar-Practitioners

- (I) The Future of Political Theology
Convener: J.Rieger
- (II) The Future of Critical Religion
Convener: A.Koch
- (III) Trauma, Resilience and Reconciliation
Convener: Z. Spahić-Šiljak
- (IV) Refugee Crisis and Migration
Convener: J. Castillo Guerra

"Corridors of Ideas": Parallel Papers II
led by Scholar-Practitioners

- (V) Gender Justice in Conflict Transformation
Convener: A.H.Grung
- (VI) Inter-Rituality in Conflict Zones
Convener: M.Moyaert
- (VII) Buddhism and Conflict Transformation
Convener: J.L. Fernando
- (VIII) Islamic Approaches to Peacebuilding
Convener: N. Tabbara

14:00
End of Conference
Departure

16.30 – 18.30

16:00-18:00
① The Future of Political
Theologies and Discourses
of Engagement

Jörg Rieger (Nashville)
Jürgen Manemann (Hannover)
Stefan Silber (Osnabrück)

③ Migrants, Refugees and
Religion: Negotiating
Intercultural Stress

Jorge Castillo Guerra (Nijmegen)
Detlef Pollack (Münster)

⑤ Making Peace
with Islam:
Islamic Approaches for
Peacemaking

Nathan C. Funk (Ontario)
Nayla Tabbara (Beirut)

20.00 – 21.30

Reception
Launch of Journal
Interreligious Studies &
Intercultural Theology

General Meeting
of ESITS

⑥ Forum Discussion
The Relevance of Intercultural
Theology and Interreligious
Studies in Dispute

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